More Great Burgers

Our 10 favorite patties of the year

“Bacon and Blue”

MELT

Loeburg

The half-pounders here are destination burgers, with sour dough buns and a mix of ground chuck, rib, and brisket. Our favorite accessories: balsamic-glazed onions, applewood-smoked bacon, and a double hit of Gorgonzola, both crumbled and in a dressing.

Patty Melt

THE BURGER SHACK

Alexandria, Ashburn, Chantilly

It was hard to pick a favorite patty at these snug, short-order spots, but if we must, we’ll go with this sandwich of Texas toast, ground Angus beef, and smoky cheese piled with sweet grilled onion. The French fries are good, too; the fried pickles are even better.

“New England Smash Burger”

THE SALT LINE

Nantucket

This is the place to go if you’re looking for a New England smash burger. The patty is juicy and smoky, and the onion, tomato, and avocado add a fresh contrast.

“Barstool Rodco”

SLASH RUN

Nelson

This rock-and-roll bar serves its burgers with its signature “slaw” — a mix of pickles, onions, and a spicy dressing. The patty is juicy and flavorful, with a perfect char.

“Dive Burger”

PEARL DIVE INTERIOR PALACE

Logan Circle

Think of this as the anti-sandwich burger. For one, it’s so messy you won’t notice if you’re making a mess. But when you do, the rewards are many: a juicy patty, grilled onion, melted cheddar cheese, and a zesty sauce.

“Le Big Matt”

EMMY SQUARED

Navy Yard, Shaw, Old Town

This Brooklyn transplant is known for its massive burgers. The patty is juicy and flavorful, and the smoky bacon and sharp cheddar cheese add a delicious contrast.

Fish Burger

RESIDENTS CAFE

Dupont Circle

With a few slabs of bread, some fresh vegetables, and a fish patty, this burger is a classic. The patty is juicy and flavorful, with a perfect texture.

Horseradish Bourbon Burger

B&G BUNS DAMN GOOD BURGER COMPANY

Georgetown, Logan Circle

This burger is perfect for those who love a kick. The patty is juicy and flavorful, with a hint of horseradish and bourbon.

“The Standard”

GARDEN DISTRICT

11th Street corridor

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“The French Bistro Burger”

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