

## PICTURES AND ANNOTATIONS OF ALCATRAZ

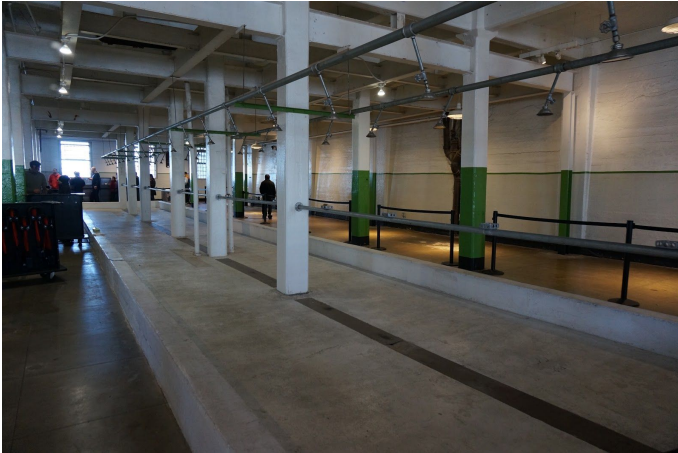
1. On the island there was a beautiful view of San Francisco and the Golden Gate Bridge. To the prisoners it was known to be torture because the prisoners could see the city but couldn't be a part of the community.



2. Alcatraz prison being located on an island made it really hard to escape. The water was freezing and there were dangerous currents. Along with that, the island had steep cliffs with harsh weather conditions. In fact there was a second dock just in case of bad weather.



3. When the prisoners first arrived they would have to take off all of their clothes and take a shower. Each prisoner had their own shower head but there was no privacy because it was in a communal shower. Along the wall, next to the shower, was where the prisoners got into their jumpsuits. After this they were on their way to their cell.



4. This guard house is where the guards and their families lived. The guards families loved and trusted the other families so much that they made lasting friendships, and some still stay in contact through the “Alcatraz Island Website”.



5. Currently if someone wants to visit Alcatraz a ferry takes you there, but when Alcatraz Island had an active prison on it a coast guard boat would be the transportation. It would transport incoming prisoners and children from the island, as they go to and from school.



6. The cells were arranged in different areas called blocks and were in sections from A-Block to D-Block. Cells were in rows and there were three stories in each row. The prison cell house was organized into "streets". What I mean by this is each row had street names so the guards could easily locate other guards or prisoners.



- Alcatraz had a lot of inmates but some were more well known than others. Some of the famous inmates included Alphonse Capone, George Kelly and Arthur Barker. Alphonse Capone or “Scarface” was in prison for income tax evasion and was on Alcatraz from 1934 to 1939. George Kelly or “Machine Gun Kelly” was in prison for kidnapping and was on Alcatraz from 1934 to 1951. Arthur Barker or “Doc” was in prison for conspiracy to kidnap and was on Alcatraz from 1935 to 1939.



- When I went to Alcatraz Island I saw an ex-Alcatraz prisoner promoting his new book. His name is William Baker and has recently wrote a book called “ALCATRAZ #1259” which is about his Alcatraz journey. Also, he was answering some questions and confirmed that the food on Alcatraz was amazing.



9. The main reason why Alcatraz closed was because the prison was costing too much money. The prison started weathering and it would cost too much money to fix, so they had no choice but to close the prison after 29 years.





