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CITY CENTER AT BISHOP RANCH

Whoever first said "shopping is an art" must have gotten a sneak peek at the renderings for the new City Center at Bishop Ranch in San Ramon. Designed by the renowned Renzo Piano Building Workshop, in collaboration with the San Francisco-based firm BCV Architects, the one-acre plaza, which is scheduled to break ground this fall, will fulfill Sunset Development Company's original vision for it perfectly—fully embracing the intersection where culture, commerce and community meet. Complete with thoroughly modern architectural detailing and space for plenty of open-air recreation, City Center will play host to a vast array of shops and restaurants in its impressive 350,000 square feet. citycenterbishopranch.com

DATE BOOK

SF GIRL BY BAY VICTORIA SMITH:
THE MISSION DISTRICT



It's hard to think about San Francisco without also thinking about Victoria Smith, the energetic writer behind the ever-popular blog *SF Girl by Bay*. For the past nine years, Smith has been chronicling her adventures in the city to much fanfare, making San Francisco's signature love of color, architecture and whimsy part of the fiber of households all throughout the country. So, when it came time to seek out a tour guide to help take us through a day in the Golden Gate city, we couldn't think of anyone else we'd rather have show us the way. Here, in honor of her upcoming tome for Chronicle Books, *See San Francisco*, Smith shares a dream itinerary for a picture-perfect, Instagram-worthy day in her favorite city. sfgirlbybay.com

9 a.m. Meet at Tartine Bakery for coffee and whatever the speciality of the day is. I love its bread pudding and morning buns.

10 a.m. Walk over to Dolores Park for a view of the city and to burn a few calories while we wait for the rest of the Mission District to wake up.

11 a.m. Pop into the most adorable florist in town, Ampersand, and say hello to the owners, Benjamin and Emerson.

12 p.m. Cross the street and visit one of my favorite shops, BellJar. Owner Sasha Darling has a keen

eye for clothing, collectibles and sweet-smelling soaps. Plus, she's got them all displayed beautifully.

1 p.m. Visit Blu Dot on Valencia and see what's new in the showroom. The space is inspiring, as is the company's one-of-a-kind furniture.

2 p.m. Time for a late lunch at Zuni Café. I always order the same thing and share: a bottle of sauvignon blanc, oysters on the half shell, a Caesar salad, pommes frites and their specialty, roast chicken. It sounds like a lot, but split it with four people over a long, leisurely lunch, and it's a dream.

4 p.m. Wander from here down Gough Street and stop into Gourmet & More. This is a must-stop for Francophiles. A true hidden gem, it has a cheese room that's to-die-for. The outdoor patio in the back is completely charming.

5 p.m. Browse the shops along Hayes Street—from Lavish, Flight 001 and Propeller to Steven Alan, Gimme Shoes, Lotus Bleu and Reliquary.

6 p.m. Pop into Two Sisters Bar and Books and say hi to Michael, the bar chief. Have him make you one of his specialty whiskey drinks. My favorite is the chamomile-infused bourbon. So divine!



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