



**San Francisco – Bangalore Sister City Initiative  
Inaugural  
Trade and Friendship Mission**

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## ***About the San Francisco – Bangalore Sister City Initiative***

*The San Francisco – Bangalore Sister City Initiative is a volunteer-driven 501 c(3) not for profit organization with the intent of engaging individuals and institutions in Bangalore and San Francisco in creating sustainable 21<sup>st</sup> century cities through an exchange of environmental, economic, technological, cultural, research, ideas, expertise and resources.*

*Bangalore and San Francisco are acknowledged to be at the vanguard of high tech, bio-tech and clean tech innovation, as well as being centers for excellence and advancement in cultural, educational and scientific fields. The relationship was established by Mayor Gavin Newsom of San Francisco, the Chief Minister of Karnataka and Bay Area business and business, civic and community leaders. For this reason, the relationship between Bangalore and San Francisco is viewed as a special one and has been given the highest priority by Mayor Newsom.*

## ***About Bangalore***

*Bangalore, the capital of the state of Karnataka, India is home to 6 million people, 10,000 different industries and is among the fastest growing cities in the world. Bangalore, known throughout the world as the “Silicon Valley of India,” is home to both the prestigious National Institute of Science and the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO).*

*Bangalore has a rich history within the arts and cultural fields and has emerged as a major technological hub serving as the base for over 1,000 information technology and biotechnology firms, including many Fortune 500 companies.*

## ***Itinerary***

- *Meetings with senior government officials*
- *Meetings with private sector executives of major IT, Bio-tech and clean tech enterprises*
- *Traveling and networking with business, scientific and cultural leaders of the Bay Area and Bangalore*
- *Tours and visits to major cultural landmarks*

## ***Participation***

*Joining the delegation requires a participation fee of \$3,000. The participation fee enables the Initiative to establish and arrange the meetings, tours, events and programs occurring throughout the mission and to further the objectives of the Initiative mentioned above. As a not-for-profit, 501C(3) organization (pending), donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.*

*In addition to the participation fee, delegates are also required to select a travel plan or a land package. For additional details concerning the participation fee and travel packages, please contact Stephanie Pellegrine at (415) 352-8802.*

