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COMINGS AND GOINGS

In California, Hoping to Lure Guests With Gas Credits and Discounts

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From the coast to the desert, hotels in [California](#) are luring tourists with free nights, gas credits and other discounts. On the coast, the Crowne Plaza Redondo Beach and Marina Hotel (www.crowneplaza.com/redondobeach) is offering a \$25 gas card along with free parking and daily rates that start at \$209 through October and \$189 through December. And the Sheraton Universal in [Los Angeles](#) (www.sheratonuniversal.com) is offering three nights for the price of two through Oct. 31 for rooms booked Thursday through Saturday (rates start at \$229) or for any two nights booked through Sept. 30, a \$50 credit for gas or other hotel activities (nightly rates start at \$199). The two deals may not be combined. In the desert, the Springs of [Palm Springs](#) Hotel and Spa (www.thespringsofps.com) has the 50/50 package, which includes two nights, a \$50 gas credit and 50 percent discounts on both a spa treatment and a round of [golf](#) (rates start at \$89 a night; offer good through Sept. 15).
