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New York's got its bagels, and Maryland can claim crab cakes, but California is unquestionably the promised land when it comes to hamburgers. From pint-sized sliders in the desert to a towering triumph of toppings in Santa Monica, the state's best burgers come in a wide range of shapes and sizes. **Tyler's**, Palm Springs. Just two-inches wide, but piled high with grilled onions, these sliders are a revelation. *149 S. Indian Canyon Dr., 760-325-2990.*

Apple Pan, Los Angeles. A lightly grilled bun and a smoky special sauce set this classic apart. *10801 W. Pico Blvd., 310-475-3585.* **Father's Office**, Santa Monica. The ultimate deluxe burger, with applewood smoked bacon, caramelized onions, Gruyère and blue cheese on top. *1018 Montana Ave., 310-393-2337.* **Taylor's Refresher**, St. Helena. A perfect pitstop in the middle of wine country. *933 Main St., 707-963-3486.* **In 'n' Out**, Statewide.

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