

Video: Alcatraz, The Rock

Do you like visiting places off the beaten track? Do you choose unusual tourist destinations? Would you choose to visit Alcatraz, the famous penitentiary?

Alcatraz, also called The Rock, is probably the most famous prison in the world and it is in San Francisco. It is separated from the mainland by 2,5 kilometres of freezing water, strong currents, cold winds and high waves, which made it impossible to escape.

Gangster and mafia boss Al Capone was one of the best known residents in Alcatraz. As soon as he set foot in prison, he paid the guards to make his life comfortable while in prison. Below a picture of his cell.



Would you like to know more about Alcatraz? Watch the video and test your comprehension with the exercise below. (video lasts 2:08)

Level: B2

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sfiN7pf5ZSk>

1. While most tourists would rather avoid jail, no trip to San Francisco would be complete without _____.
2. Alcatraz is located _____ in San Francisco Bay.

3. Alcatraz, the Rock, was America's premier _____ and for 29 years the final stop for the nation's most _____
4. Make sure to buy your tickets online and in advance because they _____
5. If you schedule your trip for early in the morning, you'll have more room to _____
6. For a spooky trip, book the _____
7. When you are visiting the prison, you might want to pick up a headset for an _____ audio tour.
8. You'll hear stories told by _____

Key

1. While most tourists would rather avoid jail no trip to San Francisco would be complete without **seeing its most famous penitentiary.**
2. Alcatraz is located **a mile and a half offshore** San Francisco Bay.
3. Alcatraz, the Rock, was America's premier **maximum-security federal penitentiary** and for 29 years the final stop for the nation's most **infamous criminals**
4. Make sure to buy your tickets online and in advance because **they sell out**
5. If you schedule your trip for early in the morning, you'll have more room to **explore the facility.**
6. For a spooky trip, book the **night tour**
7. When you are visiting the prison, you might want to pick up a headset for an **award-winning** audio tour.
8. You'll hear stories told by **inmates, prison guards and island residents**