



Party Like It's 1849 at the Comstock Saloon

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Photo by Liza Gershman.

Get a taste of gold fever at [Comstock Saloon](#) ([get directions](#)) in [North Beach](#) where two of SF's best barkeeps have created a drinking hole that transports revelers straight to the Barbary Coast.

When Jeff Hollinger and Jonny Raglin of [Absinthe Brasserie & Bar](#) stumbled on this 1907 vintage brewpub, they jumped at the chance to bring it back to life. They've kept many of the original elements: the 20-foot long mahogany bar with beveled glass mirror; the spittoon; tin ceiling; blue and white ceramic floor tiles, and the see-it-to-believe it 35-foot 1916 Pukka Walla ceiling fan. Above the bar, a bronze statue of [Emperor Norton](#), that crazy Gold Rush-era character, makes a perfect mascot.

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Up front in the saloon, imbibers get comfortable in wooden booths and down period drinks like the Sazerac and Martinez, while in back, guests slip into an intimate parlor with couches, chairs and old gas fireplace. If hunger strikes, the main dining room serves saloon fare like Beef-Shank-and-Bone-Marrow Pot Pie, Crock of Beans and Maple Bourbon Pudding. Spend an evening drinking and dining in this fine establishment and you'll walk out feeling good as gold.