

## FACT SHEET

ABOUT ALCATRAZ – THE BREAKOUT: Madame Tussauds San Francisco is bringing the world's most famous prison escape to life in its new "Alcatraz – The Breakout" escape room. Themed after the 1962 escape and set inside a prison cell, guests need to be cunning and smart to crack the code and avoid getting caught by guards. They have 60 minutes to either get locked up indefinitely or bask in freedom.

- **OPENING YEAR:** May 23, 2018
- **LOCATION:** Fisherman's Wharf

**DURATION:** 60 minutes

SUPERLATIVES:

- The first escape room in Madame Tussauds' 250year history.
- The only escape room to be themed after the 1962 escape and located less than one mile from Alcatraz.

**HOURS OF** For hours of operation, click <u>here</u>. **OPERATION:** 

Tickets are based on time-slots and must be reserved at least 30 minutes in advance. Time-slots are available on a first-come, first-served basis

**TICKETS:** For pricing information, click <u>here</u>.

AGE 12 and over RESTRICTIONS:

- WEBSITE:
   www.MadameTussauds.com/San-Francisco/en/Escape 

   Room/Alcatraz-The-Breakout/
- **PHOTOS:** Click <u>here</u> for high-res images.



ADDRESS: 145 Jefferson St #600, San Francisco, CA 94133

**PHONE:** (415) 757-2707

**PARKING:** Paid parking lots are located throughout Fisherman's Wharf.

EMAIL: <u>EscapeRoomInfo@MerlinEntertainments.biz</u>

SOCIAL MEDIA: Facebook: @AlcatrazTheBreakout

**HASHTAGS:** #TussaudsSF #AlcatrazBreakOut

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND: It would become one of history's greatest mysteries: What happened to the three men who tried to escape Alcatraz? Known for housing troublesome criminals, for nearly 30 years, Alcatraz was considered the most secure federal prison in the United States as it was located on an island, surrounded by cold, choppy water.

> On the night of June 11, the Anglin brothers, along with Morris, created heads made of a papier-mâché mixture of soap and toilet paper, tucked them into their beds and then broke out via ventilation vents to reach an unsupervised network of pipes that led to the roof. They allegedly descended 50 feet to a waiting makeshift inflatable raft made from discarded raincoats.

> The escape was the culmination of six months of calculated duplicity in which they gradually widened ventilation ducts in their respective cells using spoons they would find on the ground and a drill made from a broken vacuum cleaner. By day, they would conceal their work with cardboard and paint. By night, they would dig and plot and disguise the noise by Morris playing the accordion. The men waded into the unforgiving waters of the Pacific, never to be heard from again.



## ABOUT MERLIN ENTERTAINMENTS:

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