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San Diego's 30 best burgers

From fast food to fine dining, these hamburgers make our taste buds sizzle

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Intro

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July is barbecue high season, but if you'd rather leave the burger-making to others, we've taste-tested San Diego's very best burgers, including fast food, fast casual (order at a counter, food delivered to table) and fine dining. In-N-Out burgers, shown here, is always on our list, but here are 30 more to try now. *(Not ranked in any particular order)*— Reporting by Pam Kragen, Michele Parente, Michael James Rocha and Roxana Popescu



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Gourmet/fine dining: Union Kitchen and Tap

The namesake burger at Eric Leitstein's popular Encinitas eatery (with a new location in the Gaslamp) is a true beauty, with a generous beef patty, a smoky/rich tomato jam and slab of melted white cheddar cheese on a toasted brioche bun. The burger is \$14 with optional fried egg (\$1.50), which isn't the least bit necessary, but still a yummy addition. 1108 S. Coast Highway, Encinitas, (760) 230-2337 2337 or localunion101.com; and 333 Fifth Ave., Gaslamp, (619) 795-9463 or gaslampunion.com – P.K.