

An Unchallenged **ADVANTAGE**

With a temperate climate that generates ideal training conditions year-round, the San Francisco Bay Area offers the Olympians of 2012 a competitive environment that is as comfortable as it is beautiful. In the international competition, the San Francisco Bay Area's weather will prove to be an unchallenged advantage for the USOC as the IOC continues to move in the direction of delivering what is *best for the athletes*.

For the athletes who will compete at the 2012 Olympic Games, this advantage could easily become a compelling international benefit, particularly compared to the sweltering summer temperatures anticipated in 2004 and 2008. The Bay Area's temperate summer climate produces ideal conditions for training and competition—a fact reflected in California's unrivaled Olympic heritage. The combination of warm afternoons and cool evenings is especially inviting for international athletes who don't like to sleep in air-conditioning, which will be provided—but unnecessary—in the Bay Area's Olympic Village. Equally important, with no statistical chance of rain, no competitions will be delayed, interrupted or postponed.

Emerging from these ideal conditions, Californians have captured more than 700 medals for the United States throughout Olympic history. At the Sydney Games, California's 45 medals would have placed sixth among all nations, between Germany and France. The Bay Area is clearly the engine behind the state's success—with 181 medals won by Stanford University students and alumni alone. That advantage will be crystallized for international guests who visit Stanford's Olympic Park, a stunning natural setting that sits at the heart of San Francisco 2012's *Ring of Gold*. Stanford features a microclimate that is, remarkably, the most pleasant area in one of the best climatic regions in the world. America's future Olympians and Paralympians—like the world's future athletes—will benefit immensely from the natural advantages of training and competing here, a point that will reinforce San Francisco 2012's position as the *best bid for the athlete* internationally.

"If I could choose one place on earth for the 2012 Olympic Games, I'd choose the San Francisco Bay Area. When it comes to providing the best conditions, the best environment, and the best plan for the athletes, San Francisco 2012 laps its competitors."

— Michael Johnson, 1992, 1996, 2000 five-time Gold Medalist

SF 2012
By The Numbers:

San Francisco summer heat index:	76*
Average daily high temperature July/Aug:	72°F (22 ° C)
Average mean humidity July/Aug:	72%
Statistical chance of rain during Games dates:	0
Mean sailing daily wind speed:	21 knots
Average number of thunderstorm days:	0

*Among lowest in world for middle latitudes



San Francisco's 2012 Olympic Bid has the distinction of being led by an Olympian, Anne Warner Cribbs (Rome 1960). Through her leadership, hundreds of Olympians have volunteered to work on the bid. Cribbs' devotion to the Olympic Movement—and her passion for what's best for the athletes of the future—has influenced the scope and detail of San Francisco's game plan.



San Francisco is ranked as one of the top five fittest cities in America by *Men's Fitness Magazine*. Leveraging the presence of its 400+ resident Olympians and Paralympians during the seven-year period of Games preparation, San Francisco will work with the USOC to promote the Olympic values of a healthier lifestyle.

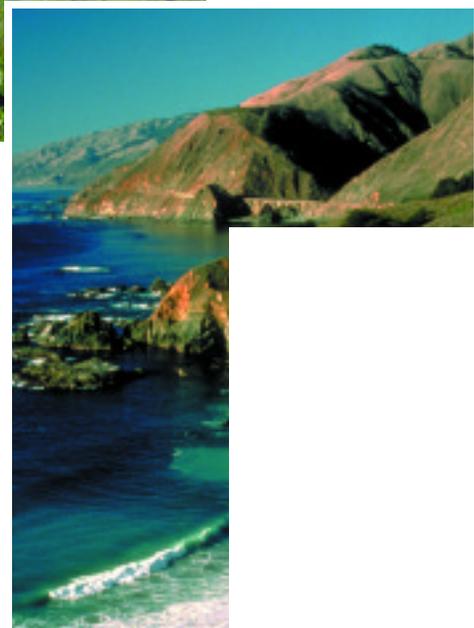
The Bridge to **NATURE**

The breathtaking landscape of Northern California will color the 2012 Olympic celebration with the power and grandeur of nature as never before. From Big Sur to Napa Valley, from the redwoods to the San Francisco Bay, the Games will enjoy a bridge to nature that strengthens the links between the Olympic Games and the environment we treasure.

By creating a bridge to nature, San Francisco plans to make the Games of 2012 one of the most memorable ever for their scenic beauty and their celebration of the natural wonders of our world. Home of five UNESCO-designated International Biosphere Reserves, two UNESCO World Heritage Sites and the Golden Gate National Recreational Area—the largest urban park in the world—the San Francisco Bay Area enjoys an extraordinarily high concentration of protected lands.

Reaching out to the most glorious natural environs the Bay Area can offer—some of the most spectacular scenery in the world—the 2012 team has placed mountain biking in the renowned vineyards of Napa—at Domaine Chandon where ICU World Cups are staged every year—and equine events in the coastal mecca of Monterey, one of the most culturally artistic communities found anywhere in the world, and also an ideal environment for equestrian events in terms of climate and footing for horses. With multiple events at the Olympic Park at Stanford University in Palo Alto—the intellectual capital of the global technology revolution—tennis at Mission College, volleyball/beach volleyball at the University of California at Berkeley, sailing on the San Francisco Bay, and rowing in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada in Sacramento, the game plan features a brilliant diversity of experiences. The selection of each venue is based on the primary standard of what is *best for the athletes* and the sport—with natural beauty an added benefit.

"The Bay Area is so beautiful, I hesitate to preach about heaven while I'm here." —Billy Graham, Evangelist



The landscape of Northern California is considered one of the most dramatic and breathtaking natural realms on the face of the earth. Its array of natural wonders includes forests of giant sequoias, Big Sur, the Monterey Peninsula, Yosemite Park, Lake Tahoe, the Sierra Nevadas and the beautiful valleys of Napa and Sonoma.

Big Sur—The Greatest Meeting of Land and Sea, as it is called—is only one of the many natural attractions that will offer Olympic athletes and spectators a fantastic array of memorable destinations before and after the Games.

SF 2012
By The Numbers:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites:	2
UNESCO International Biosphere Reserves:	5
Golden Gate National Recreational Area/acres:	75,398
Visitors to Yosemite National Park/yearly:	4 million
Visitors to Napa/Sonoma wine country/yearly:	4.7 million
Height of Bay Area's tallest redwood:	366 feet
Age of California's oldest sequoia:	4000 years