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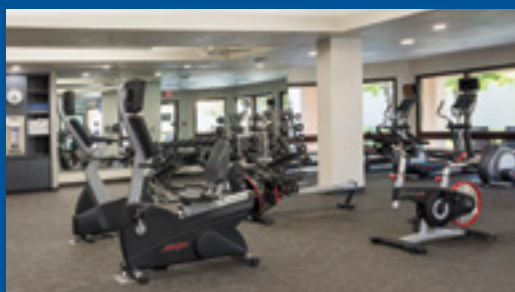


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ON THE COVER:
Downtown Pleasanton

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- S**afety First.
- P**reserve the Tri-Valley.
- E**mbrace Community.
- C**elebrate Culture.
- T**each Others.

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WELCOME TO THE TRI-VALLEY!

From day one of my time here, I felt part of the communities of Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and Danville—collectively and affectionately known as the Tri-Valley in Northern California’s East Bay. The quintessential downtowns, rolling hills and friendly locals will bring miles of smiles to all of the visitors making the Tri-Valley their home away from home, enjoying their stay with just the right amount of adventure!

Check out the Tri-Valley’s plethora of playtime opportunities using **The Vibe** calendar of events and our new **Arts & Culture Pass** (see page 8 for details); the activities will feed the soul and inspire creativity and lifelong cultural connections. Speaking of culture, the Tri-Valley—already deeply rooted in California’s storied past—continues to make history as the “heart of innovation” in life sciences, medicine, technology and the culinary world. Hear from fifth-generation winemaker Niki Wente of Wente Vineyards (page 33) and brewmaster Matt Sager of Danville Brewing Co. (page 36) as they celebrate their successes and look toward the future. Attend the fifth annual **Taste Tri-Valley Restaurant Week** (Feb. 21–March 2), and indulge in dozens of international specials and events.

With three new hotels (see page 61), fabulous golf courses, Michelin dining, and walkable boutique and designer shopping districts (page 48), you will be compelled to spend the night, slow down your everyday pace and kick up your heels, Tri-Valley style.

See? You’re already feeling that local welcome with a smile! See you soon.

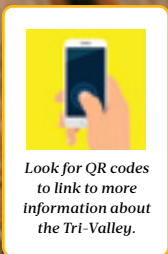
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TRACY FARHAD
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WELCOME TO OUR NEIGHBORHOODS

A quick take on the Mount Diablo region's extraordinary towns.

LIVING WELL

PLEASANTON

Once a Wild West hideout, contemporary Pleasanton has a plethora of dining, retail options and outdoor activities. The city's idyllic environment has earned it consistent accolades as one of the most desirable places to live in the state. Shopaholics can browse Stoneridge Shopping Center and Main Street boutiques, while food lovers have their pick of restaurants featuring fabulous fare from around the globe. Pleasanton also has a happening downtown; 1,200 acres of parks, open space and trails; and plenty of cultural events, including engaging performances at the Firehouse Arts Center year-round.



The Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton hosts cultural events all year.

JAY GALVIN

THE CROSSROADS OF THE BAY AREA

DUBLIN

Perfectly situated at the connection of two major freeways, Dublin is one of the fastest-growing cities in the United States. Along with its diverse culinary scene, the city offers shops, nightlife and recreational opportunities for fun-seekers of all ages, including golf, bowling, ice-skating, go-kart racing, and a water park and trampoline park. There's history here, too: Witness Dublin's annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration, which recognizes the Irish heritage of the city's founders. Look for shamrocks adorning street signs in honor of those early immigrants from the Emerald Isle. The city even welcomed a professional baseball team, the aptly named Dublin Leprechauns, in 2023.

RAISE A GLASS IN WINE COUNTRY

LIVERMORE

Forget Napa and Sonoma. California's oldest wine-growing region, Livermore is a world-class destination with dozens of wineries—most of which have been family owned and operated for generations. Livermore is not just for wine aficionados, though. There is a wide selection of craft breweries and trendy restaurants, along with plenty of kid-friendly attractions, including mini golf, super slides and laser tag. Livermore is also host to the annual Little League Intermediate World Series, featuring baseball all-stars, ages 11 to 13. Shoppers flock to the San Francisco Premium Outlets and specialty boutiques downtown. Sample Livermore's rich cultural offerings by catching a show at the Bankhead Theater.

WHERE SMALL-TOWN CHARM MEETS BIG-CITY STYLE

DANVILLE

Take a stroll along bustling Hartz Avenue in downtown Danville, and experience the relaxed yet polished vibe for yourself. The town's vibrant center features chic shops, regional theater productions and art shows, cosmopolitan drinking spots, and top-notch restaurants. Venture away from the hub, and you'll find cultural draws such as Tao House (the one-time residence of playwright Eugene O'Neill, where his plays live on during the annual Eugene O'Neill Festival), as well as Danville's numerous hiking trails, parks and open spaces.



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St. Patrick's Day celebrants go for the green at Dublin's annual festival.



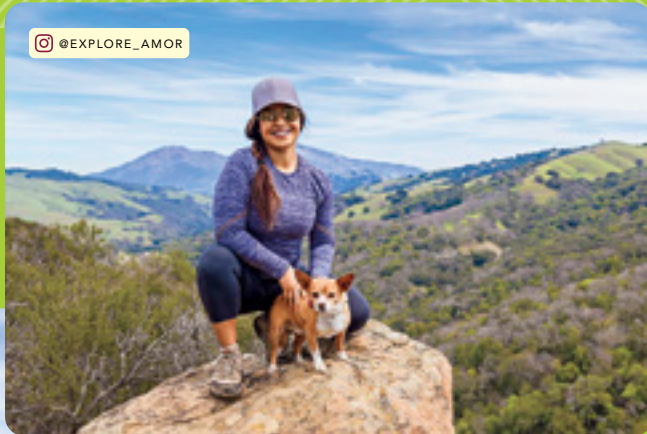
Livermore's many vineyards produce award-winning wines.



A stroll through downtown Danville offers many spots to dine, shop and socialize.



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COMMUNITY CULTURE

The distinctive culture of the Tri-Valley area dates back centuries. Its history, filled with frontierspeople and immigrants, has fostered a unique spirit of local pride, collaboration and innovation that lives on to this day.

HISTORY COMES ALIVE

IN THE TRI-VALLEY, EVERYTHING IS DEEPLY CONNECTED TO THE PAST.

Historical insights can be gleaned in every town throughout the Tri-Valley. For instance, the **Dublin Heritage Park & Museums** is a 10-acre area that is home to **Pioneer Cemetery**; **Old St. Raymond Church**, built in 1859; the **Murray Schoolhouse Museum**; and the **Kolb House**, a 1910 Craftsman bungalow that now operates as a museum. **Dublin Camp Parks Military History Center** preserves the old military base, which was known as Fleet City during World War II.

In Danville, an oak tree thought to be more than 350 years old stands on Diablo Road, and its likeness serves as the town's logo. The historic 1891 **Southern Pacific Railroad Depot** nearby houses **MuseumSRV**.

In Pleasanton, sign up for a historical walking tour with **Museum on Main**. Don't miss **Alviso Adobe**, a community park that offers a rich interpretive history of the Amador Valley, from its Native American roots to the present day.

Even the wines in Livermore are steeped in tradition. **Wente Vineyards**, which started in 1883, produced the first labeled chardonnay, sauvignon blanc and semillon in the country. Today, most of the chardonnay grapes in California descend from Wente clones. **Concannon Vineyard**, founded the same year, made one of the first Bordeaux-style wines in the state.



Dublin Heritage Park & Museums recently introduced a digital audio guide to enhance the visitor experience.

GET A TRI-VALLEY ARTS & CULTURE PASS



Explore the vibrant arts and culture scene with Visit Tri-Valley's free mobile pass. Discover museums, public art, historic sites and performing arts venues—all showcasing the region's rich heritage—and get more info with our mobile guide.





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The Tri-Valley has been a hotbed of innovation and creativity for decades, celebrated as being the home of some of California's first viticultural pioneers, world-renowned scientific researchers and even a Nobel Prize winner. Today it continues to attract artists, farmers, chefs, winemakers and more who cultivate, curate and craft their locally made goods. When visiting, stop by some of the following makers, and take a piece of this special region home with you.

- > Those who can't resist a sweet treat should head to **Danville Chocolates**. Loved by locals for their confectionery excellence, the talented chocolatiers at this downtown shop serve up an assortment of delicacies, including truffles, chocolate barks, dipped fruits and more. danvillechocolates.com
- > Artisanal honey is the perfect addition to your favorite snack, warm drink or charcuterie board. **Gerard'Z Honeybees** not only produces its raw honey from native wildflowers, it also provides valuable cross-pollination to regional food growers. The honey is available for purchase at a variety of wineries and boutiques or online. gerardzhoneybees.com

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- > Stop at **Good Common Sense Naturals** in Pleasanton and Danville for organic beauty products made with ingredients grown in-house. With a focus on sustainability, the company has cut out parabens, detergents and fragrances. goodcommonsense.com
- > **Sweet Hope Naturals** specializes in handcrafted soaps, face masks and other fabulous body products made with sustainable ingredients. Find the small-batch products at its shop in downtown Livermore, area boutiques and online. sweethopenaturals.com
- > Pleasanton's **Studio Seven Arts** showcases regional and national artists, including Steve Thomas's vintage-style travel giclées of Pleasanton, Mount Diablo and Livermore Valley. studiosevenarts.com

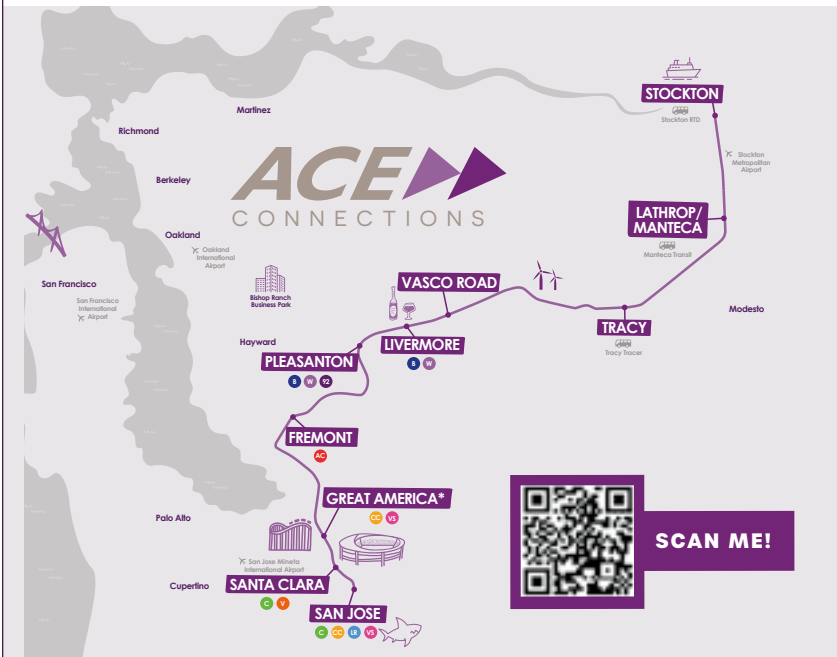
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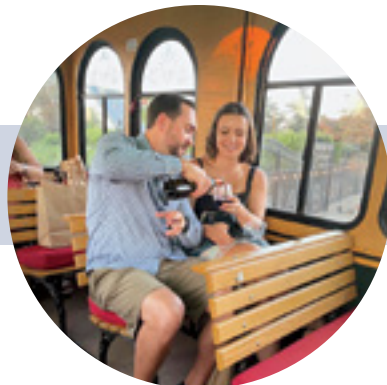
The **Livermore Wine Trolley** tour takes visitors to three wineries for a wine-tasting flight and small bites as part of the Sip & Savor Wine Pairing Tour. Other special offerings are the Livermore Valley Wine Tour—complete with a custom-order deli lunch from Ofelia's Kitchen—and the Sip & Paint Wine Tour, which includes a painting session at Pinot's Palette. livermowinetrolley.com

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BRIGHT IDEAS

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There have been many great achievements rooted in the Tri-Valley over the years, but one of the biggest might be the first-ever demonstration of controlled nuclear fusion ignition by **Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory** (LLNL), often called the smartest square mile on earth.

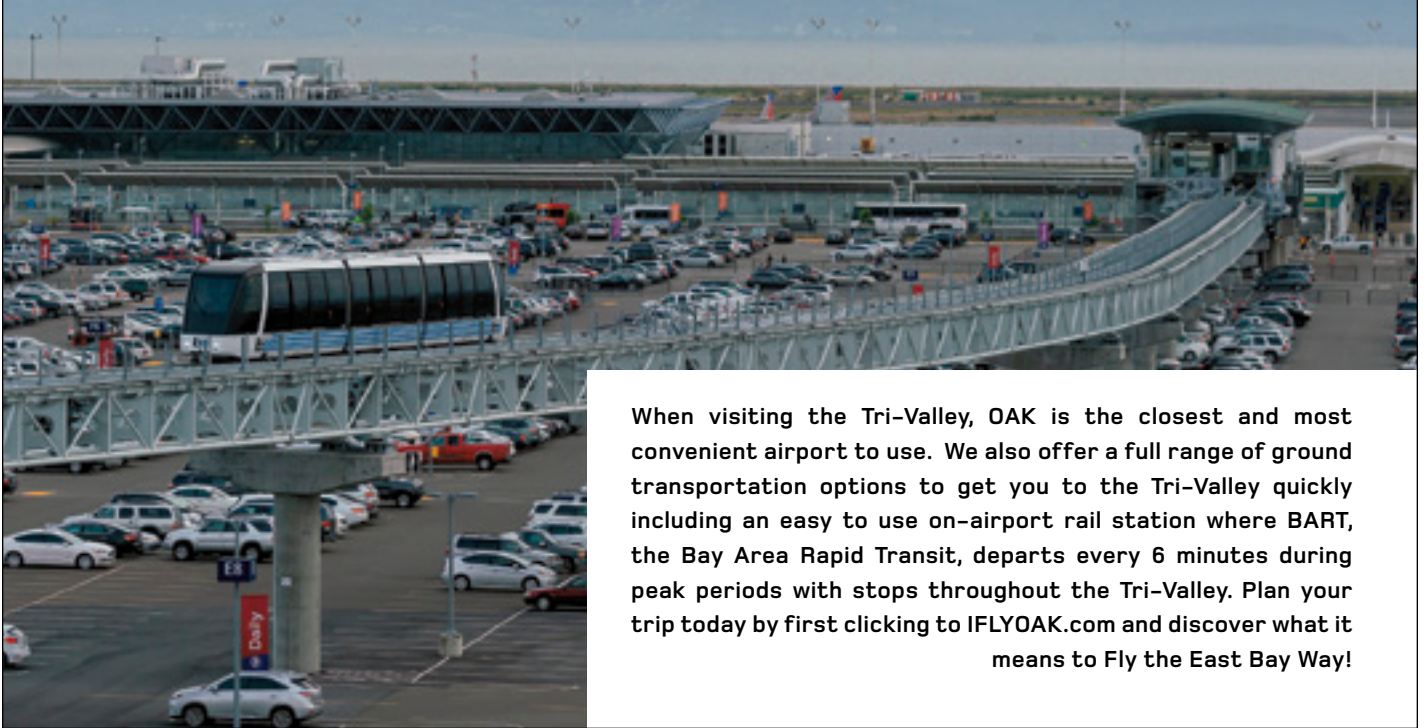
The breakthrough took place at the Livermore-based National Ignition Facility late at night on December 5, 2022, and within days, the moment made headlines around the globe. Secretary of Energy Jennifer M. Granholm called it “one of the most impressive scientific feats of the 21st century.” The effort is a key step on the journey toward limitless clean energy.

LLNL is a federally funded research and development center that was initially established in 1952. Today, the lab continues to be at the forefront of nuclear advancements and security, along with cutting-edge ideas across a variety of other scientific fields. Visitors can get an inside look at its work at the Discovery Center (see page 45 for more). llnl.gov

Coincidentally, Livermore is also the site of the planet’s longest-burning light bulb, according to Guinness World Records. This humble bulb—nicknamed the **Centennial Light Bulb**—can be seen at Livermore Fire Station 6 on East Avenue. It was first turned on in 1901 and has been switched off only a few times in the ensuing years. Originally a 60-watt light, it’s dimmed but still hanging on at 4 watts. Visitors are welcome, depending on the availability of firefighters to let them inside; the bulb is also visible through one of the station’s windows. centennialbulb.org

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FEBRUARY

- Toast the local beer scene (and give back to the community) at the **Livermore Brew Crawl and Food Drive**.
- Area restaurants show off their most diverse offerings, including deals for wine lovers and foodies, during **Taste Tri-Valley Restaurant Week**, February 21–March 2.

MARCH

- Hot rods, classics and more shine at the **Goodguys All American Get-Together** at the Alameda County Fairgrounds.
- Support the runners at the **Livermore Valley Half Marathon**, and celebrate with drinks and live music at the finish.

- Let your imagination take flight with **Livermore Valley Opera** as it kicks off its 33rd season with *Don Giovanni*.
- Sample craft beers and ciders at Pleasanton's **St. Patrick's Day Brew Crawl**.
- Dublin's **St. Patrick's Day Celebration** is a weekend full of traditional Irish jigs, beverages and entertainment.

APRIL

- Ring in spring with fresh produce and local goods at the **Dublin Farmers' Market**. (Through September)
- Celebrate the season with carnival games and an Easter egg hunt at Dublin's **Spring Eggstravaganza**.

- See the Tri-Valley's showcase of STEM at the **Tri-Valley Innovation Fair** presented by Quest Science Center.

MAY

- Raise a glass at the **Livermore Downtown Street Fest**, and take part in a wine and beer pop-up experience, crafts, shopping and dining.
- Revel in unlimited pours, food and live music at the **Livermore Valley Craft Beer Festival**.
- Wander through the streets of downtown Danville while delighting in local shops, wine, art and live music at the **Spring Sip & Stroll**.

JUNE

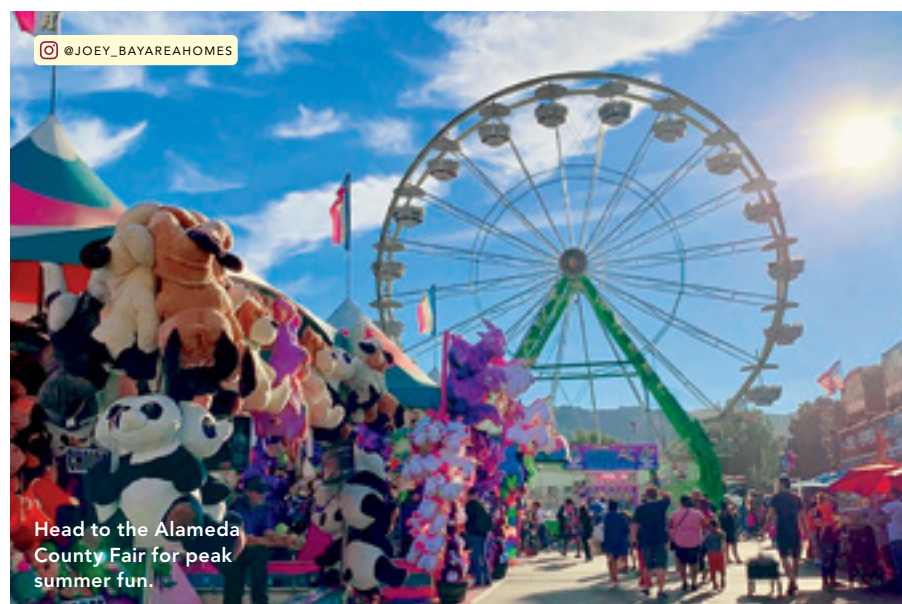
- Ferris wheels, funnel cake and horse racing delight at the **Alameda County Fair** in Pleasanton. (Into July)
- The annual **Livermore Rodeo** is a weekend full of bull riding, barrel racing and cow milking.

JULY

- Recognize Independence Day with the **Kiwanis–Danville 4th of July Parade**.
- Enjoy live theater, wine and a picnic at Livermore's Darcie Kent Estate Winery during **Shakespeare in the Vineyard**. (Into August)

AUGUST

- See more than 3,000 hot rods, custom autos, classics, muscle cars and trucks at **Goodguys West Coast Nationals**.



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Head to the Alameda County Fair for peak summer fun.

Calendar /

- Fete Scottish culture, competition and entertainment at the Alameda County Fairgrounds during the **Scottish Highland Gathering and Games**. (Through September 1)

SEPTEMBER

- Honor one of Danville's most famous residents at the **Eugene O'Neill Festival**, and see performances of O'Neill's works.
- Sample a selection of perfect bites at **Forkful** in downtown Pleasanton.
- Downtown Danville hosts auto lovers at its **Hot Summer Sundays Car Show**.
- Commemorate the end of summer at Dublin's **Splatter** festival, where art, music and wine are colorfully combined.

OCTOBER

- Meet the ghosts of Pleasanton's past at Museum on Main's **Ghost Walk**, a guided tour of haunted sites.
- Join the family for some old-fashioned fall fun at Dublin's **Harvest Fair**.
- Hop on your bike and discover fabulous new beers during **Livermore Bikes and Brews**.
- Get thrills and chills at **Pirates of Emerson Haunted Theme Park** at the Alameda County Fairgrounds.
- Livermore Valley's premier food and wine affair, **Taste: The Livermore Valley Wine Experience**, is a four-day celebration of local wines and wineries.



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Goodguys car shows feature classic wheels.

- Halloween-themed girl power prevails at Livermore's **Witches Night Out**, with shopping specials and cocktails.

NOVEMBER

- Start the holiday season right with Danville's **Lighting of the Old Oak Tree**.
- Ride through Niles Canyon at night with the **Train of Lights** on certain Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings. (Into December)

DECEMBER

- Enjoy a hearty spread of pancakes, then take photos with a special guest from the North Pole at Dublin's **Breakfast With Santa**.
- Livermore Valley tasting rooms go holiday-themed with cheery decor

and festive offerings at **Holidays in the Vineyards**.

- Downtown Livermore's **Holiday Sights & Sounds Parade** highlights a variety of floats and ends with a tree lighting.
- Save your viewing spot for downtown Pleasanton's **Hometown Holiday Celebration**, featuring marching bands, floats and an appearance by Santa.
- Enjoy wine and a Livermore Wine Trolley ride past the city's best holiday displays with the **Lights of Livermore** holiday tour.

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THE CLASSICS

The Riata Diner & Tavern in Livermore reflects the area's pioneer past with Wild West-inspired decor and memorabilia—and serves hearty breakfast dishes. For more quirky furnishings and no-frills food, check out **Jim's Country Style Restaurant** in Pleasanton. The popular diner (there can be a line at the door on weekends) features wood-paneled walls, street signs as art and mouthwatering all-day breakfast items.

Monica's Livermore, located in a historic building, offers generously portioned breakfasts, including French toast made with house-baked bread. Consider having your meal on the spacious outdoor patio.

Follow the locals to Danville's **Sideboard Neighborhood Kitchen and Coffee Bar**, a premier cafe that features great food and brands such as Sightglass, Temple Coffee Roasters and more. **Crumbs Breakfast, Lunch & Bar** is another Danville gathering place that is popular with all ages. Fill up on sizable plates, including crab Benedict, country-fried steak and eggs, and ube pancakes. Lighter fare can be found nearby at **Toastique**, a recent arrival on Railroad Avenue that serves smoothies, gourmet toasts, cold-pressed juices, and more.

For breakfast like Mom used to make, look no further than **Denica's Real Food Kitchen** in Livermore, Dublin and most recently, Pleasanton, for

decadent favorites like waffles, omelets and giant cinnamon rolls.

Take your morning meal to the next level at **The Press** cafe in Pleasanton and Livermore. Sample tasty dishes such as an avocado and egg toastini, bacon cheese grits with pickled jalapeño or coconut chia pudding. Work on your Great American Novel over a mug brewed from Chromatic Coffee beans.

BRUNCHING OUT

Open early on weekends, **Mayflower Restaurant** in Dublin creates a transporting experience with its inviting atmosphere and authentic dim sum menu. If you're feeling adventurous, head over to **Blossom Bee**, also in Dublin. The Thai fusion creperie puts a twist on breakfast food in such dishes as the Dublin Rancheros crepe with grilled chicken and scrambled eggs.

Baci Bistro & Bar, in downtown Pleasanton, specializes in steak, seafood and Italian fare, but the weekend brunch menu is something special. Try the fried egg avocado toast or steak tostadas. Pleasanton's **Nonni's Bistro**, an open-air, European-style eatery, serves breakfast and weekend brunch—giving plentiful takes on the first meal of the day.

Danville recently welcomed **Aracely Lounge**, which offers an impressive seasonal brunch menu that includes olive oil waffles with a medley of stone fruit and whipped yogurt.



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EASY DOES IT

With its homey menu and refined decor, **Tri Valley Bistro** on Pleasanton's Main Street is the perfect spot to unwind. Indulge in a glass of wine as you sample the delicious New American cuisine. Also in Pleasanton, don't miss out on chef Maurice Dissels' exquisite paella dishes or Caribbean tacos at **Oyo** or the elevated crepes highlighting traditional and inventive flavors at **Bocado: Un Petit Bistro**.

For a flavorful culinary adventure, Livermore's family-owned **Posada Alta Cocina** is a solid bet. A contemporary take on Southwestern food, Posada is a great lunch stop before an afternoon of wine tasting.

Danville Harvest has earned a lot of buzz over the years—and deservedly so. Embracing the farm-to-table concept, the charming restaurant serves a delicious menu centered on seasonal ingredients. For a well-crafted slice

in downtown Danville, try the artisan pies at **Romana Pizzeria**.

Lunch in style at Pleasanton's **Oasis Wine Lounge**. The exotic space, with glam accents and an inviting patio, is ideal for dining à deux or with a group. The Mediterranean menu with a modern flair includes lamb lollipops, pumpkin *borani*, gyros and kebabs.

Opened in 1997, **Blue Agave Club** was the first restaurant in Pleasanton to showcase Mexican cuisine. More than 25 years later, the popular spot is well-known for its 100% blue agave tequila margaritas as well as its enchanting outdoor dining experience.

Demiya is a welcome addition to the Dublin dining scene, dishing out Japanese curry, udon, *katsu* and more in an airy, fast-casual space on Village Parkway.

POWER LUNCH

For authentic Southeast Asian cuisine, **Experience Burma** in Pleasanton has got you covered. Dining family style is recommended—and the best way to sample multiple dishes—so grab some friends and dig into the pumpkin pork stew or lemongrass tofu. In Livermore, **Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard's** remarkable wine list perfectly complements Szechuan staples and delectable dim sum, while **Cafe Calamari** serves Mediterranean fare with a focus on fresh seafood.

Break up your day with a culinary journey to Myanmar. Top dishes on the robust Burmese menu at **Burma! Burma!** in Dublin include tea leaf salad, garlic noodles, and pork and vegetable curries. Try the black sticky rice for dessert.

If you like some action with your meal, try **Da Boccery** in Livermore. In addition to its menu featuring pizzas, sandwiches and salads, the eatery offers bocce courts, shuffleboard and axe throwing, among other fun games.

Prefer to kick back and relax? **Danville Brewing Co.** is your spot. The restaurant boasts exceptional pub food as well as award-winning beers like 925 Blonde and Chux Double IPA.

THE BIG MEAL

THE REGION'S DINING SCENE INCLUDES EXCITING NEW RESTAURANTS AND POPULAR STANDARDS—OFFERING COSMOPOLITAN CUISINE TO PAIR WITH LIVERMORE VALLEY'S MANY FINE WINES.

THE CLASSICS

The Tri-Valley has its share of trusted eateries, including **Terra Mia Ristorante Italiano** in Livermore, which serves authentic Italian fare in a welcoming space. Another Livermore standout is **Range Life**. The Michelin-rated restaurant is located in a restored 1800s carriage house—mixing urban and rustic sensibilities in food and atmosphere. The changing menu highlights fresh regional ingredients, while a selection from its excellent list of creative craft cocktails will help round out an evening on the town.

Pleasanton's 1950s steak house **Hap's Original** allows for dining in style and comfort. While steak is most definitely the focus here, with the finest dry-aged cuts of beef, the house-made sauces and dressings help elevate already scrumptious dishes. For a deep-dish experience in Pleasanton, look no further than **Zachary's Chicago Pizza**; the local mainstay adds a Californian touch to the beloved Chicago-style pie.

Bridges Restaurant & Bar is a paragon in the Danville culinary world, but classic doesn't mean stuffy. The polished restaurant, which was featured as a location in the 1993 comedy *Mrs. Doubtfire*, has maintained its buzzy status by fine-tuning its California cuisine with European and Asian influences.

WORLDLY WONDERS

Sophistication is on the menu at Danville's **Zaya Thai Pantry**, as demonstrated by the restaurant's striking decor and food that is as impeccably presented as it is cooked. Another new-ish addition to the town's Thai scene is **Bungalow on Rose**, with its homey interior and excellent food that focuses on coastal cuisine.

Livermore's **Cured: Fish Bar** is a modern oasis that serves seafood-centric Japanese small plates with a California spin. The minimalist space includes custom wood accents and a bar overlooking the raw fish action.

Ultrafresh sushi and high-end Japanese fare can be found at **Amakara** in Dublin, where chef Eddy Imano takes as much pride in his colorful presentations as he does in his tempting rolls.

Bow down to **The Duchess** in Pleasanton. The cosmopolitan menu has a European flair, and includes entrées such as risotto with black truffle, mushrooms and English peas, and brown butter shrimp lobster ravioli.

HOT SPOTS

Dublin's **Berevino** specializes in old-world Italian cuisine; it's a great place to have a romantic dinner or sip reds and nosh pizza with a big group of friends.

The team behind Forbes Mill Steakhouse has found inspiration in the ocean with **Tides** in downtown Danville. The menu includes oysters, whole fish dishes and aquatic-themed



Tides

COURTESY OF TIDES



cocktails. Try the perfectly tender King Ora Salmon or well-spiced crab cakes. Newer to the neighborhood is **Isola Osteria**, a Railroad Avenue spot that crackles with the Sicilian-infused buzz of its owner, Angelo D'Alo. Menu items rotate with the seasons, but you'll always find good energy.

Celebrity chef Sanjeev Kapoor offers outstanding gastronomic tours of India at **The Yellow Chilli** in Danville and **The Essence—Redefining Indian Food** in Livermore. The restaurants exude an elegant atmosphere, and the food is equally noteworthy. For small plates and craft cocktails, don't be afraid of **The Black Cat** in Livermore, or try **Revel Kitchen & Bar** in Danville. The upscale tavern has been a smash with city sophisticates and features bar bites as well as heartier entrées and can't-miss desserts.

Sabio on Main, recognized by the Michelin Guide, has become a go-to spot in Pleasanton thanks to its delectable dishes and large bar. Treat yourself to chef Francis Hogan's tasting menu for the ultimate dining experience. Hogan and his partners also recently opened **Crush'd Wine Bar + Kitchen** in Danville, with a seasonal menu featuring local food purveyors and 24 wines on tap.

Elia is another stylish eatery in Pleasanton. The restaurant's thoughtful takes on Mediterranean favorites such as grilled octopus and moussaka are served on the spacious patio or in the open, airy dining room that feels as refreshing as a breeze from the Aegean Sea.

Tucked into Livermore's downtown district, **Sons of Liberty Alehouse** stands out. The menu is typical of gastropubs, but the execution is a cut above—with main courses that include some unusual complementary sides and take full advantage of seasonal ingredients.

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THE TRI-VALLEY IS AN AWARD-WINNING DINING DESTINATION.

The exceptional culinary scene has earned recognition at the highest levels. Recent accolades include California Michelin Guide ratings for **Sabio on Main** in Pleasanton and **Range Life** in Livermore (the latter received a Bib Gourmand distinction).

Sabio on Main also received a *Wine Spectator* Award of Excellence in 2024, as did Livermore's Posada Alta Cocina and Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard.

Sample the best cuisine that the area has to offer during **Taste Tri-Valley Restaurant Week**, held February 21–March 2, 2025. The annual 10-day spectacular includes foodie events and deals at the Tri-Valley's top restaurants, wineries and breweries.

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IN GOOD TASTE

CHEF FRANCIS HOGAN CRAFTS A PERFECT RECIPE FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND CULINARY ARTISTRY.

Francis Hogan knows how to think big. Not only does the chef behind Sabio on Main (and soon-to-open sports bar Pivot) in Pleasanton and Crush'd Wine Bar + Kitchen in Danville draw inspiration from his world travels, he also prioritizes sustainability in his restaurants.

Sabio on Main has been a dining destination in the Tri-Valley for nearly a decade, earning Michelin Guide and *Wine Spectator* recognition; it was also named a Good Food 100 Restaurant for its commitment to both social/environmental responsibility and culinary craftsmanship.

That dual purpose is uniquely spotlighted at Crush'd, which features regionally sourced ingredients and 24 wines on tap. "By getting wines on tap, you can enjoy them at the proper temperature, with minimal oxygen exposure or light mishandling—which can deteriorate the wine," says Hogan. The tap system also cuts down on waste, keeping corks, wires and glass out of the landfill. "The environmental impact is dramatically different when you compare traditional wine service out of a bottle to that out of a recycled keg."

Hogan and his partners leaned on relationships built at Sabio over the years to partner with wineries on exclusive keg offerings. Such long-term collaborations are reflected in Crush'd's menu of small plates, tartines and artisan cheese and meat boards using ingredients from California purveyors such as Livermore olive ranch, Olivina. "Working with these small producers allows us to get our hands on what we feel are top-tier products that haven't been industrialized," says Hogan.

The access that Tri-Valley restaurants have to such exceptional, locally sourced ingredients is a major draw for visitors, according to Hogan. "We have incredible cities with awesome culture, and we are in an area that is robust with natural products. You can taste the freshness in our food."

PLAY IT COOL

SAMPLE THE TREATS ON THE TRI-VALLEY ICE CREAM TRAIL.

- > Start your tour at Danville's **Lottie's Creamery**. The locally based sweetshop serves ice cream made in-house from fresh, seasonal ingredients. Look for cool treats in creative flavors such as milk tea and biscuits, pear prosecco sorbet, tiramisu toffee crunch and honey peanut butter brickle. Sundaes, ice-cream cakes and floats are also on the tempting menu.

- > Pleasanton's **Almare Gelato** makes its gelato fresh in-store every day, providing exceptional scoops in traditional flavors such as pistachio, amaretto and vanilla bean. Founder Alberto Malvestio, a native of Treviso in Northern Italy, created Almare's more unusual offerings including toasted almond and caramelized figs and lavender and fresh blueberries.

- > For a spot promising the "finest all-natural ice cream in the world," visit **Kwality Ice Cream** in Dublin, where specialties include eggless ice-cream cakes, sugar-free scoops, and kulfi (an Indian frozen dessert) in flavors such as kesari *pista* (think pistachio with a touch of saffron) and mango. You can also try cassata: three layers of ice cream topping a slice of sponge cake.

- > Dig into old-fashioned treats at **Loard's** in Livermore. The creamery has been scooping up cones since 1950, and proudly proclaims it hasn't changed its ice cream recipe during those 70-plus years. Flavors run the gamut from traditional—chocolate, vanilla and butter brickle—to slightly more modern takes such as ube, sea salt caramel and green tea.

- > Take a drive to Pleasanton's iconic **Meadowlark Dairy**, California's first certified dairy. Founded in the early 1900s, it is a nostalgic throwback to the days of local milk shops. Try a cone of Meadowlark's signature soft serve ice cream, and stay tuned for a new location in Livermore opening this year.



TREAT YOURSELF RIGHT



To satisfy a different kind of sweet tooth, stop by Livermore's **Wingen Bakery**, and pick up a fig pop tart or orange-spiced coffee cake. For more decadent delicacies, visit **Old Towne Danville Bakery**. This long-standing shop does everything from cakes to cookies. A more recent Danville option is **Maison Benoit**, where you'll find French desserts, pastries and breads. Excellent éclairs, cannolis and macarons are some of the European goodies at **Primrose Bakery** in Pleasanton. Or head to Dublin bakery **Tous les Jours**, which serves up slices of cake that are so aesthetically pleasing it's difficult to eat them. But not too difficult, because they taste even better than they look.



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WINE COUNTRY: BY THE NUMBERS

40+: Number of Livermore Valley wineries

142: Number of years that Wente Vineyards has been in business

1840s: Decade in which Robert Livermore planted the region's first commercial vines

1889: Year a California wine first bested French offerings at the Paris Exposition, when Livermore's Cresta Blanca Winery was awarded the highest honor

1936: Year the first chardonnay varietal came from Wente Vineyards

1961: Year the first petite sirah varietal came from Concannon Vineyard

1982: Year the Livermore Valley AVA was formed

OVER 80%: Percentage of cabernet stems that can be traced back to Concannon Clones 7, 8 and 11

\$25-\$30: Average tasting fee at Livermore Valley tasting rooms

1st: Wente Vineyards is home to the world's first fully electric tractor from Monarch



WINNER'S CIRCLE

SOME OF THE MANY AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS EARNED BY LIVERMORE VALLEY WINES.

The wines of Livermore Valley have a long history of making their mark, starting with Cresta Blanca Winery taking the grand prize at the Paris Exposition in 1889 (see sidebar for additional Livermore Valley wine facts).

The Livermore Valley brought home 201 awards from the 2024 *San Francisco Chronicle* Wine Competition, the largest competition of North American wines in the world. Las Positas Vineyards was named the Best White Wine Sweepstakes Winner for its 2023 verdelho. Almost Famous Wine Company, Darcie Kent Estate Winery and Wine Without Borders got Best of Class awards, while Livermore Valley AVA members earned 26 double gold and 57 gold awards.

AMONG THE OTHER HONORS RECEIVED BY THE LIVERMORE VALLEY AVA:

- > **Rodrigue Molyneaux Winery** earned gold for its pinot gris, nebbiolo and Italian blend varietal at the Los Angeles International Wine Competition.
- > **McGrail Vineyards** received double gold for its merlot and gold for its cabernet sauvignon at the 2024 Pacific Rim International Wine Competition.
- > **Wood Family Vineyards** and **Garré Vineyard & Winery** took home Best of Class awards in the 2024 International Women's Wine Competition, while **McGrail Vineyards** and **Rosa Fierro Cellars** were named gold winners.



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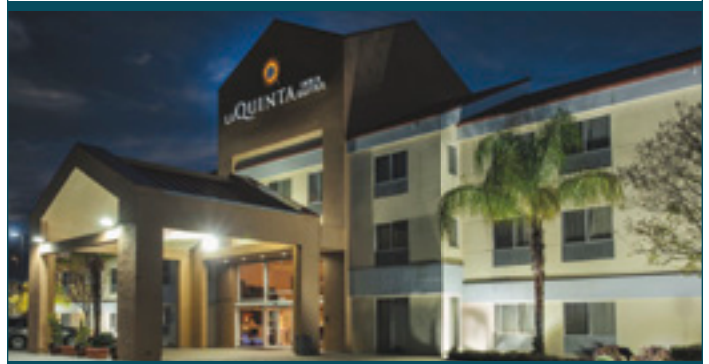
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Wente Vineyards has been a family affair since German immigrant Carl Wente first purchased land in the Livermore Valley in 1883; in fact, it is the oldest continuously operated family winery in the United States.

Now, the fifth generation of Wente winegrowers are helping guide the business into the future. Besides Chief Operating Officer and Chief Winemaker Karl Wente, the contemporary Wente leaders are primarily women, including Chairman of the Board Christine Wente, Vice President of Marketing and Experiences Aly Wente, Brand Manager of Murrieta's Well Jordan Wente, and Director of Vineyard Operations Niki Wente.

Niki, who got her start in the industry as a harvest intern at age 14, says the entire family is committed to cementing Wente's place in Livermore Wine Country.

"We want Wente to continue to be a wine-focused business that celebrates quality in the bottle and is a great place to work for years to come," she says.

One of the biggest advantages of such a deep-rooted business is the wealth of long-term employees at Wente Vineyards. "It's so rewarding working with people who are dedicated to making wonderful wine and being stewards of the earth," says Niki.

Environmental stewardship is a top priority for Wente Vineyards, and for Niki, whose primary responsibility is agricultural operations. "It's so important to think sustainably if we want to be around for another 140 years—to be an efficient business that is supporting better practices for the earth," she says.

Another primary focus is the Livermore Valley visitor experience.

"Not only do we have amazing wines and a range of varietals, the wineries here are so warm and welcoming," says Niki. "I'm really proud to be part of the Livermore wine community."

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Niki Wente

A GUIDE TO HOPPINESS

From Danville to Livermore, the Tri-Valley's microbreweries, taprooms and gastropubs offer the latest and greatest in beer. But with so many bars and taps to sample, how do you choose? Not to worry—here's a handy guide to help you get your drink on.



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BEER BITES

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- > **Beer Baron Whiskey Bar & Kitchen** / Beer Baron's Pleasanton location has a robust menu for lunch and dinner, as well as weekend brunch. Pick from its rotation of craft beers to go with a yummy order of tacos or fish and chips. beerbaronbar.com

- > **BottleTaps** / This is more than just a craft-brew taproom; it's a beer education center. Run by Eric Wall, the only certified beer judge in Pleasanton, the upscale joint offers a variety of beers on tap—as well as wine, mead, cider and bottled/canned brews—that pair nicely with tapas. bottletaps.com

- > **Danville Brewing Co.** / Nosh on well-executed burgers, sandwiches, bowls and hearty entrées. The food is complemented by Danville Brewing's craft brews, including its award-winning blonde ale. danvillebrewing.com

- > **Dust Bowl Brewing Company** / The Livermore taproom serves drafts from its 30-tap tower, while an on-site food truck dishes up nachos, burgers, flatbreads and more. dustbowlbrewing.com

- > **First Street Alehouse** / This Livermore alehouse is the locals' go-to spot for drinking and dining, with an array of sandwiches, burgers and beers on tap. Admire the wall of 6,000 rare beer cans, the country's largest public collection. firststreetalehouse.com

- > **Gilman Brewing Company** / This Pleasanton taproom promises "exceptional beer without the attitude." The award-winning beers, produced in Gilman's West Berkeley brewery, make a satisfying pairing with the classic Detroit-style pizzas on offer here; vegetarian and vegan pies are also available. gilmanbrew.com

- > **The Growler** / Featuring 20 rotating taps of local craft brews, this Danville bar and restaurant specializes in mouthwatering burgers, along with other tempting fare. growlerpubdanville.com

- > **Hop DeVine Craft Cocktails & Grubbery** / With some 20 beers on tap and a menu of crowd-pleasers (think chicken sandwiches, fresh salads, and pretzel bites), Livermore's Hop DeVine is the perfect place for a casual bite in a friendly atmosphere. hopdevine.net



WHAT'S ON TAP

MAKE A TOAST TO THESE WELCOMING BREWERIES AND MICROBREWERIES.

- > **Altamont Beer Works** / This long-standing microbrewery jump-started Livermore's beer scene. Try the Mac Drizzle golden ale, or go extreme with Hella Hoppy IPA. For easy drinking, look for the Humm Baby pale ale when it is on tap. altamontbeerworks.com

- > **Canyon Club Brewery** / A new entry to the Danville scene, Canyon Club is home to an outdoor beer garden and innovative beers brewed on-site. canyonclub.getbento.com/location-3

- > **Danville Brewing Co.** / Danville Brewing Co. features its own award-winning beers, along with guest taps from other regional breweries. danvillebrewing.com

- > **Homegrown Hops Brewing Company** / The original site in Livermore has bocce courts, cornhole, live music and picnic tables; there is also a taproom in downtown Livermore. homegrownhopsbeer.com

- > **INC 82 Brewing** / This Dublin hot spot pays homage to local history in its decor and moniker (the city was incorporated in 1982), as well as serving great beers. inc82.com

- > **Main St. Brewery** / Grab a pint at this Pleasanton favorite that offers multiple house beers along with guest taps, wine and cocktails. mainstbrewery.com

- > **Rivers End Brewing Company** / Freshness is on tap at this Livermore brewery that crafts small-batch suds. riversendbrewing.beer

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HERE FOR THE BEER

DANVILLE BREWING CO. HEAD BREWER MATT SAGER CELEBRATES BEER-MAKING IN THE TRI-VALLEY.

Although the Tri-Valley is known for its top-quality wines, the area is also a hot spot for top-quality craft brews. "The East Bay beer scene is the best beer scene in California, including the up-and-coming Tri-Valley," says Matt Sager.

And he would know. Sager has been the head brewer at Danville Brewing Co. in downtown since the restaurant and brewery debuted on Railroad Avenue in 2016. The establishment quickly became a popular destination, beloved by locals and visitors drawn to its robust food menu and award-winning beers.

Now, Sager and Danville Brewing owners Marcus Maita and Randy Negi are planning a second location in Pleasanton (the opening date is still TBD) that will include a 30-barrel production facility, taproom and beer garden.

"We realized early on that we had outgrown our space; we didn't have the capacity to brew enough beer to satisfy everyone who wanted it," says Sager. "The new facility will allow us to produce more of our core beers, but also play around with styles we can't do with only four fermenters at the current location. My assistant brewer, Sebastian Broemel, and I are always evolving our recipes, and I am really excited to dive into this next phase of Danville Brewing."

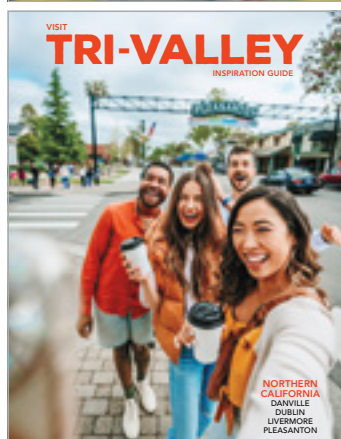
Another appealing aspect of the Pleasanton expansion is its proximity to Livermore stalwarts such as Altamont Beer Works.

"The brewing industry here is awesome. It is less of a competition and more of a fellowship. We help each other out," says Sager. "We'll continue to brew stylistically clean, fantastic beers in the hopes we can attract more people and more breweries to our area."



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WAKE-UP CALL

ENERGIZE YOUR DAY WITH A JAUNT ALONG THE TRI-VALLEY CAFFEINE TRAIL.

If your ideal way to start the morning—or finish up the afternoon—is with a cup of coffee, the Tri-Valley Caffeine Trail is for you. See the list of participating coffee shops and upload photos from five stops at VisitTriValley.com to earn a Tri-Valley mug—all while enjoying tasty snacks, savory teas or the perfect cup of joe along the trail. Here are five not-to-be-missed cafés.

- > **Boba Bliss** / Dublin's Boba Bliss uses high-quality Stumptown Coffee Roasters beans and organic tea to create its beverages. With ingredients such as honey boba and lychee jelly, its drinks are palate-pleasers.
- > **The Press** / At the ever-popular Press (with locations in Livermore and Pleasanton), you'll find meticulously crafted paninis, salads and more, all made with fresh, seasonal and organic ingredients. The drinks menu features excellent coffee beverages, tea and lemonade.
- > **Rosetta Roasting** / "Great coffee runs in our blood," claim the proprietors of Livermore-based Rosetta Roasting, and their handcrafted, high-quality coffee drinks prove it's true. Not only does the café serve flavor-packed beverages made with time-tested techniques, but it's also the place to find creative "latte art" gracing your cup.
- > **Sideboard Neighborhood Kitchen and Coffee Bar** / Danville's Sideboard serves up breakfast, lunch and dinner in a relaxed, homey environment. Enjoy an artful espresso drink made from Sightglass beans or a cup of green tea, and pair your beverage with a fresh beignet (weekends only).
- > **Cafe Tapioca** / Cool down with iced tapioca drinks, milk teas and fruit slushies in a wide variety of fabulous flavors at this casual Dublin spot.

FREE SPIRITED

THREE ZERO-PROOF WAYS TO ENJOY WINE COUNTRY.

1. HIT THE BEER TRAIL WITHOUT THE BUZZ.

Get check-ins on your mobile passport with drinks that have an ABV of less than 1%. **Danville Brewing Co.** has a sparkling hop water, a whiskey sour and an espresso martini among its no-alcohol options. Pleasanton's **BottleTaps** carries kombucha on draft and in bottles (plus, sodas and lemonade), while **First Street Alehouse** in Livermore offers nonalcoholic beers from Athletic Brewing Co.

2. TASTE TOP QUALITY WINES.

Las Positas Vineyards serves Minima, a nonalcoholic wine that is on par with its award-winning wines and is available as a white and a red blend.

3. HAVE A BOOZE-FREE BRUNCH.

Danville Harvest is known for its brunch. Complement your meal with zero-proof drinks such as Cue the Mint and Apple a Day.

Celebrate a free-spirited meal at any time of the day, with tempting craft mocktails on the menu at dozens of Tri-Valley restaurants.





TIME OUT

The Tri-Valley's wealth of recreational activities and sporting events (such as the long-running Scottish Highland Gathering and Games), plus its variety of retail outlets and choices for culture lovers, make staying inside not only silly, but a crime against nature.

GET A MOVE ON

The Tri-Valley promises exceptional landscapes and recreational opportunities for every skill level. Whether you travel by bike, golf cart or your own two feet, head to the great outdoors to explore the region's natural wonders.

TRI-VALLEY: 3 WAYS

1. THE COUCH POTATO (EASY)

At Livermore's **Lake Del Valle**—the focal point of **Del Valle Regional Park** and an angler's delight—you can reel in trout, striped bass and catfish, or just contemplate the water, sky and hills. Rent a canoe or motorboat for fishing, or cast from shore—just make sure to get a fishing permit from the park. ebparks.org/parks/del_valle

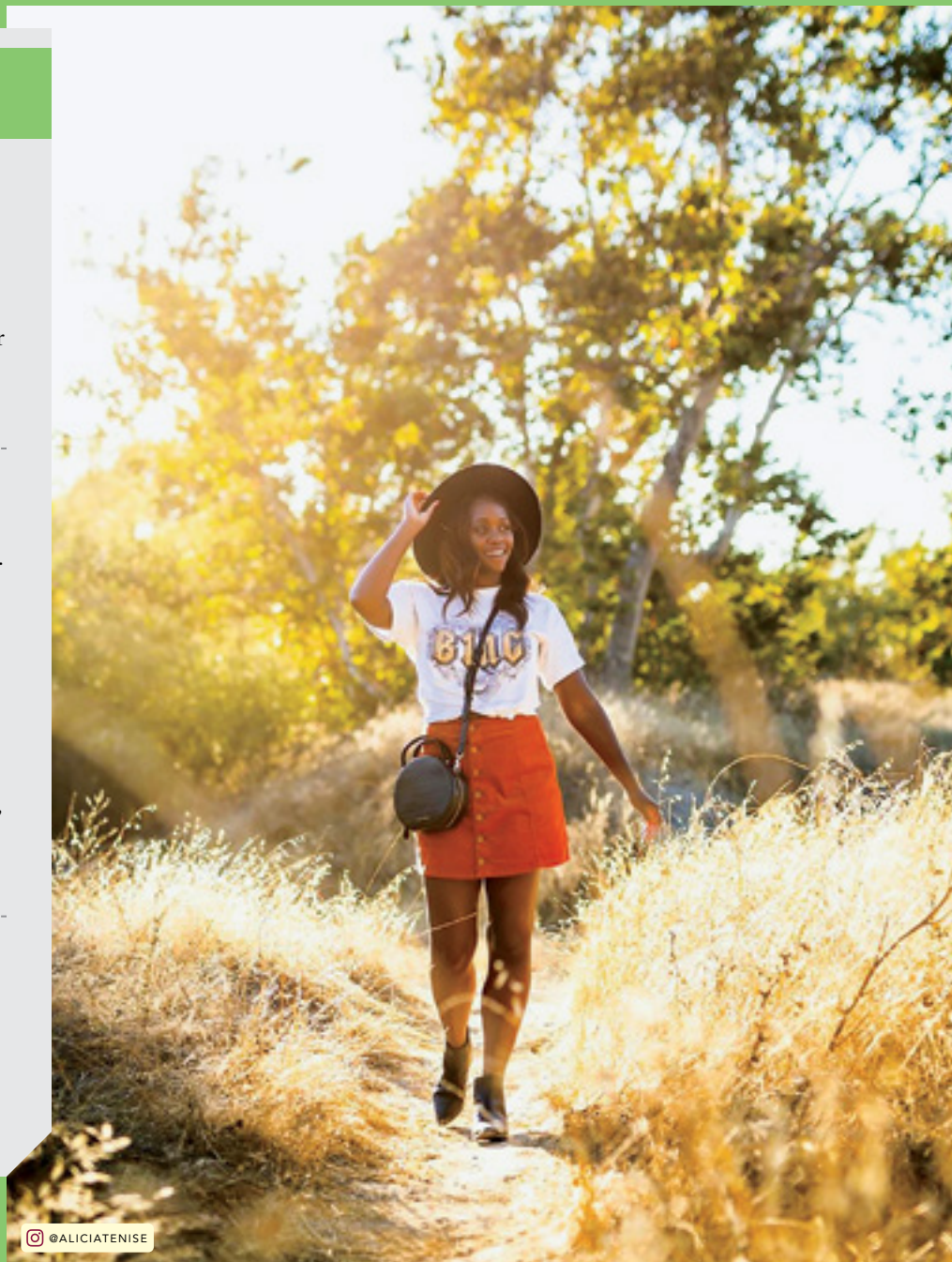
2. THE WEEKEND WARRIOR (MODERATE)

The views from atop **Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park** are breathtaking—literally. The hike from the Foothill Staging Area, located just off Interstate 680, up to the Thermalito Trail and the Ridgeline Trail is a bit of a climb but worth the sweat. The Castleridge Trailhead allows for exploration of the northern ridgeline of the park—after a steep climb, of course. ebparks.org/parks/Pleasanton

For those who prefer aquatic activities, you can skim over Lake Del Valle on a rented stand-up paddleboard (from \$20). outbackadventures.com

3. THE SUPERMAN (CHALLENGING)

Hike to the summit of **Mount Diablo** for a pulse-quickenning workout. Start at Curry Point in Blackhawk, and take the Curry Canyon Trail for a strenuous 5.4-mile hike that provides magnificent views of the Tri-Valley the whole way. parks.ca.gov/mountdiablo



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The Course at Wente Vineyards

GREAT GREENS

GET YOUR GAME ON AT DISTINCTIVE TRI-VALLEY GOLF COURSES.

If you want a round with a view, it's hard to beat **The Course at Wente Vineyards** in Livermore. Grapevines and oak-dotted hills flank the Greg Norman-designed course, where golfers encounter plenty of challenges and thrills. Overlooking the tricky 18th hole, The Grill has a casual menu and full bar. wentevineyards.com/golf

For more great risk/reward play, head to the back nine at Pleasanton's **Callippe Preserve Golf Course**. The greens are complex, so be sure to treat yourself with a visit to the Vista Restaurant, which offers sandwiches, burgers and a view of the surrounding nature preserve. playcallippe.com

Rees Jones designed the gorgeous **Poppy Ridge** on 3,000 acres in Livermore, with a driving range and nine-hole course. Afterward, take in the scenery over lunch at The Grill. poppyridgegolf.com

The nine-hole course at **Pleasanton Golf Center** at the Alameda County Fairgrounds is suited to all abilities and budgets. Perfect your swing at the facility's nearby driving range and recharge at the clubhouse, which serves salads, sandwiches and beverages. pleasantongolfcenter.com

With 9- and 18-hole options, **Las Positas Golf Course** in Livermore promises both challenge and fun. Its signature hole nine is a dogleg left par 4 measuring 427 yards. Cool down after the game at the course's lively and family-oriented Beeb's Sports Bar & Grill. laspositasgolfcourse.com

With lots of par 3s, **Dublin Ranch Golf Course** is a shorter course that is long on interest, supplying a few surprises as well as great wraparound views. At the course's snack bar, order burgers, sandwiches, nibbles and a selection of beverages. dublinranchgolf.com

LIFE CYCLE

ENJOY THE AREA'S RUSTIC BEAUTY ON TWO WHEELS.

IRON HORSE REGIONAL TRAIL

The 20-foot-wide paved trail is a flat, easy ride that goes through Danville, Dublin and Pleasanton. If you want added speed, zip along the trail on a ride from Pedego Electric Bikes in Livermore.

DEL VALLE REGIONAL PARK

For spectacular lakeside vistas and trails of varying difficulty, head to Del Valle Regional Park. Try the out-and-back ride along the east side of the lake for a route with challenging climbs and exhilarating dips.

MOUNT DIABLO STATE PARK

For off-road enthusiasts, Mount Diablo State Park offers a handful of mountain biking trails, featuring steep hills, thrilling descents and the Diablo sunflower—a rare indigenous plant. Make sure to visit Rock City and the wind caves.

Check out VisitTriValley.com for self-guided bike routes and information on bike rentals.



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ENGAGING EXPERIENCES

These museums and education centers will spark a sense of wonder about the past, present and future.

BLACKHAWK MUSEUM

The main event at this Danville establishment is a rotating fleet of iconic cars. Other sections spotlight the Old West, China's rich history, a collection of fine makeup compacts and African art; the *World of Nature* exhibit focuses on the planet's diverse species and ecosystems. blackhawkmuseum.org

DUBLIN CAMP PARKS MILITARY HISTORY CENTER

This museum-quality history center offers visitors the opportunity to learn about the Camp Parks military base that helped transform Dublin from a rural community into the dynamic city it is today. dublin.ca.gov/1916

DUBLIN HERITAGE PARK & MUSEUMS

Clustered on 10 acres, a Craftsman house, a simple white church, a school-house and a cemetery tell the story of the Tri-Valley in the 1800s and early 1900s. In the school, interactive exhibits reflect the region's history, and a playhouse allows for make-believe. Walking tours, enhanced by the recent

addition of an Otocast audio guide, provide insights into Dublin's past. dublin.ca.gov/269

EUGENE O'NEILL NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Eugene O'Neill, the only American playwright to win a Nobel Prize, reached the peak of his powers at Danville's Tao House, which he built on 158 bucolic acres in 1937 and where he lived through 1944. Here, he wrote *Long Day's Journey into Night* and *The Iceman Cometh*, among other masterworks. Tao House is now a museum where you can view O'Neill's desk, manuscripts and photos; in September, the Eugene O'Neill Festival presents exciting live performances. nps.gov/euon, eugeneoneill.org





Above: Danville resident Eugene O'Neill with his dog, Blemie, in 1931.
Right: Learn about local history at Museum on Main in Pleasanton.



LAWRENCE LIVERMORE NATIONAL LABORATORY DISCOVERY CENTER

The Discovery Center introduces visitors to the inner workings of the famed Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Enjoy on-site exhibits such as a replica of the National Ignition Facility target chamber, a look at the lab's efforts to safeguard nuclear weapons in the United States and an energy bike demonstrating the amount of pedaling needed to power a light bulb. llnl.gov/community-education/discovery-center

MUSEUM SRV

Visitors to this restored 1891 Danville train depot can learn about the history of the San Ramon Valley—including the lives of early Native Americans, Gold Rush settlers and their successors. The museum also features a rotation of more contemporary exhibits. museumsrv.org

MUSEUM ON MAIN

Delve into Pleasanton's past with artifacts and images of the Ohlone people, Spanish and Anglo settlers, World War II's expanding population, and today's dwellers. Rotating exhibitions add layers of historical depth, while a kids' corner provides hands-on activities. Additionally, the museum hosts free walking tours during the summer and early fall and the annual Ghost Walk, showcasing the town's most haunted sites every Halloween. museumonmain.org

CAR TALK

CELEBRATING CLASSIC RIDES IN THE TRI-VALLEY.

DANVILLE LIVERY CARS & COFFEE

Join other auto enthusiasts for this monthly car meetup (held at the Danville Livery shopping center on the first and third Friday of every month from 8:30-10 a.m.). danvillelivery.com/media-alerts/carsandcoffee

GOODGUYS ROD & CUSTOM ASSOCIATION

At Pleasanton's Alameda County Fairgrounds, the Goodguys Rod & Custom Association presents two Get-Togethers and the West Coast Nationals during the year. More than 3,000 hot rods, custom cars and muscle cars are on hand, along with lowrider displays, award contests and a kids' zone. good-guys.com

HOT SUMMER SUNDAYS CAR SHOW

In September, Danville welcomes the Hot Summer Sundays Car Show. Hundreds of classic cars and cool hot rods pull into town for this fun community event. dhsscs.com



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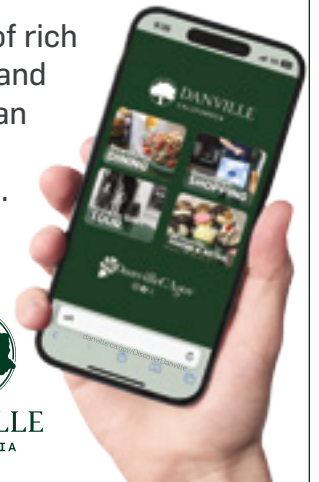
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www.danville.ca.gov/discoverdanville

JUST THE TICKET

The stage is set in the Tri-Valley, with a rich performing arts scene that includes theater, comedy, music, dance and more.

ONSTAGE AND ON VIEW

The **Bankhead Theater** brings some 40 to 60 touring artists to Livermore each year. The lineup includes dance troupes, award-winning singers, comedians and other performers. The **Bothwell Arts Center** also showcases themed art exhibitions. livermorearts.org

The **Village Theatre** in Danville presents classic plays (think Shakespeare) and more modern works, as well as music and children's theater. danville.ca.gov/226/Village-Theatre

In Pleasanton, the state-of-the-art entertainment venue **Firehouse Arts Center** spotlights musicals and comedy, as well as jazz, folk and other music genres, from big names and local stars. Visitors shouldn't miss the **Harrington Gallery**, which typically features five group exhibitions per year from local and regional artists. firehousearts.org

AT THE WINERIES

The play's always the thing at the summertime Shakespeare in the Vineyard program from the **Shakespeare & Performing Arts Regional Company**; capping an evening of comedy with a glass of chardonnay at Livermore's Darcie Kent Estate Winery is a not-to-be-missed experience. Music lovers: Discover up-and-coming bands at **Almost Famous Wine Company** lounge in Livermore, and enjoy musical events at area wineries throughout the year (find out more at VisitTriValley.com). sparctheater.org, almostfamouswine.com

Its comedy program puts the "laff" in Retzlaff Vineyards. Fans can picnic and watch the Livermore winery's **Comedy Uncorked** summer shows; live music buffs come for a concert calendar that extends through the fall. comedyuncorked.com, retzlaffvineyards.com

AT THE MOVIES

Livermore's **Vine Cinema and Alehouse** is one of the best date-night spots in the Tri-Valley. The theater screens first-run, classic and indie films. For a thrilling IMAX experience, head to **Regal Hacienda Crossings** in Dublin. vinecinema.com, regmovies.com

AT THE PARKS

Enjoy the sounds of summer at free concert series in several Tri-Valley towns, including ones at **Emerald Glen Park** in Dublin, the **Town Green** in Danville and **Lions Wayside Park** in Pleasanton. dublin.ca.gov, danville.ca.gov, pleasantondowntown.net

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The Bankhead Theater hosts a variety of acts, including Yamato, a mesmerizing Japanese taiko drumming group.



Scan this code to access The Vibe's year-round look at cultural events.



SHOP TALK

From high-end outlets to malls to charming boutiques, the area offers many opportunities for retail therapy.

With 180-plus stores, **San Francisco Premium Outlets**, located in Livermore, takes some time to navigate. But when exploring, savvy shoppers can find great deals on luxury lines. Options run from the trendy (Rag & Bone) to traditional (Brooks Brothers), upscale (Armani) to basic (Gap). And though the majority of shops lean high-end, popular bargain spots rub elbows with the grander brands.

Gems like Kate Spade supply color and sophistication in women's accessories and jewelry; from playful purses to signature watches, the store provides a multitude of quirky options. Just a few steps away is Burberry, where beautifully tailored coats line the walls and an array of handbags shows off the brand's iconic tartan. At Gucci, the glam factor is evident in everything from ready-to-wear apparel to accessories.

Do your tastes tend toward expensive footwear? Then walk this way. Purchase a sweet pair of Jimmy Choos, and strut down the street like it's your personal runway. Or go for the eye-catching designs in bold colors at the Prada outlet.

If shopping whets your appetite (or in celebration of National Outlet Shopping Day every June), stop in at one of the 15 outlet eateries, from Johnny Rockets to Subway. Or head to the Pacific Pearl shopping center nearby. This hub boasts 26 dining spots, many with an Asian cuisine focus. Notable are Japanese chain Kura, which serves dozens of different sushi rolls on a revolving belt, and Fiery Shanghai, which promises to light up your taste buds with Szechuan and Shanghai cuisine. premiumoutlets.com/outlet/san-francisco, shoppacificpearl.com

Check out VisitTriValley.com for our shopping trail at the outlets.



Left: Explore the one-of-a-kind goods at Danville's Cottage Jewel. **Above:** San Francisco Premium Outlets features more than 180 stores.



Chic shops such as Whim House in Danville are great for gifts—for yourself and others.

GETTING THE GOODS

CONSIDER THE NATIONAL RETAILERS AT STONERIDGE SHOPPING CENTER IN PLEASANTON, OR STROLL THESE TRI-VALLEY STREETS FOR ONE-OF-A-KIND FINDS.

- > **Danville's Hartz Avenue** cuts through historic downtown with a wealth of charming shops. Even if you don't have much of a sweet tooth, Sweet Street is worth a visit for the eye candy alone. Whim House features a curated selection of contemporary home goods, while Cottage Jewel has vintage and antique accessories and curios. For high-quality CBD and hemp products, visit America's Finest Hemp Co.

- > **Main Street in downtown Pleasanton** is a treasure trove of singular shops. Check out Primm boutique, which specializes in boho-chic clothing for women. Therapy Stores stocks funky, stylish home goods and gifts. Stop by locally owned bookstore Towne Center Books for literary needs.

- > **Dublin's Hacienda Crossings** on Dublin Boulevard is anchored by a giant Regal cinemas building with multiple screens, including an IMAX. Hit the larger stores like Old Navy and Barnes & Noble, then grab a bite before capping off your outing at the movies.

- > **First Street in Livermore** is all about boutiques stocked with items locals love. Don't miss the Olive Oil Pantry and Tasting Room, which is a great place to sample top-quality infused olive oils and balsamic vinegars in a wide variety of flavors. Pop into First Street Wine Company to taste and purchase vino from the Livermore Valley wine region.

FARMERS MARKET FINDS

SHOP FOR FRESH PRODUCE AND LOCALLY CRAFTED TREATS AT FARMERS MARKETS THROUGHOUT THE TRI-VALLEY.

DANVILLE

Grab your market bag; head to downtown Danville; and fill up on delicious apples, berries and farm-fresh veggies. For some top-notch proteins, make sure to stop at North Bay Quality Seafood or Prather Ranch; or grab a freshly brewed cup of joe at Zolo Coffee Roasters. Held year-round, Saturdays, 9 a.m.–1 p.m., 205 Railroad Ave. pcfma.org/danville

DUBLIN

Emerald Glen Park hosts farmers, bakers and falafel makers (along with many other food purveyors) from April through September. Groove to tribute bands and other fun, fabulous acts while you shop, thanks to the free Summer Concert Series held from June to August. Thursdays, 6–8 p.m., 4201 Central Pkwy. pcfma.org/dublin

LIVERMORE

There's not one but two options for agricultural discoveries, live entertainment and good eats in Livermore. The year-round farmers market is held on South J St. in downtown on Sundays, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. The Thursday Night Farmers Market takes place in Carnegie Park (located at 2115 Third St.), 4–8 p.m., from April to October. livermorefarmersmarket.org

PLEASANTON

You'll discover regional delights such as honey, jams, olive oil, baked goods and handcrafted cheese, along with fruits, vegetables and more at this year-round market. Saturdays, 9 a.m.–1 p.m., 46 West Angela St. pcfma.org/pleasanton

IN GOOD COMPANY

From blissful weddings to family reunions to business conferences, the Tri-Valley is the ideal location for special events. Keep that convivial vibe going with spa experiences, wine and beer tastings, golf outings, and other recreational adventures that can turn a one-day happening into a fun-filled trip that inspires memories that last a lifetime.





Left: Enjoy some cow cuddling at the Śrī Surabhi cow sanctuary in Pleasanton. **Below:** Try the Relaxation Massage at Purple Orchid Wine Country Resort & Spa.

TAKE IT EASY

RELAX WITH A WEEKEND OF SHOPPING, SPA TREATMENTS, ANIMAL THERAPY AND A SAMPLING OF LIVERMORE VALLEY'S FINE WINES.

- > Head straight to **Sideboard Neighborhood Kitchen and Coffee Bar** in Danville for a potent cup of joe. Coffee not your speed? Don't worry: They've got mimosas, bellinis and spicy bloody marys, too. sideboard.co

- > Dive into the world of retail at the **San Francisco Premium Outlets** in Livermore—the largest outlet center in Northern California—or shop smaller on Main Street in Pleasanton where you'll find fashion musts at **Primm** or East Prospect Avenue in Danville, where **Flaunt** will help you keep on trend. premiumoutlets.com/outlet/san-francisco, iloveprimm.com, shopflaunt.com

- > Say goodbye to stress and hello to the calming wonders of the **Purple Orchid Wine Country Resort & Spa** in Livermore. Get revitalized with a massage or a signature hydrfacial. purpleorchid.com

- > Chill out at one of the many sporting events in the Tri-Valley, including golf tournaments, the **Livermore Rodeo** in June (the riding-and-roping extravaganza is more than 105 years old), the **Little League Intermediate World Series** (held in Livermore in the summer), and the late-summer **Scottish Highland Gathering and Games** in Pleasanton. A **new multiuse event center**, currently in the works, will be a state-of-the-art facility for premier sports-related happenings in the heart of the Tri-Valley. The center will also host corporate meetings and world-class entertainment events.

livermorerodeo.com, littleleague.org, thescottishgames.com

- > What could be more Zen than a spot of cow cuddling? Pleasanton's **Śrī Surabhi Go Kṣetra** cow sanctuary is home to 22 cows and bulls, available for cuddle therapy. srisurabhi.us

- > Channel your inner Picasso at **Pinot's Palette** in Danville and Livermore. Enjoy stroke-by-stroke instruction, with a glass of sauv blanc in hand. pinotpalette.com/danville, pinotpalette.com/livermore

- > Take in the scenery and tasting flights at the numerous beautiful wineries in Livermore Valley Wine Country. Reserve a spot on the **Livermore Wine Trolley** and sip sans stress. livermorewinetrolley.com

- > If your day has left you craving an evening of live music and libations, head to **Pairings Wine Bar Restaurant** in Pleasanton. The wine bar offers weekend entertainment and perfect wine pairings most of the week. pairingswbr.com

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With outdoor and indoor options of all sizes, these two properties operated by Beets Hospitality Group have the perfect location for any happening.

EVENT CENTER/TERRACE AND VINEYARD LAWNS AT WENTE VINEYARDS

The Spanish-style event center offers a dramatic setting while the Terrace and Vineyard lawns provide open-air options (all have on-site catering).

GOAL LINE STUDIOS

Groups using the top-of-the-line, full-service sound stage can also rent the conference room for meetings.

PURPLE ORCHID WINE COUNTRY RESORT & SPA

Say your vows with the olive orchard and California sunset behind you, then adjourn to the banquet hall for dancing and dining after dark.

REINSTEIN RANCH

Give your occasion a Western vibe. The rustic barn adds intimacy to wedding ceremonies.

RIOS-LOVELL, RETZLAFF, NELLA TERRA CELLARS, OR DEL VALLE WINERIES

These wineries have unique event spaces, such as Rios-Lovell's wedding gazebo, Retzlaff's tree-lined walk, Nella Terra's 74-step stone staircase and Del Valle's barrel room.



BottleTaps

GROUP DYNAMICS

WHETHER YOU WANT AN EVENING WITH FRIENDS OR A TEAM-BUILDING OUTING AFTER A CORPORATE MEETING, THE TRI-VALLEY IS READY TO PROVIDE.

- > Play a round at one of the Tri-Valley's 14 lovely golf courses. Wager a bet at **The Course at Wente Vineyards**—designed by Greg Norman—or flex your mastery on the notorious par-5 No. 18 at **Callippe Preserve Golf Course** in Pleasanton. wentevineyards.com/golf, playcallippe.com
- > Grab your bike and helmet, then pedal to the top of **Mount Diablo State Park** to soak in views of the Sierra Nevada, Lassen Peak and, on a clear day, Yosemite's Half Dome. parks.ca.gov/?page_id=517
- > Auto enthusiasts will find a collection of treasures at the **Blackhawk Museum**. You don't have to be car crazy to Instagram the "rolling sculptures" for instant social media approval. blackhawkmuseum.org
- > Gather some pals, and hit the **Tri-Valley Beer Trail**. Check in at 10 stops with your passport and earn freebies. Keep the party going at **Altamont Beer Works** in Livermore, **BottleTaps** in Pleasanton, **Three Sheets Craft Beer Bar** in Dublin or **The Growler** in Danville. altamontbeerworks.com, bottletaps.com, threesheetscraftbeer.com, growlerpubdanville.com
- > Get ready to throw down at **Da Boccery** in Livermore. In addition to bocce courts (both indoor and out), you'll find shuffleboard, arcade games, cornhole and, yes, axe throwing. Fuel up on pizza, small plates and sandwiches—along with beer, wine and cocktails. daboccery.com
- > Attention, carnivores: Pull over when you see the neon sign for **Hap's Original** in Pleasanton, a New York-style steak house that features dry-aged beef, seafood and handcrafted cocktails. If beer and bites are more your vibe, head to **INC 82 Brewing** in Dublin and indulge in locally made beer, plenty of shareable plates (wings, sliders, fried pickles), and a welcoming neighborhood vibe. hapsoriginal.com, inc82.com



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WHERE TO EAT

DANVILLE

Aozora Danville

Fine Japanese fare with a modern twist. The menu includes rotating specials, rolls and entrées, along with stunning craft cocktails. Sit at the sushi bar and watch the magic happen, or grab a table in the sleek dining room. 820 Sycamore Valley Rd., (925) 272-7818, aozoradanville.com. Lunch and dinner Tues-Sun. 🍷🍷🍷 \$\$\$

Blossom and

Root A charming, approachable vegan dining experience. The Funghi Sando—crispy fried maitake mushrooms slathered with a house-made slaw; sweet, addictive charred chili jam; and pickled jalapeños—is a nice example of the restaurant's mission: to provide a diverse range of satisfying dishes made of natural ingredients that are appealing to vegans and nonvegans alike. 411 Hartz Ave., (925) 854-2059, blossomandrootkitchen.com. Lunch and dinner Wed.-Sun. 🍷🍷 \$\$\$

Blue Line Pizza The signature deep-dish is phenomenal, packing spinach into a buttery cornmeal

crust with feta and a garlicky tomato sauce that seals the deal. Spicy chicken wings don't get any better, and the salads are bold and beautiful. 550 Hartz Ave., 925.362.3295, bluelinepizza.com. Lunch and dinner daily. 🍷🍷🍷🍷 \$\$\$

Blue Sakana

Izakaya House This waterside lounge is a piscine paradise. The sushi is pristine, the rolls imaginative and the entrées are perfectly executed. 3496 Blackhawk Plaza Cir., 925.648.7838, bluesakanablackhawk.com. Lunch and dinner daily. 🍷🍷🍷 \$\$\$

Bridges Restaurant & Bar

Despite its long history, Bridges remains remarkably fresh. Its refined Asian-accented menu shows both creativity (grilled prawn and sesame noodle salad with toasted cashews) and craftsmanship (New York steak with truffle butter). Famous for its scene in the film *Mrs. Doubtfire*, Bridges has a lovely atmosphere (including the garden patio) that is timeless. 44 Church St., 925.820.7200, bridgesdanville.com. Lunch Mon.-Fri., dinner daily, brunch Sat.-Sun. 🍷🍷🍷 \$\$\$

Cielito Cocina

Mexicana With its made-to-order griddled tortillas and Western theme,

Cielito has soul. It also boasts natural light and whimsical furnishings. The food is not cheap, but the upscale tacos are a great value and the meats rock, especially the carne asada and carnitas (try the hash at brunch). If you want a drink, the Diablo margarita is a winner. 445 Railroad Ave., 925.725.4732, cielitodanville.com. Lunch and dinner daily, brunch Sat.-Sun. 🍷🍷🍷 \$\$\$

Cocina Hermanas

Affordable gourmet tacos are reason enough to hit the patio at Cocina Hermanas, but this hacienda's cool bar and inventive platillos principales are equally seductive. 501 Hartz Ave., 925.725.4161, cocinahermanas.com. Lunch and dinner daily. 🍷🍷 \$\$\$

Crumbs

This umbrella-festooned eatery offers hearty American breakfast and lunch standards every day. 428 Railroad Ave., Ste. B, 925.838.8824, crumbsdanville.com. Breakfast and lunch daily. 🍷🍷 \$\$\$

Crush'd Wine Bar + Kitchen

The list of 24 wines on tap at this lovely wine bar in downtown features everything from a German Riesling to a Napa cab. Similarly, the food options designed by chef Francis Hogan present a flexible DIY approach. That's most evident with

the meat-and-cheese boards, where you can mix and match among nine cheeses and eight meats. Other notable menu items include deviled eggs spiked perfectly by smoked salmon and briny trout roe, a Hokkaido scallop crudo that is a work of art, and the heirloom tomato panzanella salad. 312 Railroad Ave., 925.263.2189, crushddanville.com. Lunch and dinner daily. 🍷🍷🍷 \$\$\$

Danville Brewing Co.

With its curved bar and wraparound patio, this restaurant and on-site brewery is a looker. Try one of the grass-fed burgers (the burger with habanero bacon jam is yummy) with one of the 20 on-tap brews. Or cut loose with a craft cocktail and an upscale pub offering, such as honey-licked boneless fried chicken. 200 Railroad Ave., 925.217.4172, danvillebrewing.com. Lunch and dinner daily. 🍷🍷 \$\$\$

Danville Harvest

The country-chic farm-to-table restaurant showcases elevated comfort food with a Southern twang. With a vibrant bar and lounge, and a homey yet stylish dining room, Danville Harvest welcomes all comers. 500 Hartz Ave., 925.362.3665, danvilleharvest.com. Lunch and dinner daily, brunch Sat.-Sun. 🍷🍷 \$\$\$

Key to Symbols

🍷 Cheap (\$10 or less per dinner entrée)

🍷🍷 Inexpensive (\$11-\$17)

🍷🍷🍷 Moderate (\$18-\$24)

🍷🍷🍷🍷 Expensive (more than \$25)

🍷 Wine and beer

🍷 Full bar

🌞 Outdoor dining

P Private room parties of 50 or more

🕒 Late-night dining (service after 10 p.m.)

🐾 Dog-friendly

🐾 Dog-friendly (when seasonal patio is open)

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Esin Restaurant & Bar

It has a reputation for fine dining, but Esin is more of a classy neighborhood bistro, attracting friends and families with its affordable "small" plates and dinner specials. House-made pastas, pot roast, and comforting cakes and pies, along with crisp service and a serious wine list add up to one of Contra Costa County's most consistently excellent restaurants. 750 Camino Ramon, 925.314.0974, esinrestaurant.com. Lunch and dinner daily. 🍷🍷🍷 \$\$\$

Forbes Mill

Steakhouse With its expansive lounge, Forbes feels like a Las Vegas-style steak house. Check

out the white anchovy-dressed Caesar salad, the panko-crust crabcakes and prime New York strip steak. The wine list boasts powerful Napa Valley reds that can stand up to the meat. 200 Sycamore Valley Rd. W., 925.552.0505, www.forbesmillsteakhouse.com. Dinner daily. 🍷🍷🍷 \$\$\$

Incontro Ristorante

A gorgeous patio and a stately dining room are the backdrop to Incontro's soulful Italian menu. Make sure to try the amazing fritto misto. Entrées range from a variety of pastas to scallops, chicken and skirt steak. 455 Hartz Ave., 925.820.2349, incontrodanville.com.



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Lunch Sat., dinner Tues.–Sun., brunch Sun. 🍷🍷🍷🍷

Isola Osteria The salads and antipasti trend toward light, bright and briny with varying textures and refreshing forward flavors. As far as pastas, the porcini ravioli is a standout, and gnocchi lovers will swoon for Isola's version. 100 Railroad Ave., (925) 269-6998, isolaosteria.com. Lunch and dinner Tues.–Sun. 🍷🍷🍷🍷

Locanda Ravello With its genial courtyard and cottage-cum-bar, Locanda Ravello is built for hospitality. Epicurean pizza toppings (porcini, burrata, prosciutto) and plates such as Mamma Carmela's Meatballs represent just two aspects of an extensive menu—with a wine list to match. 172 E. Prospect Ave., 925.984.2101, locandarestaurants.com/danville. Lunch and dinner daily. 🍷🍷🍷🍷

Luna Loca Luna loca is Spanish for crazy moon, but there's nothing crazy about the food here. Traditional specialties shape the menu, with a prominent place held by the chicken, beef, shrimp and vegetarian fajitas. 500 Sycamore Valley

Rd. W., 925.831.3644, lunalocadanville.com. Lunch and dinner daily, brunch Sat.–Sun. 🍷🍷🍷🍷

Norm's Place The menu changes regularly, but staples include traditional comfort food items, including wings, burgers, and ahi tacos, along with fresh salads and sandwiches. Norm's also hosts live music every weekend on its expanded stage. 356 Hartz Ave., 925.552.6676, normsgrille.com. Lunch and dinner Tues.–Sun. 🍷🍷🍷🍷

The Peasant and the Pear Chef Rodney Worth serves smart salads and sandwiches, such as the Sedona: chicken, green chile and provolone. If you go for dinner, don't miss the lamb shank and specialty martinis, such as the signature Pear-tini. The heirloom tomato salad (seasonal) and burrata caprese is also impressive. 111 West Prospect Ave., 925.820.6611, rodneyworth.com. Lunch and dinner daily. 🍷🍷🍷🍷

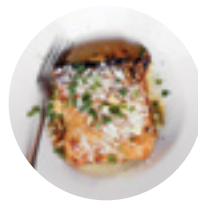
Pete's Brass Rail and Car Wash It's all microbiology and microbrews at Pete's, where there's nobody named Pete and certainly no place to get your wheels washed. No, the headliners here are the burgers and the locals who fill the place with regularity. In summer, there's no better place than Pete's patio—with a cold beer from the impressive rotating selection. 201 Hartz

Ave., 925.820.8281, petesbrassrail.com. Lunch and dinner Tues.–Thurs. 🍷🍷🍷🍷

Piatti Although part of a chain, Piatti is one of the best Californian-Italian restaurants in the Tri-Valley, with dishes such as lemon ravioli, Niman Ranch pork chop and risotto milanese. The grilled flat iron steak is juicy, and the well-trained waitstaff will help you choose a wine to match. 100 Sycamore Valley Rd., 925.838.2082, piatti.com. Lunch and dinner daily. 🍷🍷🍷🍷

Revel Kitchen & Bar Revel is the hipster complement to Curtis and Esin deCarion's stateriel Danville restaurant, Esin. Entrées such as braised short ribs rock, but the menu's thrust is bar snacks and small plates. We loved the garlicky hummus and the shrimp and grits. Desserts, famously homey at Esin, get an upscale twist. 331 Hartz Ave., 925.208.1758, revelkitchenandbar.com. Lunch and dinner daily. 🍷🍷🍷🍷

Sideboard Neighborhood Kitchen and Coffee Bar Order at the counter, select mismatched silverware and wait for delicious dishes to be delivered in a rustic and quirky dining area. The cooking style here might best be described as "grandma gourmet." Favorites include mac and cheese and chicken salad



with Point Reyes blue cheese, bacon and avocado. Great coffee and desserts. 90 Railroad Ave., 925.984.2713, sideboard.co. Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. 🍷🍷🍷🍷

Tides The cocktails, which include two signature punch bowls, trend tropical. On the food menu, the leche de tigre ceviche offered up buttery-tender raw scallops bathed in a creamy coconut sauce. The crab cake is rock-solid. For entrées, the squid-ink pappardelle came with flavorful mussels, baby octopus and cherry tomatoes in a zesty lemon and white wine sauce. The King Ora Salmon arrived perfectly tender, crispy skin side up on a tangle of sautéed mushrooms and pea. 312 Railroad Ave., Ste. A, 925.553.3120, tidesdanville.com. Dinner daily. 🍷🍷🍷🍷

The Yellow Chili The Yellow Chili, offering a greatest-hits gastronomic tour of India, is chef Sanjeev Kapoor's most popular and recognizable brand. The amritsari machchi—a delicious Punjabi spin on British fried fish—arrives on a platter decorated with flowers. The murch angara bedgi—earthy, tandoori-roasted tikka chicken enlivened with bedgi chilies—rests atop a

splash of cool raita yogurt. The kitchen doesn't shy away from standards such as butter chicken. 710 Camino Ramon, 925.272.7595, theyellowchillidanville.com. Lunch and dinner daily. 🍷🍷🍷🍷

Zaya Thai Pantry For starters, the melt-in-your-mouth veggie curry puffs offer impossibly pillowy mashed stuffing within a samosa-like fried puff pastry. The special entrées are where the kitchen really gets a chance to stretch its legs. The tender, marinated Crying Tiger steak was served with an addictive tart dipping sauce. The chicken khao soi (the dish is also offered with an enormous bone-in short rib) delivers an ample, moist chicken leg and hand-cut noodles bathed in a lusciously rich coconut curry. 301 Hartz Ave., Ste. 103, 925.567.9292, zayathai.com. Lunch and dinner daily. 🍷🍷🍷🍷

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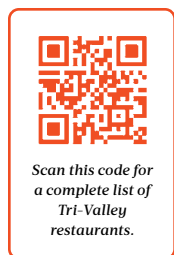
Amakara The longtime neighborhood sushi favorite raised its profile with a swanky new location on Dublin's main drag, adding more dining space, extended hours and a showy kitchen. The food is as good as ever. Creative takes on sushi include the architectural (and Instagrammable) spicy sesame seared-tuna roll: Tempura asparagus spears shoot in various directions, some wrapped with avocado and cucumber inside

the fish- and jalapeño-topped roll. For entrées, ask for the fish of the day, or stick to salmon teriyaki—crispy on the outside, soft inside. 7568 Dublin Blvd., 925.803.8485, eatamakara.com. Lunch and dinner daily. 🍷🍷🍷🍷

Bangkok 101 The space is small but chic, and the kitchen serves authentic yet original dishes prepared in a simple, clean fashion. We love the fried chicken wings, ground chicken sautéed with lemongrass and fried glass noodles with jumbo shrimp. The som tum (papaya salad) is one of many vegetarian dishes on the menu. 7375 Amador Valley Blvd., Ste. 100, 925.828.2133, bangkok101dublin.com. Lunch and dinner daily. 🍷🍷🍷🍷

Burma! Burma! Tucked into an unassuming strip mall is a culinary journey to Myanmar. Start with a traditional tea leaf salad, move on to minted jalapeño chicken with extra heat from sambal chili sauce and wash it all down with a Myanmar Lager. Black sticky rice makes a sweet finish, with brown sugar, coconut milk, condensed milk and a scoop of ice cream. 7294 San Ramon Rd., 925.556.6188, www.burmaburma.com. Lunch and dinner daily. 🍷🍷🍷🍷

Chaat Bhavan Do you want fresh, authentic vegetarian Indian cuisine? Head straight to family-run Chaat Bhavan. The flavorful stir-fried



Hakka noodles are a popular choice, as is the Tandoori Sizzler, made with cheese and vegetables. And make sure to order the house-made samosas, as well as naan, roti or paratha. 4112 Grafton St., 925.829.1700, www.chaatbhavan.com. Lunch and dinner daily. 🍷💰

Demiya Come for an intro to one of Japanese cuisine's under-the-radar comfort food pleasures: curry. Demiya's iteration is robust but silky in texture, with deep, delicious layers. A bowl of curry rice is divided between curry and rice with a protein of your choice. You can't go wrong with panko-breaded chicken or pork katsu. Other curries feature deep-fried burger patties, soft-shell crab, thinly sliced sirloin beef, chicken nuggets and mixed vegetables with mushrooms and spinach. 7477 Village Pkwy., 650.833.8775, demiya.restaurant. Lunch and dinner Tues., Thurs.–Sun. \$\$

Denica's Real Food Kitchen Denica's is the place to go if you have multiple personalities. Part pastry café, part lounge, the eatery serves up just about anything—and does it well. The breakfast menu runs from huevos rancheros to killer cinnamon rolls. (Ask to have yours warmed.) At lunch, look for tasty sandwiches and salads. Order a snickerdoodle to go. 6058 Dougherty Rd., 925.829.6200, denicascafe.com. Breakfast and lunch daily. 🍷🐾\$\$

Egg Happiness Ultra-fluffy scrambled eggs—served in toast, burritos, and croissants—are the transportable go-to at this new hot spot. The biggest draw, however, is the buttery brioche toast, split lengthwise like a pita and stuffed with eggs and cheese. The egg sandwiches are well executed and totally satisfying; add avocado, bulgogi beef, or a salty meat like spicy pork or bacon. Croissant sandwiches offer the same range of ingredients, as do burritos, which also come standard with grilled onion and Tater Tots. 4288 Dublin Blvd., Ste. 113, 925.230.8033, egghappiness.com. Breakfast and lunch Tues.–Sun. \$

Frankie, Johnnie & Luigi Too! This small Bay Area chain is family-friendly and offers standard Italian fare. There's a multitude of pasta courses and specialized pizzas. (Carnivores should sample Tina's Too Too Much, with salami, pepperoni, sausage and linguica.) 11891 Dublin Blvd., 925.828.9380, frankiejohnnieluigidublin.com. Lunch and dinner daily. 🍷🍷💰

Koi Palace With its lush green carpeting, fresh orchids and lily pad motif, this dim sum house is easily one of



the most elegant in the Tri-Valley. We loved the spinach dumplings bursting with steamed greens. Also wonderful: tender pork buns, chewy pot stickers and Chinese broccoli with oyster sauce. And that's just for starters. 4288 Dublin Blvd., Ste. 213, 925.833.9090, koipalace.com. Lunch and dinner Wed.–Mon., brunch Sat.–Sun. 🍷🍷💰

KoJa Kitchen You'll find inventive Asian fusion dishes at KoJa—short for Korean-Japanese. Look for sandwiches on garlic rice buns and rice bowls with tender proteins such as braised pork, short ribs or chicken. Make sure to try the kamikaze waffle fries topped with minced barbecue beef, kimchi, Japanese mayo and green onions. 5252 Dublin Blvd., 925.587.1503, kojakitchen.com. Lunch and dinner daily. \$

Lee's Sandwiches This San Jose food truck turned chain focuses mainly on Asian and European sandwiches. The Vietnamese banh mi is the star, with pickled vegetables and house-made baguettes, available in several varieties. Or get a bowl, with noodles, greens and dressing. Don't miss the surf-and-turf spring rolls or the cannoli stuffed with ricotta and chocolate. 4101 Dublin Blvd., Ste. B, 925.828.8888, leesandwichesdublin.com. Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. \$

Mayflower Restaurant Whether it's stunning pork buns or dazzling shellfish pulled from the live seafood tank, Mayflower presents authentic Cantonese cuisine with style. The seafood dumplings, pork buns and juicy pot stickers are the best bets. Select at least one traditional Cantonese dish, and for familiar fare, try the silky chow fun with slivers of barbecue pork and the ultrafresh lettuce cups. 4086 Grafton St., 925.551.8088. Lunch and dinner daily. 🍷🍷💰

Yanagi Sushi & Grill The contemporary dining room is divided into three sections—a sushi bar, a teppan area and regular booths. We were taken with chicken yakitori skewers and delicate tempura shrimp and veggies. The adventurous should try the Heart Attack roll appetizer, with fried jalapeños, cream cheese and spicy tuna. 6599 Dublin Blvd., 925.556.9575, yanagi.sushitogo.com. Lunch and dinner daily. 🍷💰

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Bar Tatami This attractive Asian restaurant inside Parkwest Casino 580 is surprisingly good. We indulged in dazzling chicken wings, beef sliders, fish tacos and a decadent all-American burger stuffed with rich goodies. If you gamble, the food can be brought to your betting table—where a diverse \$5 casino menu is

also available. Check out the bountiful 580 breakfast. 962 N. Canyons Pkwy., 925.800.0076, parkwestcasino580.com. Breakfast Tues.–Sun., lunch and dinner daily. 🍷🍷💰

Casa Orozco The family-owned Casa Orozco restaurants in the Tri-Valley are about comfort food in a loud, festive atmosphere. The menu includes all the Mexican standards—tacos, burritos, fajitas—which are fresh, filling and a cut above. Casa Orozco is pretty inside and out: Opt for the patio on a warm afternoon with an appetizer of house-made guacamole. 325 S. L St., 925.449.3045, casaorozco.com. Lunch and dinner Tues.–Sun. 🍷🍷💰

Cinco Taco Bar The humble taco is elevated here, with tortillas pressed and cooked to order. Grab a carne asada or al pastor taco, a burrito bowl or a Dutch crunch torta, and don't miss the Instagram-ready wall art. 4526 Las Positas Rd., 925.583.5300, cincotacobar.com. Lunch and dinner daily. 🍷🍷\$

Cured: Fish Bar The menu is strongly Japanese-influenced: Shrimp cocktail shares space with tuna tartare; marinated mussels and seared albacore have nontraditional ingredients like rosemary, thyme and chimichurri. A favorite dish, the scallop crudo, is perfectly complemented by a citrusy yuzu sauce and navel orange

slices, shaved radish and shiso. Food can be paired with a closely curated list of sakes. 136 Maple St., curedfishbar.com. Dinner Tues.–Sat. 🍷💰

Da Boccery Clever, clever ... but how often does bocce ball lead to debauchery? Still, fun is fun, and there's plenty on offer here: elevated pub fare (sandwiches, burgers, tacos, pizza and more), craft cocktails, bocce, shuffleboard, axe throwing ... wait, what? Maybe there is some debauchery going on. 175 East Vineyard Ave., 925.201.3353, daboccery.com. Lunch and dinner daily. 🍷🍷💰

Demitri's Taverna Meals start with heated pita bread and a garlicky spread called skordalia. The tender dolmathes come with a tangy avgolemono sauce, and the village salad uses kalamatas and briny feta for a salty counterpoint to the fresh veggies. A Mediterranean burger brings the flavors of Greece—oregano, feta, tomato and grilled red onion—into each juicy bite. 2235 First St., 925.373.0306, demitristaverna.livermore.com. Lunch and dinner Tues.–Sun. 🍷🍷💰

El Charro Mexican Food & Cantina The full bar and festive-yet-relaxed ambience have turned a family operation into a modern Livermore standout. The restaurant, triple the size of the First

Street original, features smoked pork chops for carnivores, chili rellenos for vegetarians and killer enchiladas for anyone. Still skeptical? The El Charro margarita, made with agave nectar, could very well be the best drink in town. 186 Maple St., 925.371.8297, elcharrolivermore.com. Lunch and dinner Tues.–Sun. 🍷🍷🍷

Elevation LVK Let your dining experience take flight at this restaurant overlooking the runways at Livermore Municipal Airport. A seasonal menu showcasing traditional favorites, a wine list that includes Livermore wines and striking views are just some of the highlights. 682 Terminal Cir., 925.800.3839, elevationlvk.com. Breakfast, lunch and dinner Wed.–Sat., brunch Sat.–Sun. 🍷🍷🍷

The Essence—Redefining Indian Food An elegant special-occasion dining experience. The kitchen delivers an array of dishes, highlighted by luscious curries. The palak paneer is a smooth puree of fresh spinach with a lovely heat courtesy of chili-infused tadka oil. Savory rectangles of fried paneer

cottage cheese provide a meat-like heartiness to the vegetarian dish. The dal makhani is a knockout with a flavorful curry stew of slow-cooked Punjabi black lentils and kidney beans. 1650 N. Vasco Rd., 925.718.7555, essenceusa.com. Lunch and dinner daily. 🍷🍷🍷

First Street Alehouse Share a giant basket of onion rings on the patio, and call it lunch. Or stay cool in the expansive brewpub, where you're bound to find a burger, salad or grilled chicken sandwich with your name on it. The food isn't fancy, but you can't match the indulgent, unpretentious vibe. 2106 First St., 925.371.6588, firststreetalehouse.com. Lunch and dinner daily. 🍷🍷🍷

Hops & Sessions Taproom and Restaurant This pour-your-own beer pub is a wide-open communal space with picnic-size blonde-wood tables, a wall of 28 rotating taps, and a "starting line" where you scan your driver's license and credit card in exchange for a wristband. The beer selection is well-rounded with many local brews. The pub food is above average, with fried mac and cheese, a crispy chicken sandwich and a killer wedge salad on offer. 2339 First St., 925.495.4118, hopsandsessions.com. Lunch and dinner Tues.–Sun. 🍷🍷🍷

The Last Word Trade your Coke for a cocktail and get truffle salt instead of butter on your popcorn at this hip saloon behind Livermore 13 Cinema. Pair a Paper Plane (bourbon, aperol and amaro) or a Southside (gin, mint and lemon) with upscale sandwiches, salads, tapas—including lobster manchego mac and cheese—or paella. 2470 First St., 925.493.7293, lastwordbar.com. Dinner Wed.–Sat. 🍷🍷🍷

Locanda Wine Bar Owner Enzo Rosano has created a fun, whimsical, drinking-centric space that evokes an Italian osteria. For the food, that means an emphasis on light eats such as an antipasti plate for two, beautifully composed salads, and several tartare and carpaccio dishes. For drinks it means an expansive wine list heavy on Italian, Napa and Livermore labels. And for the ambience it means a lively setting with a bright, colorful front patio. 2293 First St., 925.583.5016, locandarestaurants.com/livermore. Lunch and dinner Tues.–Sun. 🍷🍷🍷

Monica's Livermore Housed in a brick building with a fantastic shaded patio, Monica's specializes in big, homey plates of traditional breakfast and lunch fare and simple, from-scratch pastries. Among the standouts: a hearty huevos rancheros and two grilled chicken salads.

Pickles, jam and most everything else are made in-house. 2074 Second St., 925.292.5568, monicaslivermore.com. Breakfast and lunch daily. 🍷🍷🍷

Posada Alta Cocina The Southwestern restaurant's Chilean sea bass tacos and lush short ribs with blackberry mole are top-notch, as is the robust wine list (noted for excellence by *Wine Spectator* in 2024) with offerings from around the world. 988 Murrieta Blvd., 925.606.1004, posadarestaurant.com. Lunch and dinner Tues.–Sun. 🍷🍷🍷

The Press With a walk-up counter that flows into minimalist yet spacious decor, the Press serves fresh, creative and affordable toasts, paninis, attracting crowds of all ages. The roast beef triple-cheese panini is as lush as a sandwich can be while the BLET with egg and a side salad was delicious. 2470 First St., Ste. 110, 925.292.1916, thepressartisancafe.com. Breakfast and lunch Thurs.–Tues. 🍷🍷🍷

Range Life Four New York and San Francisco restaurant veterans relocated to Livermore and transformed a former carriage house into an urban-hip eatery serving seasonal fare such as summer squash curry and steak frites paired with craft cocktails. 2160 Railroad Ave.,

925.583.5370, rangelifelivermore.com. Dinner Wed.–Mon. 🍷🍷🍷

Sauced BBQ & Spirits Stacks of wood, banks of TVs and the alluring smell of smoke create a warm feeling at this family-owned barbecue joint. The ribs, smoked half chicken and burgers are all tasty. From the lengthy choice of sides, we liked the baked beans and cornbread best. Start with a green salad so you can finish with fried Oreos. 2300 First St., Ste. 120, 925.961.1300, saucedbbqandspirits.com. Lunch and dinner daily. 🍷🍷🍷🍷

Simply Fondue There's nothing simple about Simply Fondue. The average table time is two hours, and the experience is as much spectacle as meal. The four-course dinner starts with a salad, followed by generous samplings of cheese and meat fondue. Wrap up with a chocolate fondue. 2300 First St., 925.443.6638, www.simplyfonduelivermore.com. Dinner daily. 🍷🍷🍷🍷

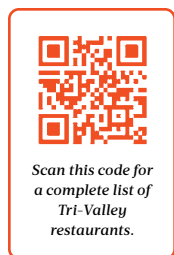
Sons of Liberty Alehouse An upscale gastropub with inventive cocktails and delicious takes on traditional comfort food. The rotating drinks on the menu are worth exploring. The hungry can opt for the fish and chips, featuring large fillets of Alaskan cod, perfectly battered,

or the massive Niman Ranch double-cut pork chop. The burger is outstanding, and the duck carnitas are a neat mix of flavor and texture. 2327 First St., 925.583.5148, sonsoflibertyalehouse.com. Lunch and dinner Tues.–Sun., brunch Sun. 🍷🍷🍷

Star Anise Modern Thai Cuisine The Thai–Southeast Asian food here lives up to its sleek atmosphere. Island finger lumpia are served with a mild and balanced carrot-plum sauce. The panang beef is tender and delicious. Pumpkin-salmon curry showcases squash and seafood in a provocative red peanut curry. Aromatic roasted duck comes off the grill flavorful and meaty. 2470 First St., Ste. 108, 925.454.9888, staranisehai.com. Lunch and dinner daily. 🍷🍷🍷

Strizzi's Enjoy a taste of old-world Italy at this homey eatery that specializes in fish and pasta, made from family recipes. Try the wood-grilled chicken, steak or salmon, along with specialties such as rigatoni Bolognese or spaghetti and meatballs. The kids' menu has plenty to offer for little diners. 2205 First St., 925.456.2200, strizzis.com. Lunch and dinner daily. 🍷🍷🍷

Terra Mia Ristorante Italiano A soaring brick fireplace, gleaming open kitchen, and





warm service impart an intimate feel to the cavernous dining room. The Calabrian owners have built on this soulful aesthetic with made-from-scratch bread, pastas and thin-crust pizzas. They get all the basics right: The fish is fresh, and the meats are clean—seasoned well and served with simple sides. 4040 East Ave., 925.456.3333, terramialivermore.com. Dinner Tues.–Sun. 🍷🍷🐾🐾🐾

Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard

With a classy wine list and decor, Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard has an enticing and leisurely vibe. So enjoy an Alsatian white with spinach dumplings—soft noodlelike wrappers exploding with fresh spinach, shrimp and chicken. Or try the free-range chicken with peanuts, onion and jicama. Desserts, like the wines, are above average. 39 S. Livermore Ave., 925.449.7000, uncleyusvineyard.com. Lunch and dinner daily. 🍷🍷🐾🐾🐾

Wasabi Bistro

The hamachi here is lustrous, sure, but brilliant too are less mainstream nigiri, such as black snapper and sea bass. The tempura is excellent while the teriyaki is forgettable, and the rolls are stunningly presented. Even

the free-with-entrée salad and miso soup are noticeably good. 922 Larkspur Dr., Ste. B, 925.579.2952, wasabilivermore.com. Lunch and dinner daily. 🍷🍷

Zephyr Grill & Bar

The expansive menu is made up of sandwiches, salads and signature dishes such as the molasses-glazed meatloaf. Tall, window-side booths are sleek, but dine at the bar if you want to sense the scene. You'll find a fantastic selection of Livermore Valley wines. 1736 First St., 925.961.1000, zephyrgrillivermore.com. Lunch and dinner daily, brunch Sat.–Sun. 🍷🍷🐾🐾

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Blossom Vegan

An immediate hit, this vegan paradise has a distinctive Vietnamese edge. Everything is so fresh. Don't miss the green papaya salad, curried eggplant or mu shu wrapped in Indian pancakes. A tropical mural sets a nurturing tone in the relaxed yet bustling dining room. 4000 Pimlico Dr., Ste. 112, 925.399.5232, blossomvegan.net. Lunch and dinner Tues.–Sun. 🍷🍷

Blue Agave Club

This "club" provides genuine Mexican delicacies such as enchiladas, burritos, tostadas and even hearty nacho plates that can be topped with the meat of your choice. The outdoor patio is heaven, and there are more tequilas than you can count. 625 Main

St., 925.417.1224, blueagaveclub.com. Lunch and dinner Tues.–Sat. 🍷🍷🐾🐾

Bocado: Un Petit Bistro

Bocado is the kind of place everyone would welcome in their neighborhood. Tuck in for a cappuccino or smartly curated dishes that include paninis, pressed sandwiches, salads and ceviche. Crepes are the main attraction and the centerpiece of the menu, with flavors ranging from classic—egg and cheese; lemon, sugar and butter—to off the beaten path, such as Thai chicken with potatoes, carrots and red curry, and velvety tiramisu. Try the expertly executed pesto chicken. 320 Saint Mary St., 925.425.0229, bocado-un-petit-bistro.ueniweb.com. Breakfast and lunch Tues.–Sun, dinner Thurs.–Sun. \$\$

BottleTaps This Cali-focused alehouse with open-hearted service and a ferment-friendly food menu takes beer seriously—with no pretension. The Cubano sandwich and a smorgasbord of meats and cheeses prove that hearty needn't be heavy. The brick-accented dining room warmly belies its strip mall locale. 3020 Bernal Ave., Ste. 160, 925.201.1755, bottletaps.com. Lunch and dinner Tues.–Sun. 🍷🍷

Brava Garden Eatery

The couple behind Brava lean on their Argentinian and Italian roots—and

mix in some California flair—at their warm and welcoming restaurant on Main Street. Nibble on empanadas and habanero fries in the airy, intimate dining room, or cut into a tender Argentinian steak on the lovely patio. 724 Main St., 925.398.8665, bravagardeneatery.com. Lunch and dinner daily. 🍷🍷🍷

Cellar Door

Tempting small plates, artisan cheese and charcuterie boards, and a variety of flatbreads complement the cocktails and an expansive rotating wine list. 4469 Railroad Ave., 925.846.3667, ourcellardoor.com. Dinner Tues.–Sun., brunch Sat.–Sun. 🍷🍷🍷

China Lounge

Allen Shi's baby is a must-visit. A theatrical open kitchen, pulsing bar and refined dining room complement moist ribbons of spicy chicken and bold kung pao chicken made with tongue-numbing peppercorns, bright lemongrass and a thin but darkly caramelized sauce. 4220 Rosewood Dr., 925.227.1312, chinaloungeus.com. Lunch and dinner daily. 🍷🍷🍷🍷

De La Torre's Trattoria of Pleasanton

De La Torre's offers reasonably priced family favorites—from spaghetti and meatballs to veal scaloppine. We especially love the not-too-sweet marsala sauce. Dinner specials include petrale sole and

stuffed pork chops. You can even join a "call list" for seasonal cioppino and crab lasagna. 6025 W. Las Positas Blvd., 925.484.3878, delatorres.net. Lunch Mon.–Fri., dinner Mon.–Sat. 🍷🍷🍷

Elia

Like a Mediterranean breeze, Elia blows onto Main Street with a light and easy manner. The menu's mezeth starters offer a plethora of appealing options in which healthy ingredients like feta, olive oil, olives, eggplant, garlic and yogurt make repeat cameos. There's no mistaking the tender grilled octopus: It comes out as a single curling fire-charred tentacle atop baby arugula and embedded amid slices of orange, chilled purple potato and kalamata olives. A whole sea bass is served with crispy-fried skin enveloping moist white flesh. 310 Main St., Ste. A, 925.399.6921, eliapleasanton.com. Lunch Tues.–Sun., dinner daily, brunch Sat.–Sun. 🍷🍷🍷🍷

Experience Burma

Burmese cuisine echoes the affordable, flavorful and shareable qualities of Indian and Thai food yet is wholly distinctive. The tea leaf salad—tossed at the table—bursts with crunchy nuts, seeds and spices. Wok-fried lemongrass pork is tender and aromatic, while the mango shrimp balances sweet sauce with chilies. Warm wood and contemporary lighting are offset by colorful marionette

dolls. 221 Division St., 925.398.8219, theexperienceburma.com. Lunch and dinner daily. 🍷🍷🍷

Frontier Spice Indian Cuisine

This attractive spot is known for its tandoori dishes. Alongside meaty kebabs, look for pimento sea bass and lime-scented salmon, both flash-roasted in the tandoor. Get the tandoori mix grill: chicken tikka seasoned three ways and served sizzling. The curries are good, but trust the tandoor—and double up on the garlic naan. 411 Main St., 925.846.3077, thefrontierspice.com. Lunch and dinner daily. 🍷🍷🐾🐾

Gay Nineties Pizza Co.

Always hopping with parties and post-soccer-game festivities, this pizzeria and pasta house is the quintessential family restaurant. The secret of the signature pizzas is the crust: The house-made sourdough is aged and cold-stored for five to seven days before cooking. The oldest pizza parlor in the Tri-Valley, the mainstay's atmosphere remains cozy. 288 Main St., 925.846.2520, gayninetiespizza.com. Lunch and dinner daily. 🍷🍷🐾🐾

Hap's Original

Hap's has been around since the 1950s and has evolved into an upscale steak house. Complimentary cudités and Hap's namesake salad topped with walnuts, Gorgonzola and

honey-chili vinaigrette are refreshing starters. The filet mignon with brandy peppercorn sauce (one of five sauce choices for steaks) is even better with a side of grilled artichokes. 122 W. Neal St., 925.600.9200, hapsoriginal.com. Dinner daily. **Y P \$\$\$**

Jim's Country Style Restaurant

We try to look out for our arteries, but sometimes Kashi cereal just won't cut it. Jim's has the stuff: hearty pancakes, omelets with biscuits and gravy, and sugar-topped French toast—all served until 3 p.m. At lunch, try the triple-decker barnyard club. 5400 Sunol Blvd., 925.426.7019, jimscountryrestaurant.com. Breakfast and lunch daily. **\$\$**

Locanda Amalfi

Master pizzaiolo Francesco Esposito hails from Naples, Italy, and the menu heavily features his blistered, thin-crust creations. Make sure to try the surprisingly light and delicious Meat Lover, topped with prosciutto, sausage and coppa. Mamma Carmela's Meatballs are classic comfort, covered in tangy marinara, with crostini for dipping. Finish it all off with tiramisu—or better yet, a limoncello

cake that matches the restaurant's hand-painted Italian pottery. 349 Main St., 925.249.5484, locandarestaurants.com/pleasanton. Lunch and dinner daily. **Y P \$\$\$**

Lokanta Mediterranean Grill & Bar

A Turkish word meaning *neighborhood bistro*, Lokanta is at once exotic and familiar. A clean open kitchen dishes up a Greek salad along with branzino and paella. The skylit back dining room makes for some of the best summer dining in the East Bay. Grab a pillow, and enjoy heavenly lamb shish kebab and a glass of Turkish wine. 443 Main St., 925.223-8074, eatlokanta.com. Lunch and dinner daily, brunch Sat.–Sun. **Y P P P \$\$\$**

McKay's Taphouse and Beer Garden

You'll feel right at home in the buzzing beer garden at McKay's. Try the Jammin' Burger slathered with bacon jam or the El Hefe Cuban sandwich. Soft fresh-baked pretzels and crunchy chips had the right salty goodness for pairing with an array of all-local craft beers. 252 Main St., 925.425.0217, mckaysbeergarden.com. Lunch Wed.–Sun., dinner Tues.–Sun. **Y P P P \$\$\$**

Mom Dumpling

While the dumplings are the draw, there are plenty of other temptations. The xiao long bao are a must. Options include pork, crab and pork, shrimp,

vegetables and pork, and spicy pork, while the pan-fried house special provides a similar experience with a pan-crisped bottom. Other offshoots include pork bao buns, steamed meat and veggie dumplings, and pan-fried pot stickers topped by a cornstarch crisp. 5400 Sunol Blvd., Ste. 2, 925.484.1008, momdumpling.com. Lunch and dinner daily. **\$\$**

Nonni's Bistro

Iceland-born owner Jon Magnusson borrows freely from Italian, French and American traditions, specializing in comfort foods with just a touch of California froufrou. Check out warm goat cheese crepes, bistro steak salad and anything with Magnusson's magnificent smoky lox, made with sustainable Loch Duart salmon from Scotland. 425 Main St., 925.600.0411, nonnibistro.net. Lunch and dinner daily, brunch Sat.–Sun. **Y P P P \$\$\$**

Oasis Wine Lounge

At this stylish Mediterranean spot, check out the pumpkin borani appetizer—its dense orange flesh sautéed in olive oil, its sweetness set off by a garlic-yogurt sauce. The chicken breast curry with peppers is a deeply satisfying mix of vivid flavors served over basmati rice. 780 Main St., 925.417.8438, oasiswinelounge.com. Lunch and dinner daily. **Y P \$\$\$**

Oyo Like its colorful logo, Oyo made a bold entrance on the downtown dining scene when it launched in 2019 and recently expanded its space. The menu explores the flavors of the ancestral homelands of the Guyanese people, such as jerk chicken from the Caribbean, curry goat from East Asia, pepper pot from West Africa and South American paella. A banana bread pudding with coconut ice cream and pineapple glaze makes a sweet finish. 680 Main St., 925.249.5936, oyopleasanton.com. Lunch and dinner daily. **Y P \$\$\$**

Pivot An elevated sports bar concept from the team behind Sabio on Main. Chef Francis Hogan's menu features classic fare such as chicken wings, mozzarella sticks, pretzels with cheese fondue, chicken nuggets, and Wagyu beef and butter bean chili, all made from scratch. Look for larger plates including an assortment of steaks, chops and burgers, along with a crispy gochujang glazed chicken sandwich. 5121 Hopyard Rd., Lunch and dinner daily (opening spring 2025). **Y \$\$\$**

Rubys & Roses Restaurant

Hello, gorgeous! The stunning interior (think black leather, chic lighting and flowers) promises a luxe dining experience ideal for a special night out, while the outdoor patio feels like an oasis unto

itself. The menu includes classics such as filet Wellington and lamb chops, along with more unusual options like tamale ravioli. Treat yourself to an elegant craft cocktail or glass of vino from the curated wine list. 855 Main St., 925.264.5600, rubysandrosesrestaurant.com. Lunch and dinner Tues.–Sun. **Y P P P \$\$\$**

Sabio on Main

Sabio on Main is a sophisticated restaurant that just wants to have fun. Enjoy dishes such as saffron risotto with braised veal shank, dry aged pork coppa roast or Thai green curry. For a truly excellent experience, try the chef's tasting menu. 501 Main St., 925.800.3090, sabiopleasanton.com. Dinner daily, brunch Sat.–Sun. **Y P P P P \$\$\$**

SideTrack Bar and Grill

Whether you're after a classic Reuben or Cubano sandwich, or any number of Wagyu burgers, this is your spot. The dining room is a sea of tables flanked by a slick sports bar, but the craft beers, wines and cocktails are a cut above. Nonmeat eaters can enjoy plenty of vegan options, and seafood-goers will appreciate the appetizers, including a tower of avocado and ahi poke, crabcakes and shellfish ceviche. 30 W. Angela St., 925.399.6789, sidetrackeats.com. Lunch and dinner Wed.–Mon., brunch Sun. **Y P P P \$\$\$**

Sozo Sushi Sozo means *creative* in Japanese, and this sushi bar lives up to the name. Sure, you could order the classics: unagi (barbecued eel) or spicy tuna hand rolls. But why, when the menu boasts so many creative rolls? The notable options range from the Marilyn Monroll (shrimp tempura, crab and avocado) to the Artishaw (artichoke hearts and mango sauce). 2835 Hopyard Rd., 925.484.5588, sozosushi.com. Lunch and dinner daily. **Y P \$\$\$**

Tri Valley Bistro

With its warm earth tones and unobtrusive service, Tri Valley Bistro offers a measure of old-fashioned romance. Start with wine and an arrangement of cornmeal-crusteds calamari, brussels sprouts and baked prawns. Follow with the Cajun blackened grilled mahi-mahi. 519 Main St., 925.523.3815, trivalleybistro.com. Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. **P P \$\$\$**

Zachary's Chicago Pizza

Bring on the deep-dish pizza. The Bay Area favorite stuffs its pies with cheesy goodness, zesty sauce and a variety of ingredients that will satisfy every taste. The thin-crust options are also delicious. 337 Main St., 925.600.0089, zacharys.com. Lunch and dinner daily. **Y P \$\$\$**



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AC Hotel Pleasanton

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1. Best Western Danville Sycamore Inn
803 Camino Ramon
925.855.8888

DUBLIN

2. Aloft Dublin-Pleasanton
4075 Grafton St.
925.248.8500

3. Extended Stay America Dublin-Hacienda Dr.
4500 Dublin Blvd.
925.875.9556

4. Holiday Inn Dublin-Pleasanton
6680 Regional St.
925.828.7750

5. Hyatt Place Dublin/Pleasanton
4950 Hacienda Dr.
925.828.9006

6. La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham
6275 Dublin Blvd.
925.967.2750

LIVERMORE

7. Americas Best Value Inn
1421 First St.
925.447.3865

8. Best Western Plus Vineyard Inn
7600 Southfront Rd.
925.456.5422

9. Courtyard by Marriott
2929 Constitution Dr.
925.243.1000

10. DoubleTree by Hilton Livermore
720 Las Flores Rd.
925.443.4950

11. El Dorado Inn
3979 First St.
925.447.2348

12. Extended Stay America Livermore
2380 Nissen Dr.
925.373.1700

13. Fairfield Inn & Suites Livermore
220 N. Greenville Rd.

14. Hampton Inn
2850 Constitution Dr.
925.606.6400

15. Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham
1700 N. Livermore Ave.
925.606.6060

16. Hilton Garden Inn
2801 Constitution Dr.
925.292.2000

17. Holiday Inn Express & Suites
3000 Constitution Dr.
925.961.9600

18. Home2 Suites by Hilton Livermore
2625 Constitution Dr.
925.960.1242

19. Homewood Suites by Hilton Livermore
5400 Wolf House Dr.
925.606.1984

20. La Quinta Inn by Wyndham Livermore
7700 Southfront St.
925.373.9600

21. Motel 6
4673 Lassen Rd.
925.443.5300

22. The Purple Orchid Wine Country Resort & Spa
4549 Cross Rd.
925.606.8855

23. Quality Inn & Suites
5959 Preston Ave.
925.606.7171

24. Residence Inn Livermore
5200 Wolf House Dr.
925.606.1980

25. Rodeway Inn
933 Bluebell Dr.
925.449.2211

26. Sands Motel
3787 First St.
925.447.6500

27. SenS Suites Livermore
1000 Airway Blvd.
925.373.1800

28. Studio Inn
1321 Portola Ave.
925.447.1515

PLEASANTON

29. AC Hotel Pleasanton
5990 Stoneridge Mall Rd.
925.475.4828

30. Best Western Plus Pleasanton Inn
5375 Owens Ct.
925.463.1300

31. Courtyard by Marriott Pleasanton
5059 Hopyard Rd.
925.463.1414



Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham, Livermore

32. DoubleTree by Hilton Pleasanton at the Club
7050 Johnson Dr.
925.463.8000

33. Extended Stay America Suites Pleasanton
4555 Chabot Dr.
925.730.0000

34. Four Points by Sheraton
5115 Hopyard Rd.
925.460.8800

35. Hyatt House
4545 Chabot Dr.
925.730.0070

36. Larkspur Landing
5535 Johnson Dr.
925.463.1212

37. Motel 6
5102 Hopyard Rd.
925.351.0303

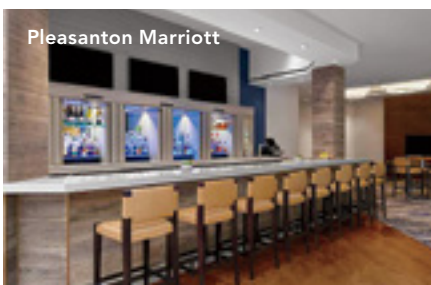
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11950 Dublin Canyon Rd.
925.847.6000

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11920 Dublin Canyon Rd.
925.227.0500

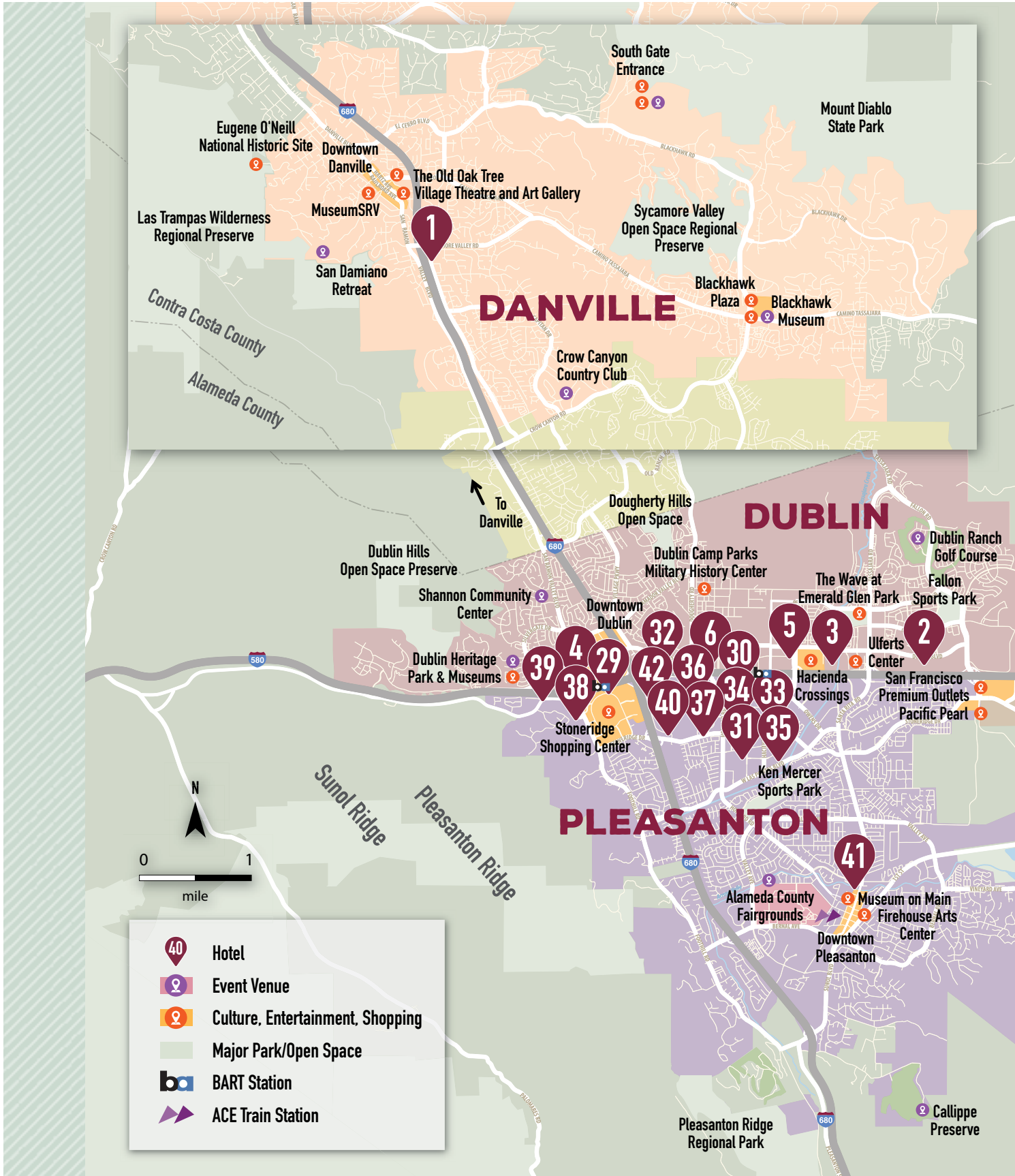
40. SpringHill Suites
7270 Johnson Dr.
925.474.4566

41. The Rose Hotel
807 Main St.
925.846.8802

42. TownePlace Suites Pleasanton
7260 Johnson Dr.
925.351.0105



Pleasanton Marriott



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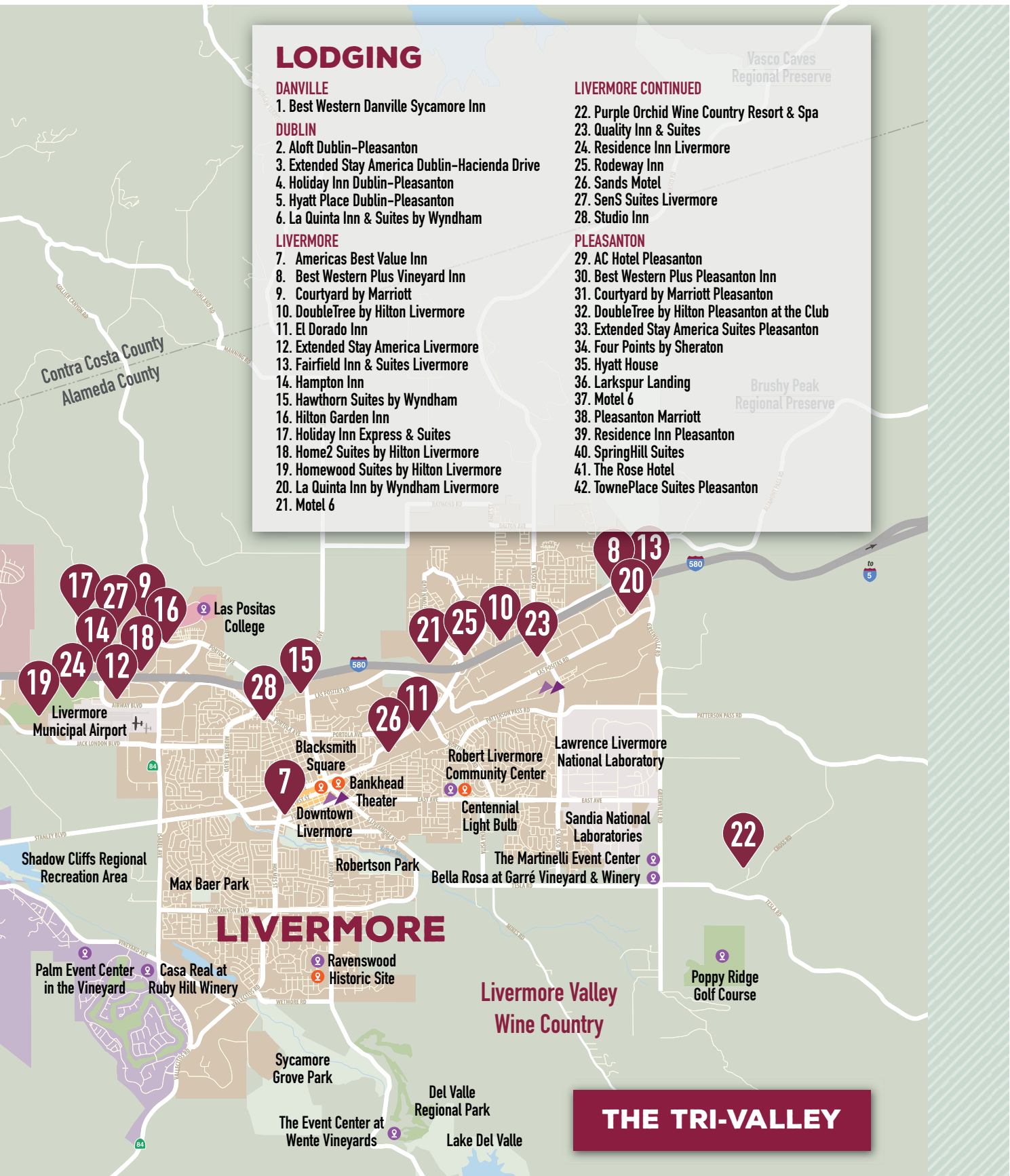
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23. Quality Inn & Suites
24. Residence Inn Livermore
25. Rodeway Inn
26. Sands Motel
27. SenS Suites Livermore
28. Studio Inn

PLEASANTON

29. AC Hotel Pleasanton
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Spring	Summer
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Fall	Winter
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The Tri-Valley is located east of San Francisco and is easily reachable by plane, train, automobile, Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) and bus. The closest commercial airport is Oakland International Airport, which is served by BART, shuttles, limousines, taxis, ride-hailing services and other public transportation. Pick up visitor information in terminals 1 and 2 of the airport.

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- > **Altamont Corridor Express (ACE).** Makes stops in Livermore and Pleasanton. *800.411.RAIL, acerail.com*
- > **Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART).** Includes stops at West Dublin/Pleasanton and Dublin/Pleasanton. *510.464.6000, bart.gov*
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 - > **Oakland International Airport (OAK),** 19 miles from the Tri-Valley, *510.563.3300, iflyoak.com*
 - > **San Jose Mineta International Airport (SJC),** 31 miles from the Tri-Valley, *408.392.3600, flysanjose.com*
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