



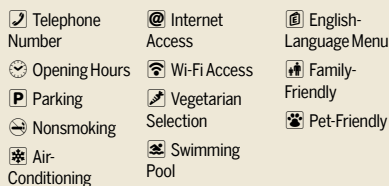
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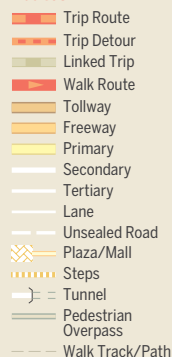
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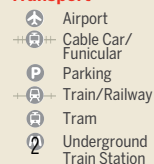
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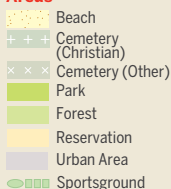
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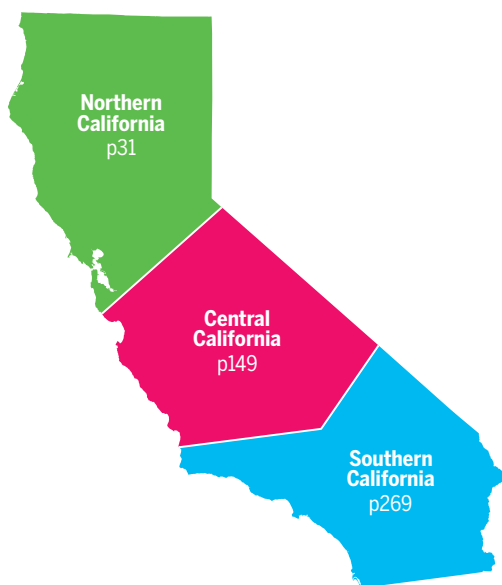
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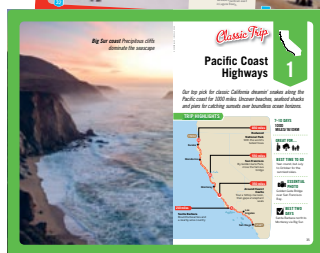
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My Favorite Trip 21 **Highway 49 Through Gold Country** I explored the last lonely stretches of a California highway I'd never driven before. Eureka!

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My Favorite Trip 30 **Route 66** Driving California's Mother Road – windows down, radio blasting, endless blue skies all around – offered the most iconic road trip experience.



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