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Welcome to Sacramento! We’re so thrilled to have you as our guest during this wonderful season in our city.

If you’ve never been to Sacramento before—or if it has been several years since your last visit—I urge you to explore the city. Lace up your sneakers with a mural tour from Sacramento Tour Company or get a taste of our cuisine with Local Roots Food Tours. Is pedaling more your speed? Hop aboard the Sac Brew Bike and sample from our explosive craft beer scene or rent one of the many red Jump bikes around town and see the sights at your leisure. Whatever route you choose, we invite you to get to know the people and places that make Sacramento so special.

We’d like to thank you for choosing our city as your destination and hope that you find Sacramento a place that welcomes visitors with open arms and invites you to consider this your home away from home.

Sincerely,
Darrell Steinberg
Mayor
City of Sacramento

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GETTING AROUND

Get to the Airport on RT
A new Sacramento Regional Transit bus service connects downtown Sacramento to Sacramento International Airport, giving travelers an economical alternative to parking their cars or taking more expensive transit options. Standard fares are $2.50, with discounted tickets for eligible riders coming in at $1.25, and rides for K–12 students are free. Buses will run every 20 to 30 minutes, and drop off at the airport from approximately 3:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. The direct service stops at both airport terminals as well as several spots in downtown Sacramento on J Street, around the State Capitol, Golden 1 Center arena and several downtown Sacramento hotels. Riders can pay for fares with exact change on the buses themselves or through the ZipPass mobile app, as well as other methods. To read more about payment options, visit SacRT.com.

Yolobus will continue to serve the airport as well. When it comes to purchasing and managing tickets, the easiest way is to use the ZipPass mobile app from Sacramento Regional Transit. Tickets can also be purchased at kiosks, but let’s face it—you’re probably more likely to forget where you put a paper ticket than your smartphone.

Share the Mode
Look for the cherry red Jump bikes and scooters within city limits of Sacramento and West Sacramento. Make sure you’ve got the app loaded and grab a ride to take you as far as you need to go. Just make sure to park it properly once you’ve arrived.

Parking Your Car
Sacramento is a very walkable city, but with so much to see and do throughout the region, it helps to have an insider’s peek into the best ways to get around.

We know a lot of our visitors drive into Sacramento, and if your hotel doesn’t have a parking garage, or you just need to park for dinner or a visit to a museum, there’s an easier way than just driving around looking for spots. City parking spots in certain areas can be reserved via the ParkMobile app, letting you better plan what time you leave and be confident that you’ll have parking close to your destination.

The ParkMobile app also allows drivers to pay for parking, and if the meter is about to run out, drivers receive an alert on their phones letting them know, with the option to add more money to keep from getting a ticket.

In many places in Sacramento, drivers will see a circular sign with a number and a plus sign in it, such as (2+). That sign means that the rate for parking will go up after the first two hours, and the meters themselves have the information of exact costs.

Public Transit
For those who prefer to leave the car at home and travel around the region and downtown area, the Sacramento Regional Transit operates an array of buses and light rail lines that quickly and efficiently serve most areas visitors wish to go in California’s capital.

A mobile-optimized website at m.sacrt.com allows riders to plan trips and check real-time bus and train locations as well as the next scheduled stops at each station. The mobile site also makes it easy to find information on any delays via its service alerts tab.

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**A Day at the Park**
Tried-and-true attractions await in William Land Park. At Fairytale Town (3901 Land Park Drive; fairytaletown.org), young ones climb, slide and let their imaginations run wild amid storybook-themed amusements. With a vintage carousel, miniature train and spinning cups, old-school rides rule at Funderland (1350 17th Ave.; funderlandpark.com).

**Batter Up!**
Catch a Sacramento River Cats game at Sutter Health Park. This Triple-A affiliate for the San Francisco Giants is a popular draw for families that relish baseball, ballpark fare and between-innings frivolity. (400 Ballpark Drive, West Sacramento; rivercats.com)

**Two Zoos**
Sacramento Zoo (3930 W. Land Park Drive; saczoo.org) has drawn crowds for generations. Lions and lemur and okapi—all there. Don’t miss Gizmo, the adorable young red panda. Also, in the city of Folsom, 20 miles east of downtown Sac, Folsom Zoo Sanctuary provides a haven for injured and orphaned wild animals (403 Stafford St., Folsom; folsomzoofriends.org), and Folsom Valley Railway offers rides on a rare 12-inch-gauge railroad. (52 Natoma St., www.folsomvalleyrailway.com)

**Run ‘em at the Playground**
Check out the new East Lawn Children’s Park in East Sac (1510 42nd St.), which includes a treehouse, slides, a sand pit, hidden forest creatures and plenty of shade.

**Soccer, Anyone?**
The Sacramento Republic Football Club is about to go big time as the 29th MLS franchise in the nation. Catch a match while you’re in town. (Papa Murphy’s Park, 1600 Exposition Blvd., sacrepublicfc.com)

**Water Play**
Hit the water! Float down the American River with River Rat Raft & Bike Rentals (4053 Pennsylvania Ave., Fair Oaks; river-rat.com), or rent canoes, kayaks and paddle boards from Sacramento State Aquatic Center on Lake Natoma (1901 Hazel Ave., Gold River; sacstateaquaticcenter.com). For water park enthusiasts, Raging Waters’ 20 water slides, wave pool and lazy river open in late spring. (1600 Exposition Blvd.; rwsac.com)

**All Scream For . . .**
Gunther’s (2801 Franklin Blvd.; gunthersicecream.com) and Vic’s (3199 Riverside Blvd.; vic’sicecream.com) ice cream parlors serve plenty of fresh, creamy deliciousness. At R Street’s Milk Money (1715 R St.; milkmoneymidtown.com), artisanal ice cream sandwich flavors rotate regularly, but you can almost always find something with Oreos.
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From Friday to Sunday, pack your schedule with these Sacramento favorites.

You’re in town for the weekend—scored a great hotel, the weather’s perfect and you want to make the most of your time in California’s capital city. Let’s go!

FRIDAY EVENING

Check in at The Sawyer (500 J St.), the area’s only Kimpton hotel, ideally located next to Golden 1 Center. It provides a refined boutique experience, with 250 rooms and suites, 45 high-end residential lofts and Revival, a third-floor modern lounge (anchored by a sparkling swimming pool) with fire pits, cabanas and a DJ stand.
Sit down for dinner at the on-site Echo & Rig, an upscale steakhouse with celeb chef Sam Marvin’s name attached. (Think Vegas—and beating Bobby Flay.) Order a steak (many types and cuts available, including massive porterhouses to share) grilled over red oak, and it’ll arrive accompanied by crisp garlic chips, mushroom Rockefeller and your choice of sauce from the lineup of seven.

Later, head up to Revival for drinks and snacks by the pool. Take in the views of downtown Sacramento as you sip on something crafty—mixers are made in-house, and the list of inventive cocktails is well-curated. Keep your eyes open: Just a short stroll from the downtown arena, Revival is an unofficial clubhouse for visiting athletes and musicians. Lil Jon has partied here, and Sacramento Kings players and management have been spotted as well. (LeBron James, in town for a Cavs game, tried to get in one Christmas Day, but the bar was closed.) Also, don’t forget your swimsuit. Hotel guests and loft residents can take a dip in the pool.

Hop on a Jump bike and head a few blocks over to Temple Coffee (1010 Ninth St., between I and J) for a pourover and a pastry, then pop into Andy’s Candy Apothecary next door and pick up a sea salt caramel or something from local Puur Chocolat. (Artisanal bonbons are the bomb.) Continue your downtown tour with a stop at the State Capitol World Peace Rose Garden (1317 15th St.)—usually blooming in spring—and identify the Betty Boop or John F. Kennedy rosebushes (among other celebs).

While away the afternoon at DOCO (405 K St.), the outdoor mall just outside your hotel room, attached to Golden 1 Center. Short for Downtown Commons, DOCO includes shops, restaurants, a movie theater, public art (including the iconic Jeff Koons’ Coloring Book #4) and an outdoor green for gatherings including yoga and kids’ activities every second Saturday morning of the month. The state-of-the-art Golden 1 Center, which opened in 2016 as home arena for the NBA’s Sacramento Kings, hosts big-name entertainment and has a farm-to-fork food and beverage program that sources its ingredients from a 150-mile radius.

After shopping, grab a local craft brew at Ruhstaller BSMT (726 K St.), with 14 rotating taps and an outdoor patio where even your dog is welcome. Play a round of mini golf at the nearby Flatstick Pub (630 K St.) before you head out for dinner. Grange Restaurant & Bar, located in The Citizen Hotel (926 J St.), spotlights some of the area’s best farm-to-fork producers, and the ambiance in the stunning dining room is seductive and low-lit. Check out the gorgeous Citizen and peg it as your “where to stay” on your next trip to town.

**MARCH MADNESS**
Sacramento is proud to host the first and second rounds of the 2020 NCAA Division 1 Men’s Championship Basketball Tournament Friday, March 20, and Sunday, March 22, at Golden 1 Center. Be part of The Road to the Final Four! [Tickets at ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com).
SUNDAY

First stop: **Solomon’s Delicatessen** (730 K St.) for a bagel and shmear. This cafe pays homage to the late Russ Solomon, founder of Tower Records, and is in fact a former Tower location. Then head uptown to **East Sacramento**, where the **Fab Forties** neighborhood includes venerable old multimillion-dollar homes—one on 45th Street where Ronald Reagan lived when he was governor.

Shop at **The Kitchen Table** (1462 33rd St.), a charming little store in an old house with several rooms stuffed with interesting, high-quality kitchen products, barware and gifts.

Feed the ducks and geese in **McKinley Park** (Alhambra and H streets)—but first swing by **Western Feed and Pet Supply** (1600 34th St.) to pick up some approved duck food; signs warn not to feed them bread because it causes angel wing in waterfowl.

At lunchtime, listen to live music at **SacYard Community Tap House** (1725 33rd St.), where you also can play bocce, ping-pong and other games. Or watch sports (football, baseball, basketball) on the big screen at **Clubhouse 56** (734 56th St.). Another option: **Limelight Bar & Café** (1014 Alhambra Blvd.), where you can view a collection of photos from Sacramento’s baseball history, curated by Sacramento Solons expert Alan O’Connor.

After a casual dinner at one of Sacramento’s great pizza restaurants—**One-Speed** (4818 Folsom Blvd.), where the Rick’s thin-crust pie includes Canadian bacon, caramelized onions, olives and Yukon gold potatoes—stop in at **Bonn Lair** (3651 J St.), which holds pub trivia night on Sundays starting at 8:30 p.m. You can always play darts and watch international football (ie., soccer).
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LOCAL ROOTS FOOD TOURS:
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Through the delightful medium of food, Local Roots connects guests with the history of the city, local lore and legends, current events and, of course, the diverse chefs and shop owners. Take a tour of Downtown Historical Sacramento or the R Street Historical Corridor, two notable hot spots experiencing a 21st-century renaissance. No matter which edible adventure you choose, each tour focuses on five to six locally owned and independent restaurants—some with Michelin Guide bragging rights, others “hole-in-the-wall” eateries—that focus on locally procured seasonal ingredients. Local Roots works with restaurants to showcase signature dishes and chef specialties, and each tour is curated with an eye toward diverse tasting experiences. The Downtown Historical Tour might include crema de chili poblano soup from Michelin Guide Plate award-winner Tequila Museo Mayahuel and a pastrami sandwich and matzo ball soup from Solomon’s Delicatessen (named for Sacramento native Russ Solomon, founder of Tower Records), while the R Street Historical Tour could offer a visit to Fish Face Poke Bar, offering simple, flavorful meals with vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options, plus a stop at Maggie for the Dalai Lama’s favorite: a carrot cake cookie with cream cheese frosting.

INSIDER TIP: BREAKING BREAD IS ONLY THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG, AS LOCAL ROOTS ALSO FOCUSES ON STAYING UP TO DATE WITH CURRENT EVENTS IN THIS DYNAMIC CITY. IF IT’S HAPPENING IN SACRAMENTO, THEY KNOW ABOUT IT, AND AFTER THE TOUR, SO WILL YOU.

Tour info: Tour groups are limited to no more than 14 people. Private tours can be booked. Special dietary needs can be met with prior notice. The tour takes place Monday through Friday, starting at 1 p.m. Downtown Historical Tour, $75; R Street Historical Tour, $78. (800) 407-8918; localrootsfourtours.com

SACTOWN BITES:
FARM-TO-TABLE MIDTOWN TOUR

Experience America’s Farm-to-Fork Capital the way it was meant to be experienced: with your taste buds. Hit the scrumptious streets of Midtown on a food tour adventure with SacTown Bites, a women-owned tour company that showcases the bounty of the Sacramento Valley. With an emphasis on eateries that focus on sustainability, fair trade and labor practices, community engagement and local sourcing, this tour delivers an authentic farm-to-fork experience. (Think a hummus bowl piled with seasonal grilled vegetables, Japonica forbidden black rice, a six-minute egg and grilled Acme bread drizzled with olive oil from Seka Hills in Capay Valley.) Small groups (no more than 12 people) take advantage of the city’s walkability and restaurant scene by strolling to several eateries (up to six per tour) to enjoy a specially prepared dish while learning about the chefs and owners, the inspiration behind the recipes, the ingredients and the farms where the ingredients are sourced. The tour, which covers approximately one and a half miles, is wheelchair accessible and appropriate for all fitness levels.

INSIDER TIP: THE FOOD IS FAMILY- AND VEGAN/VEGETARIAN-FRIENDLY. THE EXPERIENCE ALSO INCLUDES VIEWING SOME OF SACRAMENTO’S PUBLIC ART, SUCH AS THE CAPITAL BOX ART PROJECT, WALK OF STARS AND WIDE OPEN WALLS.

Tour info: $79 per adult (no alcohol), $99 for three drink pairings per 21+ adults, $59 for children 12 and under. Tours last approximately three hours. (800) 656-0713; sactownbites.com

SACRAMENTO UNDERGROUND TOURS

This tour starts at the Sacramento History Museum and takes you below Old Sacramento Waterfront, where the original city used to be. During the rush for California gold following its discovery in the nearby foothills, local merchant Sam Brannan set up shop because of the area’s convenient waterfront location. The city grew into a trading center for miners outfitting themselves, but merchants were busy capitalizing on the moment and didn’t think too much about the future—otherwise, they might have thought twice about building on two riverbanks. Sacramento flooded frequently and disastrously, with three floods in its first official year, 1850, and continued notable flooding in 1852, 1853 and 1854. Then, a storm hit in December 1861, which brought 45 days of rain. The city eventually raised its center an average of 9 feet 6 inches, a process that took 13 years, but the hard work paid off: The city prevailed in becoming the permanent capital of the state, the seat of government and the Western terminus of the Transcontinental Railroad. Thishoulong tour, which runs through half of the Old Sacramento Historic District and into key underground spaces, offers guides portraying characters from mid-19th-century Sacramento.

INSIDER TIP: THE UNDERGROUND AFTER HOURS TOUR RUNS TUESDAY–SATURDAY MAY–OCTOBER. THOUGH IT FOLLOWS THE SAME ROUTE, IT COVERS NOTORIOUS CRIMES, GAMBLING, PROSTITUTION, DUELS, SALOON FIGHTS, STEAMBOAT DISASTERS AND OTHER TRUE TALES OF OLD SACRAMENTO’S NIGHT-LIFE. IT STOPS AT RIVER CITY SALOON, WHERE GUESTS RECEIVE A COMMEMORATIVE SHOT GLASS AND DRINK DISCOUNTS. 90 MINUTES. $25 FOR ADULTS 21+

Tour info: Tours run year-round with at least one per day. The tour is $38 for adults, $22 for kids 6–17, and free for children 5 and younger. It includes museum admission that day. 101 I St.; (916) 808-7059; sachistorymuseum.org

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PUBLIC ART TOURS

Add some color to your next walk with a tour of Sacramento’s stunning street art scene. Discover more than 40 pieces of street art, including the city’s newest murals, iconic pieces and classic graffiti. (In the case of the Solomon’s Delicatessen Tower Records mural, which was refurbished from original, all three adjectives apply!) This
vibrant public art can be traced back 50 years, mirroring the rise of modern graffiti on the East Coast. The Royal Chicano Air Force, founded in 1970 by Jose Montoya and Esteban Villa, is a locally based art collective that spurred a political, educational and cultural street art movement beginning in the late ’60s. Were it not for them, Sacramento’s buildings likely wouldn’t be punctuated with the vivid imagery that they boast today. Another way to explore the city is through the lens of filmmaker and Sacramento native Greta Gerwig. Meander past seven key filming locations from the Oscar-nominated film “Lady Bird,” including the iconic “blue house,” the famed Fab 40s neighborhood, McKinley Park Rose Garden, Pasty Shack and more. This in-depth local Hollywood story tour includes information about the locations, filming, Gerwig’s inspiration, Sacramento history and more.

INSIDER TIP: SAC TOUR COMPANY ALSO OFFERS RUNNING TOURS (3.3 MILES, 1.25 HOURS) AND BIKING TOURS (6 MILES, 2 HOURS). WITH PLENTY OF BREAKS, MANY PEOPLE REPORT THAT IT’S THE “EASIEST 5K EVER.”

Tour info: $25–$35 per person for public tours. $40 per person for 2–4 people for private tours, $35 for 5+ people, $32 for 10+ people. sactourcompany.com

CAL EVENTS: CALIFORNIA STATE CAPITOL TOUR

A tour company since 1973, Cal Events offers delightful vantage points of Sacramento ranging from single-day tours to a week’s worth of discovery about local people, places and venues. The California State Capitol is one of the region’s most popular and sought-after tours. Lasting approximately 90 minutes, the walking tour of the historic building includes secrets of the California State Seal, the stories of California’s most recent governors and the history of the 11.5-ton Roman Corinthian columns. This one-of-a-kind tour includes visits to both chambers of the state Legislature and tales of notable figures like President Ronald Reagan, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and Speaker Willie Brown. Then, you’ll step outside for a pleasant stroll through the magnificent 40-acre Capitol Park while you listen to the history of its memorials, learn about the hundreds of diverse trees—many of them gifts from other countries—and hear the best-kept secrets about America’s space tree, plus the story of why Sacramento’s founders planted the beautiful camelia grove as a testament to the diversity of this fair city.

INSIDER TIP: OTHER TOURS OFFERED BY CAL EVENTS INCLUDE VISITS TO OLD SACRAMENTO AND CITY TOURS FROM THE GOVERNOR’S MANSION TO MCKINLEY PARK. CAL EVENTS ALSO PROVIDES CUSTOM SERVICES FOR GUESTS IN TOWN FOR CONVENTIONS AND CONFERENCES, SUCH AS ON-SITE REGISTRATION SUPPORT, UNUSUAL FOOD AND BEVERAGE FUNCTIONS, AND CUSTOM-LED WINE TASTING TOURS WITH A WINE HISTORIAN.

Tour info: Prices start at $50 per person and vary depending on tour and length. (877) 225-3836; calevents.com

OLD CITY CEMETERY TOURS

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this “Resting Place of Pioneers” was established in 1849 when the Sutter family gave Sacramento 10 acres just south of Y Street (now Broadway) for a new site for a cemetery. Land donations, including one from Margaret Crocker, expanded the cemetery to nearly 60 acres. Today, it’s that size. Broadway was widened to become a major thoroughfare, effectively eliminating some of the cemetery’s acreage, and then there was the sale of land to two fraternal organizations, the Order of Masons and the Order of Odd Fellows. Now, the 30-acre space is the final resting place for more than 25,000 people as well as three gardens: the Historic Rose Garden, Hamilton Square Perennial Plant Garden and California Native Plant Demonstration Garden. Private tours for groups up to 50 take one-and-a-half hours and include introductions to famous cemetery residents like John Sutter Jr., the Crocker family, Mark Hopkins and William Stephen Hamilton (Alexander’s son), as well as less famous denizens with fascinating life stories.

INSIDER TIP: BEGINNING IN FEBRUARY, FREE MONTHLY TOURS FOCUSING ON SPECIFIC TOPICS (AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY, BASEBALL IN SACRAMENTO AND MAUSOLEUMS, TO NAME A FEW) TAKE PLACE, PLUS SPECIAL SEASONAL EVENING TOURS, LIKE HAUNTED SACRAMENTO AND BEYOND THE VEIL.

Tour info: $25 for up to five people, or $5 per person for larger groups. Tours can focus on cemetery history, gardens or both and must be arranged in advance. Self-guided tours are available; brochures are located at a kiosk in front of the cemetery. 1000 Broadway; (916) 264-5621; historyoldcitycemetery.org

OAK PARK TOUR

In the first half of the 20th century, Oak Park prospered as Sacramento’s first streetcar suburb, and this walking tour offers 39 points of interest as it winds around an area rich with history, from the Lewis Building/40 Acres to McClatchy Park, where you could once catch a streetcar to downtown. Set slightly away from what we now call “the grid,” Oak Park developed its own small business district, which allowed residents to fulfill their day-to-day needs within the neighborhood. Before World War II, most people in Oak Park were of European descent, with a small population of African-Americans and Mexican-Americans. After the war, the population of black residents grew, in part because other neighborhoods were off-limits due to restrictive racial covenants. Economic and social issues intensified, and Oak Park emerged as an epicenter of Sacramento’s racial tensions during the Civil Rights era. Today, Oak Park is socially and ethnically diverse. Its central commercial area has received recent investment and enthusiasm, with new restaurants and shops as well as old landmarks like the early 1900s Victor Theater (later the Oak Park Theater and now the Guild Theater) refurbished and reopened for films and live performances in 2003.

INSIDER TIP: GUIDED TOURS WITH DR. ROBIN DATEL, CHAIR OF THE GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT AT SACRAMENTO STATE, OCCASIONALLY TAKE PLACE ON THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH, WHEN LOCAL BUSINESSES HAVE SPECIAL HOURS AND EVENTS. FOLLOW THE OAK PARK BUSINESS ASSOCIATION ON FACEBOOK FOR DETAILS.

Tour info: The starting point of the tour is the corner of Broadway, Third Avenue and 35th Street. Guided tours are free. You can take a self-guided tour; pick up a brochure at several locations in Oak Park, including Underground Books, Old Soul Co. @ 40 Acres and US Bank. The route is wheelchair accessible. centerforsacramentohistory.org

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For a charming glimpse of California’s Wild West past, look no further than the Old Sacramento Waterfront. This Gold Rush outpost boasts an indomitable history of surviving both fires and floods as well as founding the Transcontinental Railroad and serving as the western terminus of the Pony Express. Now, with 53 historic buildings, it’s a thriving attraction for tourists and a nostalgic destination for locals.

Delta King Hotel
Live like river royalty in the Captain’s Quarters, a two-story getaway in the original wheelhouse with a private veranda and wet bar, or enjoy views of the river or historic city in the Deluxe City/ River View rooms. All guests receive a full hot breakfast. 1000 Front St.; deltaking.com

River City Queen
Take a sunset cocktail cruise or a luncheon cruise on board this vessel, which can serve up to 60 passengers and is docked at the Old Sacramento Waterfront. 1208 Front St.; rivercityqueen.com

Danny’s Mini Donuts
Coming up hot: These mini doughnuts, piping hot from the fryer, are a must for kids (and kids at heart). The mesmerizing doughnut machine can churn out 1,200 doughnuts per hour. Pick a flavor: cinnamon sugar, powdered sugar, vanilla, chocolate, caramel with sprinkles, or plain. 900 Second St.

Casual Lunch
Hoppy’s Railyard Kitchen and Garden has 24 taps of locally brewed beer, seasonal specialty cocktails, hefty sandwiches with a twist (like the West Coast Philly) and a gooey cookie pizza for dessert. Don’t miss the garden patio. 1022 Second St.; hoppy.com

Fancy Dinner
The Firehouse Restaurant, a beloved fine-dining mainstay, offers a locally sourced menu, extensive wine list (16,000+ bottles in the cellar) and decadent specialty cuts (think double-cut brined pork chops). Whether you find yourself in the elegant dining room, at the sleek bar or outside on the romantic brick patio, this intimate restaurant delivers a smooth dining experience every time. 1112 Second St.; firehouseoldsac.com

Leisurely Brunch
With some of the best views in town of the iconic Tower Bridge, Rio City Cafe is housed in a building designed to replicate a steamship warehouse of the late 1800s. Weekend brunch includes a Monte Cristo and a crab cake Benedict. Bonus: bottomless mimosas. 1110 Front St.; riocitycafe.com

District Spotlight

OLD SAC WATERFRONT

By Luna Anona

Brooks Novelty Antiques & Records
Retro spirit is alive at this one-of-a-kind music store with more than 100,000 vinyl records. You’ll also find pinball machines, neon signs, custom lamps, music posters and even slot machines to deck out your home bar, game room or (woo) man cave. 1107 Firehouse Alley; brooksvintage novelty.com

Evangeline’s Costume Mansion
Find something weird and wonderful at Evangeline’s Costume Mansion. The first floor houses delightful and irreverent novelty gifts and pop-culture finds; the second two floors are dedicated to themed rooms, like Storybook Land and The Saloon, each brimming with costumes. Take the Murder and Mayhem scavenger hunt and collect a reward after your journey. 113 K St.; evangelinescostumemansion.com

NEO Escape Rooms
Grab a few friends and head to the city’s newest escape room to solve the interactive puzzles before the clock runs out. Here, each room offers a Sacramento-themed adventure to tackle. 1124 Second St.; instagram.com/neoescaperooms

Milk House Shakes
This sugar shop pours presidential-themed frosty treats. Vanilla shakes are called Thomas Jefferson’s (his vanilla ice cream recipe is in the Library of Congress) and the Reese’s shake is called the Jimmy Carter. (He hailed from a family of peanut farmers.) Or you can always just build your own (the Freedom Shake, of course). 1100 Front St.; milkhouseshakes.com

Back Door Lounge
If you’re looking for a moody watering hole, go down the alley to the big red doors. Throw a song on the jukebox and grab a stiff cocktail. 1112 Firehouse Alley

Candy Galore
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Popcorn Falls
Jan. 14–Feb. 23
Ride Sally Ride
Feb. 8–March 7
Byhalia, Mississippi
March 3–April 12
A Year With Frog and Toad
April 18–May 9
Straight White Men
April 21–May 31

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Eclectic yet refined. Classic yet surprising. The Crocker Art Museum has the nation’s premier collections of art from the Golden State, plus European, Asian, African and Oceanic works, international ceramics and one of America’s finest early collections of European master drawings. crockerart.org

Granville Redmond:
The Eloquent Palette
Jan. 26–May 17
American Expressions/
African Roots:
Akinsanya Kambon’s
Ceramic Sculpture
Feb. 2–July 5
The Splendor of Germany:
18th-Century Drawings from the Crocker Art Museum
Feb. 16–May 10

BROADWAY SACRAMENTO
Broadway Sacramento is Northern California’s premier producer and presenter of musical theater, and the largest nonprofit musical theater in California. broadwaysacramento.com

A Bronx Tale
March 3–8
Bandstand
April 7–12
Come From Away
May 19–24

CAPITAL STAGE
This organization brings bold, intimate live theater to the heart of midtown. capstage.org

Alabaster
Jan. 2–Feb. 23
Admissions
March 11–April 12
Pass Over
April 29–May 31
The Great Leap
June 17–July 19

SACRAMENTO BALLET
Sacramento’s professional ballet company brings contemporary and classical performances to area audiences. sacballett.org

Beer & Ballet
Jan. 31–Feb. 16
Homegrown: A Festival of New Works
March 26–29
Fast Forward
May 14–17

SACRAMENTO THEATRE COMPANY
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I Don’t Know How To Love Him: The Andrew Lloyd Webber Phenomenon
Jan. 23–Feb. 2
Hamlet
Feb. 26–March 22
Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner
March 25–May 3
The Room Where It Happens: Broadway’s Modern Musical
April 2–5
A Little Night Music
April 12–May 17

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1812 Overture
Feb. 1
Music of the Spirit
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Free!
Plan to download two free tickets ahead of time to secure your spot at the California State Railroad Museum, Aerospace Museum of California or one of the other local spots participating in Smithsonian Magazine Museum Day on April 4. smithsonianmag.com/museumday

A Golden State of Mind
California Museum is home to the California Hall of Fame, which most recently inducted Maya Angelou, Tony Hawk, Wolfgang Puck and others who shaped our state. Through Nov. 1, view artifacts from these inductees. 1020 O St.; californiamuseum.org

How could anyone resist an exhibit called “Gold, Greed & Speculation”? And that’s just in the Sacramento History Museum lobby. 101 I St.; sachistorymuseum.org

So Many Masterpieces
What do Jamie Vasta’s 2011 glitter-on-wood painting “Deposizione, 1602” and Herman van Swanevelt’s 1645 oil painting “A Bacchanal in a Landscape” have in common? Both can be seen at Crocker Art Museum.

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Happening in May:
• Twenty artists present artwork at “20/20 in 2020.” Kennedy Gallery, 1931 L St.; kennedygallerysac.com
• A beer-themed show coincides with Sacramento Beer Week. CK Art, 2500 J St.; ckgallery.wordpress.com

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Sacramento chefs are spoiled. Working in America’s Farm-to-Fork Capital, they have access to the freshest, tastiest, healthiest produce you can imagine. Know what that means? Sacramento restaurant goers are spoiled, too. They are the beneficiaries of all that gorgeous seasonal and local food. Here, we shine a spotlight on some of Sacramento’s best farm-to-table restaurants, offering just a taste of what you might find on your plate this spring.

THE WATERBOY

Rick Mahan, the chef/owner of this quietly chic Midtown restaurant, was one of the originators of Sacramento’s farm-to-table scene. He’s been cooking at this corner location for about two decades, serving classic Mediterranean food in an unpretentiously upscale setting. One sure sign of how good The Waterboy is: It is where many Sacramento chefs choose to eat on their night out. The menu changes frequently to accommodate the latest produce in the farmers markets, and the spring menu is sure to feature locally grown asparagus, new potatoes and fava beans. The cuisines of France, Italy, Spain and Portugal are all represented here; expect to find dishes such as asparagus tortelloni in roasted mushroom broth, spring vegetable pot-au-feu and focaccia with spring garlic. Locally grown fruits also play a major role at The Waterboy. In May, you might find cherries in a flaky crostada or as a compote served with profiteroles. And in June, you can eat your fill of sweet ripe strawberries, perhaps in a tart with pistachio frangipane and Riesling sabayon. Year-round, The Waterboy hosts monthly Thursday Dinners—a gently priced four-course meal that showcases the freshest delights of the season. 2000 Capitol Ave.; (916) 498-9891; waterboyrestaurant.com

CANON

No one in Sacramento was terribly surprised when this East Sacramento restaurant was awarded a coveted Bib Gourmand last year from the folks at the Michelin Guide. Ever since it opened a few years ago, Canon has been drawing crowds with its inventive take on the neighborhood restaurant, serving modern American cuisine with global influences. (Think tater tots with mole, or chicken drumsticks with Urfa chili sauce and Greek yogurt.) The menu is a mix-and-match affair, with small plates that are designed to be shared and combined to make a meal. “It’s choose-your-own-adventure,” explains co-owner Clay Nutting. His partner, chef Brad Cecchi, is a local boy made good: Cecchi worked at Mulvaney’s B&L and Grange before serving as chef de cuisine and later as executive chef at Michelin-starred Solbar in Calistoga. His food is beautiful looking and complex in flavor. Spring dishes might include a pretty salad of pea sprouts with crispy sunchokes and pickled green almonds, or chilled asparagus with Manchego panna cotta and fava bean miso. Even some of the proteins here are seasonal: to wit, last spring’s dish of crispy soft shell crab, a delicacy that becomes available in April and stays for only a few short months. The bar also gets into the seasonal-and-local act. Head bartender Jack Winks makes his own bitters, syrups and liqueurs from produce grown in planter boxes just outside the restaurant doors. For a classic Bee’s Knees, he’ll use lemon thyme plucked from the garden, and you may find an edible flower grown on-site as a garnish in your drink. 1719 34th St.; (916) 469-2433; canoneastsac.com

Bee’s Knees cocktail from Canon
CAMDEN SPIT & LARDER
Located on Capitol Mall, this handsome restaurant is the kind of place you might find in London’s Square Mile, the city’s financial center. It’s a bold big-city brasserie serving elevated British fare. But don’t let that put you off: Camden Spit & Larder has California seasonality deep in its DNA. Its chef/owner is Oliver Ridgeway, a genial Brit who moved to Sacramento a few years ago to helm the kitchen at Grange. Along the way, he became an important player in Sacramento’s farm-to-fork scene, developing relationships with local farms and making appearances at high-profile food and wine events in Pebble Beach and LA. The Camden menu is an interesting mashup of British chop-house classics, English schoolboy favorites and pub fare with a modern twist. You’ll see big joints of meat—prime rib, rack of pork, whole chickens—roasting on the massive spit in the open kitchen. And instead of bread service, the restaurant offers individual Yorkshire puddings—popovers to us Yanks. But Ridgeway personally visits the farmers market on Capitol Mall and sources top-notch ingredients for dishes such as wild Alaskan halibut and rock shrimp chowder with Nantes carrots, potato gnocchi with peas and fava greens, and asparagus salad with prosciutto and a crispy egg. The restaurant’s interior was inspired by a London haberdashery; with oversized wing chairs, library lamps and tufted leather bar stools, it looks and feels like a modern men’s club. A British banker would feel quite at home here. But you don’t have to be English to enjoy a proper Pimm’s Cup at the bar. 555 Capitol Mall; (916) 619-8897; camdenspitandlarder.com

BEAST + BOUNTY
Live fire is the draw at this sleek, hip restaurant in Midtown’s Ice Blocks development. Here, meats, vegetables and even desserts are prepared on a 7-foot-long Argentine-style grill fueled by a mix of woods: oak for flavor, almond for heat. The kitchen employs ash, smoke and char-like ingredients to give each dish its distinctive personality. For instance, spring onion tops are grilled, dehydrated and turned into an ash that coats a log of vegan cheese. The cheese itself—made from pureed cashews and almonds—is hung over the grill to pick up the taste and aroma of smoke. That cheese ultimately ends up on a pizza baked in a wood-burning oven. Meats and vegetables get equal billing here. For meat lovers, there’s the “Beast” side of the menu, offering a Flintstonian bone-in ribeye, mixed grill and NY steak. But if you don’t eat meat, don’t worry: Chef Brock Macdonald—who did snout-to-tail cookery for years at Midtown’s Block Butcher Bar—has added leaves-to-root cooking to his repertoire. A meaty-tasting Nantes carrot dish features numerous techniques...
and textures: roasted baby carrots served with carrot powder (made from the peel),
carrot crumb (made from the juice), pickled carrot puree and salsa verde (made from the
carrot tops). In spring, you may find a vegan pizza made with ricotta, carrot top pistou
and asparagus, or a Panang curry salmon with spring peas and salmon roe. For dessert,
lemon cake might be served with strawberries in several formats: pickled, geléed and made
into ice cream. The restaurant exudes a cosmopolitan hipness, with handcrafted white
oak tables, soft leather banquettes and chic lighting. Outside, a bocce court beckons with
seating for people who want a cocktail and a bite to eat. It’s a vibrant, lively place to spend
a warm spring evening. 1701 R St.; (916) 244-4016; eatbeastandbounty.com

HAWKS PUBLIC HOUSE
This is the second eatery from Michael Fagnoni and Molly Hawks, the husband-and-
wife team known for their upscale Granite Bay restaurant, Hawks. Located in East
Sacramento, it’s a bit more casual than its Granite Bay cousin. The floors are cement,
the ceiling is covered in rustic shiplap, and the wood tables are naked. Servers wear
jeans and aprons while Led Zeppelin plays on the sound system. Fagnoni and Hawks
designed the food to be rustic, with a heavy concentration on Mediterranean flavors. The
deceptively simple menu features dishes like steak tartare and rigatoni with pork ragù. But
a deeper dive uncovers a distinctly uncasual level of execution. For the steak tartare,
hand-cut Wagyu beef gets dressed with tiny shavings of egg yolk that’s been cured in salt
and sugar. The rigatoni features house-made pasta tubes, fresh mozzarella and a delicately
 crunch garnish of crushed croutons and fennel pollen. Not even the burger is phoned
in. The beef is ground (twice) in the walk-in fridge so it stays cold and firm, and the
bun is served on a house-made brioche bun with hand-cut french fries. Spring brings an
exciting crop of seasonal produce that ends up in dishes like tombo tuna with snap peas
and nettle puree, or a lamb T-bone with red beet spatzel and favas. Hawks and Fagnoni
are popular fixtures on Sacramento’s season-
al-and-local scene, and in 2019, Molly Hawks
served as one of the lead chefs at the annual farm-to-fork gala dinner on Tower Bridge.
1525 Alhambra Blvd.; (916) 588-4440; hawkspublichouse.com

MAGPIE
Magpie bills itself as a farm-to-table restaur-
ant, and with good reason: Owners Ed
Roehr and Janel Inouye serve some of the
most delicious seasonal and local cuisine in
the city. They have relationships with many
of Sacramento’s most innovative producers,
including Dragon Gourmet Mushrooms,
Kingbird Farms in Galt, and The Truffle
Huntress, a Placerville ranch that grows
cultivated black Périgord truffles. Magpie
serves simple yet exquisite new American fare
such as pan-roasted quail and grilled ribeye.
Its signature dish is a whole chicken prepared
two ways: a pan-roasted breast and confit
quarters, served with greens, local black rice,
chervil and green sauce. Big enough for two,
it’s a dish meant for sharing. In spring, the
kitchen offers dishes such as gnocchi with
a tangle of vibrant spring vegetables, fat
asparagus with a softly cooked duck egg, and
beautiful white ceviche with vivid green peas.
And there’s always a robust vegetable plate
that changes with the seasons. 1601 16th St.;
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MULVANEYS B+L
Few local restaurants are as closely identified with the farm-to-fork movement as Mulvaney’s B+L. Originally from the East Coast, chef/owner Patrick Mulvaney ended up in Sacramento, where he became utterly besotted with the region’s agricultural bounty. Early on, he cultivated close relationships with farmers and ranchers, and by putting their names on his menu, he made local celebrities out of people like pig farmer John Bledsoe and tomato grower Ray Yeung. The garrulous Mulvaney loves to roam the cozy dining room, chatting up customers and proselytizing on the joys and benefits of eating local. His menu changes daily, but you’ll always find a few stalwarts, including veal sweetbreads and house-smoked salmon with Irish brown bread. As spring produce starts to roll into the farmers markets, expect to find asparagus served in numerous ways. It may play a supporting role as an accompaniment to a 21-day dry-aged ribeye, or it could get top billing in a dish of grilled and chilled asparagus, served with a 6-minute egg, fava beans and house-cured bacon. Carrots, too, are popular in springtime; Mulvaney serves both purple and Nantes carrots with rabbit. The tiny bar, overseen by the estimable Dan Mitchell, makes delightful craft cocktails using fresh strawberries and other seasonal produce. Note: When the weather starts to warm, Mulvaney’s patio, sparkling with fairy lights and shaded by trees, is one of the most congenial spots in town to dine outdoors.
1215 19th St.; (916) 441-6022; mulvaneysbl.com

ELLA DINING ROOM & BAR
This white-tablecloth restaurant in downtown Sacramento serves as the upscale canteen for Sacramento’s stylemakers, movers and shakers. It’s the fine-dining entry by the Selland family, known for their popular fast-casual restaurants (OBO’ and Selland’s Market-Cafe). But it has more in common with The Kitchen, another Selland production that in 2019 received Sacramento’s first Michelin star. Like The Kitchen, Ella gives diners an experience they’ll never forget. Everything is top-flight: the service, the food, the bar, the décor. The kitchen, overseen by Allyson Harvie, turns out beautiful, thoughtful food. Something as simple as mac and cheese is transformed by the use of house-made cavatelli pasta, butter-poached lobster and a creamy sauce with a blend of five cheeses. In spring, Harvie takes full advantage of the availability of produce such as ramps, fiddlehead ferns and artichokes. She might make ramp salsa verde to accompany a rack of spring lamb, or confit artichoke hearts for a dish of lamb carpaccio, while fiddleheads could turn up in spring pea tortellini.
1131 K St.; (916) 443-3772; elladiningroomandbar.com
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cirquedusoleil.com/amaluna

1 1812 Overture
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6–9 Circa
Monday Center (530) 754-2787 mondaviarts.org

8–March 7 Ride Sally Ride
The Sofia Tsakopoulos Center for the Arts (916) 443-5300 bistreettheatre.org

9 I Heart Sacramento Zoo
Sacramento Zoo (916) 808-5888 saczoo.org

13–16 Defending the Caveman
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14 & 15 Music of the Spirit
Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament (916) 443-6722 sacballet.org

14–16 Sacramento Autorama
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17–22 Sacramento Fashion Week Showcases
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22 Blake Shelton’s Friends and Heroes 2020
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26–March 22 Hamlet
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29 Miranda Lambert: Wildcard Tour
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MARCH 2020

3–8 A Bronx Tale
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3–April 12 Byhalla, Mississippi
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4 An Evening With Travel Expert Rick Steves
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7 Bert Kreischer: The Berty Boy World Tour
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7 & 8 Behind the Cellar Door
Amador County Wineries (209) 245-6992 amadorwine.com

13 The Fabulously Funny Comedy Festival
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13 Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo
Monday Center (530) 754-2787 mondaviarts.org

14 St. Patrick’s Day Parade
Old Sacramento Waterfront, 201 K St.
godowntownsac.com

19 Ronnie Milsap
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20 & 22 NCAA Division I Men’s Basketball Championship
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21 Napoleon Dynamite: A Conversation With Jon Heder & Efren Ramirez
Crest Theatre (916) 476-3356 cretsacramento.com

22 River Cats vs. San Francisco Giants Exhibition Game
Sutter Health Park rivercats.com

25 Nickleodeon’s JoJo Siwa D.R.E.A.M. The Tour
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25–May 3 Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner
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29 Homegrown: A Festival of New Works
The Sofia Tsakopoulos Center for the Arts (916) 552-5810 sacphilopera.org

April 2020

1–30 Photography Month Sacramento
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7 Celine Dion: Courage World Tour
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8 Billie Eilish: Where Do We Go? World Tour
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7–12 Bandstand
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15 Maggie Haberman
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16 Excision
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17 Elk Grove Brewfest
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18 Sacramento Beer & Chili Festival
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18 Sacramento Scandinavian Festival
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21–May 31 Straight White Men
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25 Dance Gavin Dance Presents Swaynetest
Papa Murphy’s Park (916) 263-3000 dancengavindanceband.com

25 The Barber of Seville
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25 Earth Fest
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26 Sacramento Earth Day
Southside Park (916) 444-0022

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1 Mandy Moore
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1–July 24 Concerts in the Park
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9 Gabriel Iglesias: Beyond the Fluffy World Tour
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9 & 10 BerryFest Strawberry Festival
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10 Celtic Woman: Celebration
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14–17 Fast Forward
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13 An Evening With David Sedaris
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