

## Sutro the Engineer

Adolph Sutro made his fortune through the success of his engineering works at Nevada's Comstock silver mine. His construction of a tunnel for de-watering and de-gassing the mine shafts of the Comstock Lode not only earned him several million dollars, but saved countless lives by improving safety conditions for miners working the lode.

When Sutro returned to San Francisco after the tunnel's completion, he directed his engineering efforts toward projects that would provide recreation for the people of San Francisco and nearby communities, such as the Baths and Railroads.

The Sutro Baths were filled and emptied by a complex system of tunnels, canals, gates, and boilers that displayed Sutro's knowledge and skill in engineering.



Adolph Sutro standing in his Sutro Baths during construction, ca. mid-1890s