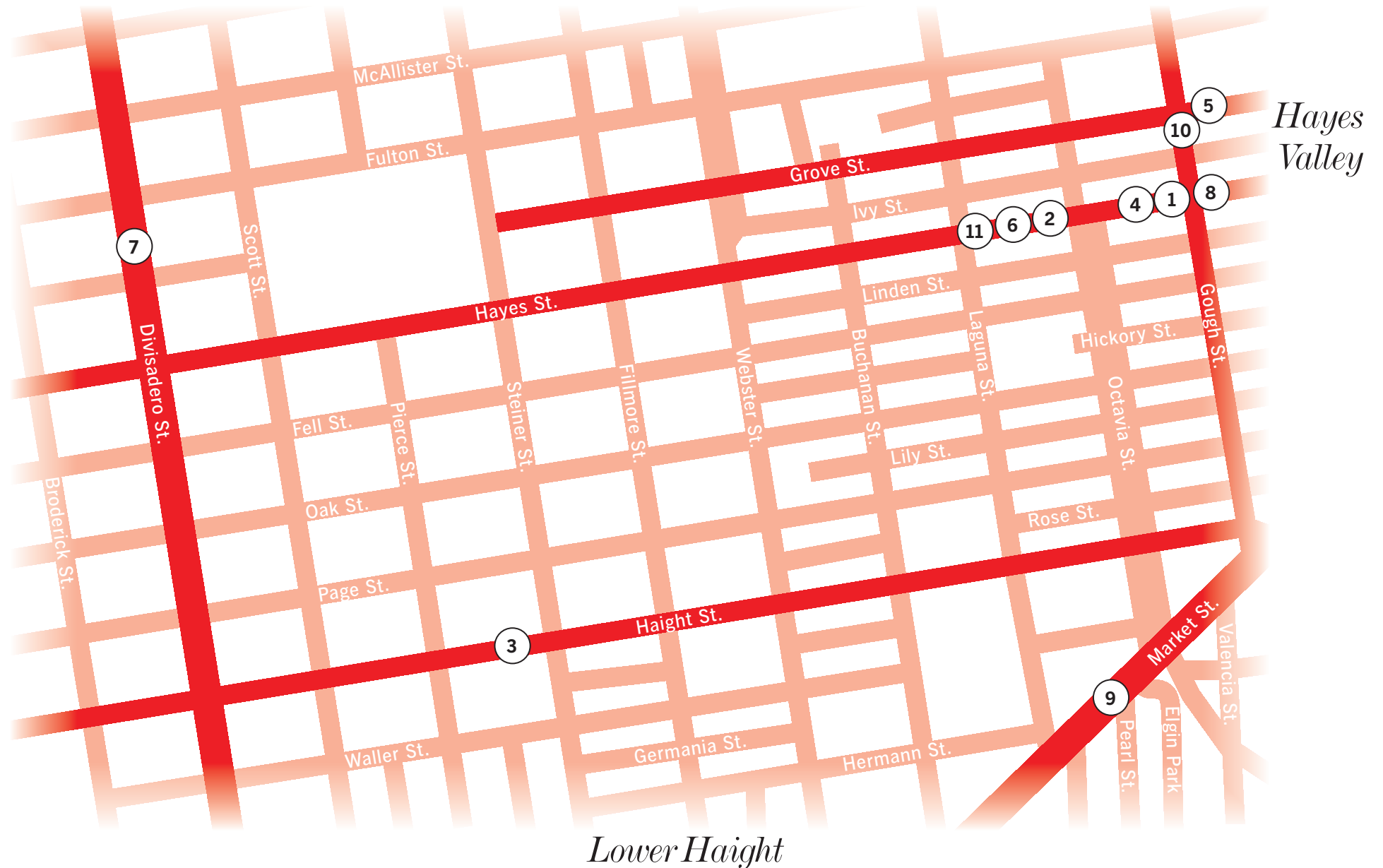


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1. Azalea A small storefront belies the fact that Azalea is not only gigantic—but also houses an in-store spa. It's a long-standing establishment and a one-stop destination for everything from denim (there's a huge wall of it) to Comme des Garçons tops and Devotte boots. **411 Hayes St., 415-861-9888, azaleasf.com**

2. Dish A pioneer in the revitalized Hayes Valley—now one of the city's best shopping districts—Dish emphasizes pared-down labels with lasting appeal. The industrial-inflected interior is the ideal streamlined backdrop for lines like Alexander Wang, Sir, and Loeffler Randall. **541 Hayes St., 415-252-5997, dishboutique.com**

3. Doe Styled as a mini department store (it's the size of a closet but carries everything from beauty products to clothing to stationery and home goods), Doe espouses an adorable slightly French and slightly handmade aesthetic. **629A Haight St., 415-558-8588, doe-sf.com**

4. Gimme Shoes As the name suggests, this duo of shops deals exclusively in footwear, hitting an impressive range of prices and styles. There are psychedelic Dries Van Noten heels alongside lace-up booties from Chie Mihara. **416 Hayes St., 415-864-0691**

5. MAC An acronym for Modern Appealing Clothing, this Hayes Valley stalwart (it opened its doors in 1980) has lost none of its edge. Landscaped with hundreds of plants, it reads like a lush botanical garden—an appropriately exotic backdrop for the avant-garde Tsumori Chisato dresses and bejeweled bug pins by Liberty, along with a scattering of options from local designers such as Dema and Ryan Roberts. **387 Grove St., 415-863-3011**

6. Nida Nida's original location debuted in Italy more than 50 years ago, and the same successful formula is evident in the Bay Area branch, which has been around since '95. Owner Kiko Giobbio stockpiles highly sought-after European lines—Vanessa Bruno, Paul &

Joe, Notify, Les Prairies de Paris—and then offers a deeper selection of each of them than you'll find anywhere else in the States. **544 Hayes St., 415-552-4670**

7. The Perish Trust After storage became an issue for prop stylist Rod Hipkind and photographer Kelly Ishikawa, they determined they could keep collecting flea market curios if they started selling off the rest of their loot. This brand-new spot is a moodily gorgeous showcase for their treasure-divining ability—plus, almost nothing tops \$100. **728 Divisadero St., theperishtrust.com**

8. Polanco At first glance, Polanco looks like it's a gallery for Mexican art, but closer inspection yields several cases of lushly exquisite jewelry from Latin America, like seed-pearl-studded antique chandelier earrings and new skull-shaped beads strung on silk. **393 Hayes St., 415-252-5753**

9. Rare Device Co-owner Rena Tom's original venture occupied a frustratingly tiny storefront in Brooklyn, but a late 2007 relocation to San Francisco ensured much more spacious digs. There's a truly great array of Karin Eriksson's delicate ceramics, Lena Corwin's coffee table books, and Three Sheets to the Wind's intricately patterned pillows. **1845 Market St., 415-863-3969**

10. Rose and Radish The focal point shifts constantly at this design shop (past themes have included Woodland and Modern Folk). The motif now is Picnic, which means that the items—ranging from beautifully modern serving bowls to birthday candles modeled after sailors—are all arranged on a maze-like grid of waist-high green shrubbery. The concept of Wordplay is up next. **460 Gough St., 415-864-4988, roseandradish.com**

11. Thread Lounge This traveling sample sale has a permanent address in San Francisco, which means that you'll always find significantly slashed prices on labels like Vivienne Westwood. **597 Hayes St., 415-269-3557**