San Francisco's Best-Kept Dining Secret: the Prix Fixe

Eat in style without breaking the bank at these four fixed-price winners.

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As the cost of an entree in San Francisco seems to creep ever upward, we searched out the city’s best prix fixe menus priced under $40. Area code is 415.

- **Cotogna** It can be tough to nab a table at this Jackson Square standout with a glowing wood-fired oven that warms the dining room. But the restaurant saves the bar seats for walk-ins and offers a $28 three-course menu Monday through Saturday. The prezzo fisso, as it’s called, often starts with a fresh salad or bruschetta, followed by one of chef Michael Tusk’s signature pastas (think beet tortelloni or tagliatelle alla Bolognese) and a twist on a simple dessert—chocolate pudding in a glass jar, or Meyer lemon cake with citrus cream. 490 Pacific Ave., 775-8508, cotognasf.com.