

SUBMISSION PACKET

# 2025 AIASF Home Tours

THIS YEAR'S HOME TOUR TAKES PLACE ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

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## AIASF Home Tours

Launched in 2003, the AIASF Home Tours is the Bay Area's original architect-led residential tour series, celebrating a broad spectrum of home design across styles, neighborhoods, and scales. Presented in an open house format, the tours offer a unique opportunity to explore recent projects, meet design teams, and see how thoughtful architecture shapes the way we live.

For the 2025 series, we welcome submissions that reflect the diversity of Bay Area living—from innovative new builds and compact urban dwellings to historic restorations and creative renovations. Selected projects will demonstrate the impact of design on everyday life and reflect a range of aesthetics, cultural influences, and approaches to residential architecture.

### Specifically, the tour aims to:

- Celebrate great design in the region, revealing ways it continues to contribute to our unique quality of life.
- Promote the awareness, understanding, appreciation, and experience of excellent design.
- Engage the community in conversation about residential design and connection with the surrounding environment.
- Provide insights into the design process with pre-tour lectures and opportunities to interact with architects and designers on site during the tour.
- Demonstrate the positive impact of great design as it contributes to our economy, environment and community identity.
- Highlight the innovative talent of our local design community and inspire a new generation of architects to explore the field.
- The 2025 AIASF Home Tours will include at least one home that spotlights all-electric features. *All-electric homes are encouraged to apply!*

## Program Overview

**Hours:** Homes will be open on Saturday, September 20 for ticketed attendees from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM (Pacific Time). Depending on the number of high-quality submissions, the tour may additionally occur on Sunday, September 21 from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Each home will only be open for one day of the tour.

**Docents:** AIA San Francisco will station an experienced group of trained volunteer docents at each home. A docent is stationed at each entrance in order to validate

access for all guests. Docents are posted inside the home to answer questions and to make sure that everyone has an enjoyable experience. The number of docents in each residence is dependent upon the size and layout of the property. Special attention will be given to each home and to accommodate site-specific requests and / or needs. A head docent is assigned to each home to serve as team leader and liaison with AIASF staff throughout the day. Head docents have previous experience working at AIASF Home Tours and share our mission of creating a unique program that is fun, educational, and inspirational.

The address of each home will not be made available to the general public or published online. Ticket holders learn of the address only through the printed ticket that will be mailed prior to the tour, purchased at the AIASF office, or picked up at the official Home Tours Headquarters on the tour day.

**Attendees:** An estimated 500+ local and international attendees and represents a range of professions including architects, designers, others from the greater design community, and any other design enthusiast in the Bay Area.

## Submissions Criteria

### Submissions Deadline:

**Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 by 11:59 PM (Pacific Time)**

Submissions must be turned in on [Submittable](#).

Must be a current [AIA San Francisco Member](#): it is the goal that the AIASF Home Tour program showcase architectural designs by licensed architects and AIA members that demonstrate the value of hiring an architect, and the value of the collaborative process between architects, homeowners, and design professionals. ***All entries must be submitted by a firm principal who is a registered Architect, current AIA member and who is ultimately responsible for the project design.***

- Architect agrees to collaborate with AIASF with all necessary logistics to showcase the project being submitted; additionally, the Architect agrees to participate as a panelist in the Architects' Forum at the Center for Architecture + Design, 140 Sutter Street, San Francisco; date TBD
- Previous Home selections from this Tour are not eligible;
- Multiple Submissions: A maximum of three (3) homes may be submitted from any one firm. Only one (1) home per firm may be chosen to be on the Tour;
- Project Completion: Projects must be substantially complete by the date of submission
- Architect + Homeowner Agreement (Page 5) must be signed and included with submission;

- There is no fee to submit a project.

**Please Note:** For this program, the architect/design team is defined as the architects and designers of the firm who worked on the project and does not include interior designers, contractors, engineers, etc. In order to keep the integrity of the mission and vision of the Tour program, we will not have representatives outside of the architect/design team at the homes unless they are under a sponsorship agreement with AIA San Francisco.

## General Timeline

### **FINAL DEADLINE: Monday, September 1st, 11:59 PM (Pacific Time)**

The following timeline is a general outline of our process. AIASF and the Home Tours Committee will evaluate the submissions on a rolling basis. Once the project is submitted, you should expect to receive status notifications and to schedule a site visit within 1 – 3 weeks of submission.

#### **Week of July 28, Phase one:**

- Status notifications
- Site Visits Scheduled

#### **Week of August 11, Phase Two:**

- Status notifications
- Phase Two Site Visits Scheduled
- Selected projects from Phase One announced

**Week of August 18: AIASF Home Tours registration opens**

**Week Prior to Tours: Architects Forum**

**Saturday, September 20: AIASF Home Tours**

## Architect + Homeowner Agreement

The Project Architect agrees to the criteria noted in this submissions package for inclusion in the **2025 AIASF Home Tours**. If applicable, the Project Architect submitting the Project listed below acknowledges that the Homeowner agrees to all criteria; if the project listed below is in a gated community, the Homeowner agrees and is responsible to notify their neighborhood or homeowner association and has given authorization for the submitted Project to be on the Tour; additional criteria may apply and/or is subject to change. Any project submitted without this form completed and signed will not be considered.

**PROJECT NAME (AS WILL APPEAR IN PROGRAM):**

PROJECT ADDRESS:

**PROJECT ARCHITECT:**

PRINT NAME:

FIRM NAME:

FIRM ADDRESS:

EMAIL:

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

**HOMEOWNER/CLIENT**

PRINT NAME:

CONTACT INFORMATION (OPTIONAL):

SIGNATURE:

DATE: