After you learn about the history of the Chinese in America in the CHSA Museum, take this map to guide you through the Chinatown neighborhood.

The architecture of Chinatown is unique: it was a response against the city’s attempt to move Chinatown after the 1906 Earthquake. Chinatown merchants developed a plan to rebuild Chinatown into an “Oriental City” as you see now. Its “Sino-architectural” look was a response to the threat of displacement. That is why Grant Avenue is lined with classical building elements combined with Chinese motifs. The use of green, yellow, and red are authentically Chinese, but overall, the architecture you see today is unique only to San Francisco.