

Northern California

Day trip



2. Wine and dine

SHOP Need the perfect bottle to take to a holiday party? The stacked racks at **58 Degrees & Holding Co.**—and the helpful staff—will steer you to the right choice from more than 750 bottles, whether it's one of the under-\$20 featured wines of the week or a vintage Jacquesson Champagne.

SNACK In the adjoining wine bar, you can order a flight (all the wines are available by the taste, glass, or bottle) and small plates like a bruschetta trio. For just \$20, the three-course Daily 58 menu is a steal. \$; 1217 18th St.; 58degrees.com



3. A touch of la dolce vita

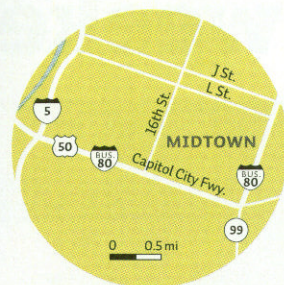
SHOP At **Hot Italian**, flip through racks of Italian-designed cycling and motorcycle wear (think Dainese tops and modish jackets) and ogle the Vespas and other scooters.

SNACK A few pizza-topped tables amid the racks lead to a dining room where Naples-style pies come blister-crust out of the gorgeous tiled oven. We're partial to the Magnini, lush with smoked salmon and mascarpone, and the sweet Murino, with gorgonzola dolce and pears. \$\$; 1627 16th St.; hotitalian.net

4. Something for everyone

SHOP Hit Midtown's epicenter at 20th and J for a collection of urbane shops and eateries housed in the new, open-air **MARRS** complex. You'll find stretchy gear at **Asha Yoga** and stocking-stuffers from retro candy to hundreds of magazines at compulsively browsable **Newsbeat**.

SNACK Go for bubbles and bites at vibey **Lounge on 20**, fresh-squeezed margaritas and tortilla soup at updated taqueria **Azul**, or a cheese and pepperoni at **Luigi's Slice** (a new outpost of a local 1950s pizza institution). 1050 20th St.; marrs-sactown.com



Getting to Midtown

From U.S. 50, exit at 15th St.; head north on 16th. From I-5, exit on J St. and head east.

Leaving so soon? Check out the after-dark scene

STAY FOR SUPPER
Stylish Ella Dining Room and Bar is a spacious see-and-be-seen spot on once-moribund K Street. Chef Kelly McCown brings a fresh sensibility to the small-plates menu; don't skip precision-mixed cocktails at the bar. \$\$; closed Sun; 1131 K St.; 916/443-3772.

DINNER AND A SHOW
A midcentury-style makeover turned the **Cosmopolitan Cabaret** into an intimate theater, with jazzy shows and small-plates table service from the adjacent Cosmo Café. Upstairs is buzzy nightclub Social. \$; 1000 K St.; saccosmo.com

SPEAKEASY CHIC
For vintage flair, head to the **Shady Lady Saloon**, which pours Jazz Age cocktails like the Hemingway Daiquiri in a cool '20s-look setting (red cut-velvet wallpaper, historic photos of slightly racy flappers). No secret knock required. 1409 R St.; 916/231-9121.

GO FOR A WALK
The **Second Saturday** art walk draws crowds to the best of the city's art scene. For haute photography, duck into Viewpoint Gallery (2015 J St.; viewpointgallery.org). Street-booth folk art and installations are everywhere. Start at 20th and J Streets; 2nd-sat.com

Make it an overnight

A few blocks from Midtown lies one of Sacramento's newest hotels, which also happens to be its most fun. The **Citizen Hotel**, in a thoroughly updated 1925 building, riffs on government culture with political cartoons in every room. It's primarily a business hotel, so you'll find steep weekend discounts handy for shopping trips. Don't miss breakfast with housemade sausage at Citizen's eatery, Grange. Rooms from \$139; citizenhotel.com



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