



DISCOVER



1. Tower Theatre, one of Sundance Film Festival's venues throughout Utah. 2. Mid-century finds at Tomorrow's House. 3. Lebanese specialties alongside strong cocktails at Mazza Middle Eastern Cuisine. 4. Michael Templeman of Tomorrow's House. 5. Brews at East Liberty Tap House.



A PERFECT DAY IN

SALT LAKE CITY'S 9TH & 9TH

Rainbow flags, craft beer, and jet fuel-strong joe in Utah's capital?
This walkable hood is full of surprises. *By Megan McCre*

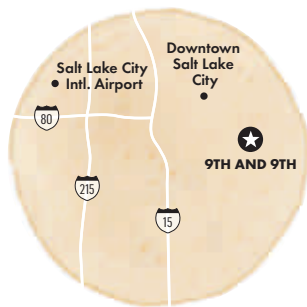
JUST A STONE'S THROW from the religious landmarks at Temple Square is something totally free-spirited: Four square blocks filled with public artworks, hipster barbershops, and plenty of coffee and beer to go around. There's a strong

inclusive vibe here, and in 2016, city leaders went so far as to crown 9th & 9th's main drag Harvey Milk Boulevard, in honor of the gay-rights icon. Today, the families who live here (and their many dog-walkers) can be seen gathering on

the front porch of **Publik Kitchen**, a remodeled Victorian with tattooed baristas who transform locally roasted beans. Take your java to go, then continue along the neighborhood's tree-lined streets. publikcoffee.com.

International delights

Across the street from the coffee shop sits **Mazza Middle Eastern Cuisine**, anchor of the area's dining scene, where owner Ali Sabbah serves specialties from his native



GETTING HERE

The 9th & 9th neighborhood is 9 miles from Salt Lake City International Airport. Take I-80 east to West 600 South to 900 South.

Lebanon. Amid Moroccan lamps, Egyptian movie posters, and black-and-white prints of old Beirut, the menu rounds up the usual suspects, plus unique dishes like a *musakhan* wrap made with house-ground cardamom and sumac, as well as lamb and rice dola'a with fall-off-the-bone tender Morgan Valley lamb. With a dozen Lebanese wines available, it's easy to nail the perfect pairing. mazzacafe.com.

Modern throwbacks

Next door to Publik sits a squat brick building with colorful Eames-style chairs out front and glittering Sputnik lamps in the window. That's just the preview for **Tomorrow's House**, a *Mad Men*-style design store. In the back is antiques emporium **Hobnob**, which has finds of all

sorts: zebra skin rugs, Italian-marble flamingos, and Brownie cameras. Devoted customers return almost daily to snag rare items. Also drawing regulars is old-school barbershop **Curriculum**. Even if you're not on the books for a haircut, you can still browse the flasks, wallets, mustache wax, and beard brushes (and on Walk-In Wednesdays, every chair is open). *Tomorrow's House*: tomorrowshouse.info; *Hobnob*: (801) 750-6487; *Curriculum*: curriculumusa.com.

Double feature

Once a pioneer-era farm, the 100 acres that make up **Liberty Park** feature sprawling esplanades, a picturesque pond, a vintage carousel, and an aviary. (Don't be surprised to hear cuckoos and ibises sound off when you walk past the park's gates.) Prefer songs of a different stripe? Head down the street to the **Tower Theatre**. The historic movie house run by the Salt Lake Film Society hosts sing-alongs to *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, lovingly performed by the Latter-Day Transvestites. The movie house is also home to some Sundance Film Festival screenings, as well as throwbacks and indie flicks. Meanwhile, DJs in the lobby happily



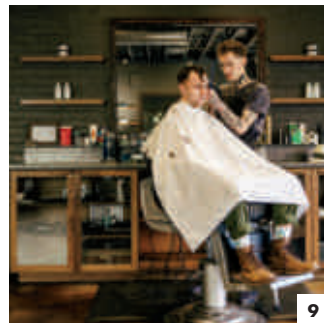
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6. & 7. With a rare dining-club liquor license, East Liberty Tap House lets patrons imbibe with or without food (though these fries are a must). **8.** Hasami porcelain mugs at Curriculum. **9.** Curriculum's well-curated barbershop.

share recommendations with anyone perusing the 11,000-strong movie lending library. *Liberty Park*: slc.gov/city_parks; *Tower Theatre*: saltlakefilmsociety.org.

Tipping point

In Utah, a state that's notorious for stringent blue laws, **East Liberty Tap House** jumped through some impressive hoops to get licensed as a tavern and a

restaurant with a full liquor license. The result? Beer lovers can sip pints from six rotating taps, which feature local craft breweries (like Proper Brewing Company) and international heavyweights (Germany's Ayinger). At the end of your day in 9th & 9th, sit down for a tasting and then take your favorite to go in a growler. We'll drink to that. eastlibertytaphouse.com.

LOCAL LOWDOWN

**“Bars, coffee, independent film—
9th & 9th is a slice of a demographic
that’s atypical of Salt Lake City.
It’s a little bohemia.”**

—MISSY GREIS, PUBLIK KITCHEN OWNER