

Gay Turisme Destinationer

The following destinations have proven to be popular over the course of time. They are listed below along with some noteworthy gay statistics that impact their desirability as gay travel destinations.

With expanding efforts to woo savvy gay travellers many areas are trying to catch the attention of this market and promote themselves as gay-friendly. Regions throughout the world from the KwaZulu-Natal to the Dominican Republic to Nepal are putting their pinkest faces forward in the hope of expanding their tourism sector.

- Africa
- Cape Town, South Africa: Estimated that 70 000 gay and lesbian foreign tourists visited Cape Town in 2001.
- Asia-Pacific
- Bangalore, India. The silicon valley of India is also know for its gay nightlife.
- Silchar, India
- Bangkok, Thailand: The capital of a nation known for tolerance towards gay people.
- Cairns, Australia
- Gold Coast, Australia
- Manila, Philippines: Known as the "San Francisco" of Asia.
- Melbourne, Australia
- Phuket, Thailand: A small gay precinct in Patong Beach called Paradise Complex
- Shanghai, China
- Sydney hosts the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras on the first Saturday of March, each year, preceded by a month of festivities and gaiety. Sydney hosted the Gay Games in 2002.
- Tokyo, Japan
- Tel Aviv, Israel
- Canada
- Montreal: Site of the 1st World Outgames July 29 to August 5, 2006. Home of one of the largest gay villages in the world.
- Toronto: Site of gay village Church and Wellesley and an annual Gay Pride parade.
- Vancouver: Site of gay village Davie Village, home of Davie Street Festival which runs in conjunction with Vancouver's annual Gay Pride Parade. Gay Games host 1990.
- Europe
- Amsterdam, The Netherlands: Considered a gay "mecca". Also often called 'Gay Capital Of The World' (together with San Francisco). Gay Games host 1998.
- Barcelona, Catalunya, Spain: Most prominent gay neighbourhood is "Gaixample", nicknamed after the official government zone Eixample
- Berlin, Germany: Before the Nazi regime it was known to be the gay capital of Europe. It has since regained the title of at least being in the top 5.
- Blackpool, England
- Bolton, England: A tough working class town with the highest concentration of gay men in England.
- Brighton, England
- Budapest, Hungary: Liberal ex-communist block city, which is a popular city break destination among gays. Host city for the Mr Gay Europe 2007, Olympics for Transgender. The official website of the city has a special section for gay travellers and locals.
- Cologne, Germany: Site of the 2005 International Gay and Lesbian Travel Association (IGLTA) annual convention. Will be the host city of the Gay Games in 2010.

- Geneva, Switzerland, the host city of the 2006 ILGA World Conference
- Copenhagen, Denmark
- Gran Canaria, Spain: The town of Playa del Inglés is especially popular with gays from northern Europe (England, Netherlands, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland) and from Spain. Gaylife is centered around the Yumbo Centrum shopping center with many gay bars and night spots. Gay beach near the Dunes of Maspalomas.
- Ibiza, Spain
- Lesbos, Greece
- London, England: Home to G-A-Y, one of the largest gay clubs in all of Europe. Soho is the focus of the gay community.
- Madrid, Spain: Especially Chueca
- Manchester, England: Hosts annual Gay Pride festival centred around the large gay village.
- Munich, Germany near the Sendlinger Tor
- Mykonos, Greece
- Paris, France: An important destination for gay and lesbian travellers. Site of gay village Le Marais.
- Sitges, Catalunya, Spain, south of Barcelona
- Stockholm, Sweden: Hosts the biggest gay pride parade of the Nordic countries every August.
- Torre del Lago, Italy: Hosts the biggest Italian gay event, in August.
- Torremolinos, Andalusia, Spain: very close to Malaga. The gay scene is located in the La Nogalera area.
- Zurich, Switzerland: The largest city in Switzerland offers an active nightlife with clubs and bars, a number of cultural events for gays, such as the “Warmer Mai” (Gay May) festival, the Swiss gay and lesbian film festival, Pink Apple, Christopher Street Day in June/July. Official host city for the Europride 2009.
- Mexico
- Cancún: Holds annuals Cancún International Gay Festival in May.
- Puerto Vallarta: Currently Mexico's most popular gay destination.
- Guadalajara: Nicknamed "The latinamerican San Francisco"
- South America
- Buenos Aires , Argentina
- Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- São Paulo, Brazil: hosted, in 2005, the world's largest ever gay pride parade.
- United States
- Atlanta, Georgia
- Austin, Texas
- Boston, Massachusetts: Site of gay villages Jamaica Plain, and South End.
- Chicago, Illinois: Site of gay village Boystown. Large gay pride parade in June, and Halsted Street Market Days, gay neighborhood festival, in August. Well-developed gay business infrastructure in Boystown and neighboring communities. As well as the Chicago Cubs gay day games. Gay Games host summer 2006.
- Columbus, Ohio: Home to the Chrome Party, which is the new version of the Red Party, which was the first Circuit Party ever held and started the Circuit Party scene. Columbus has several gay neighborhoods and a huge gay nightlife. The city has over 30 gay bars which is proportionately high.
- Collingswood, New Jersey
- Dallas, Texas
- Denver, Colorado

- Fire Island, New York
- Fort Lauderdale, Florida: Concentration of gay businesses in the Wilton Manors area, known not only as a tourism destination, but also as a popular retirement area for gay seniors, and those wishing to invest in retirement property.
- Guerneville, California
- Houston, Texas
- Key West, Florida
- Laguna Beach, California
- Long Beach, California
- Los Angeles, California: Site of predominantly-gay city of West Hollywood, a large urban gay community with an enormous annual gay pride parade, and gay community Silver Lake, along with many other gay-positive communities. Los Angeles is well-known for its openness, including within the entertainment industry, thus making Hollywood itself a tourist site for gays and lesbians.
- Miami Beach, Florida
- New Orleans, Louisiana - gay (and straight) tourism has been low since Hurricane Katrina.
- New York City (Manhattan): Site of gay villages Christopher Street, the birthplace of the gay liberation movement in Greenwich Village, and Chelsea. Enormous annual gay pride parade.
- Orlando, Florida, specifically the Walt Disney World Resort, which hosts "Gay Days" the first week of June each year. Walt Disney World has gained a reputation for being a tolerant but low-key travel destination for gay tourists, specifically gay honeymooners.
- Palm Springs, California
- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Running the USA's largest gay tourism marketing campaign "Get your history straight and your nightlife gay".
- Phoenix, Arizona
- Portland, Oregon
- Provincetown, Massachusetts
- Rehoboth Beach, Delaware
- Salt Lake City, Utah: The city has an internationally-acknowledged lesbian underground.
- San Diego, California: San Diego has a fairly large gay population and gay culture. The annual Gay Pride Parade usually draws crowds in excess of 100,000 people. San Diego has the largest gay index in Southern California, surpassing Los Angeles. Most of the gay community, including the LGBT center and every gay bar in San Diego is located in Hillcrest and surrounding neighborhoods of University Heights and North Park.
- San Francisco, California: Site of The Castro. Hosts San Francisco Pride, an enormous gay pride parade in June, and such world-famous street festivals as the Folsom Street Fair, the Castro Street Fair, and the Halloween festivities in the Castro. Twice host to the Gay Games. Known as a major international gay "mecca", and just like Amsterdam often called 'Gay Capital Of The World'.
- Saugatuck, Michigan
- Seattle, Washington: Site of gay village Capitol Hill.
- Tucson, Arizona
- Washington D.C.: Site of gay village Dupont Circle. Site of the 2006 International Gay and Lesbian Travel Association (IGLTA) Annual World Convention (25-29 May).
- West Hollywood, California

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