

# TOP 5 LGBT TOURISM DESTINATIONS



Most recent surveys show that gay tourists travel more than others and spend greater amounts of money while on the road. Some countries and many cities have understood the value of attracting the gay clientele, including South Africa, a notable exception on the African continent. Tourism-Review.com presents the best destinations for LGBT tourism.

## Barcelona and Madrid Show the Spanish Kindness

Barcelona and Madrid are among the most liberal and “gay-friendly” cities in the world. Both of them are immensely popular among foreign tourists and equally welcoming to the LGBT community. Barcelona passed an anti-homophobia law in 2014. An offense against the community can cost the perpetrator up to 140,000 euros.

## Berlin Is the German Classic

Without any doubt, Berlin is among the most LGBT-friendly cities in Europe. The nightlife is abundant. Culture lovers have hundreds of opportunities to explore local art galleries, museums and places of historical significance. However, it is especially the attitude of the Berliners that makes all the difference for LGBT tourism. The gay district has been located around Nollendorfplatz - Schöneberg since 1993 and is welcoming to all visitors.

## San Francisco and the American Joy

San Francisco is probably the gay capital of all of America. For decades, the city has been the worldwide center of nightlife for the LGBT community. Castro is one of the first gay neighborhoods in the United States. It remains one of the most important symbols of LGBT activism. Recent demographics indicate that more than 15% of the population of San Francisco is gay.

## London Attracts All in English Style

London is a sophisticated, multi-cultural city, which is very open-minded and gay-friendly. It is a place where everyone is welcome. The capital of the United Kingdom houses the largest gay community in Europe. While Soho was the gay neighborhood of the city, much of the nightlife has moved to East London. One of the very interesting places is “Dalston Superstore,” a gay bar that offers art exhibitions and musical performances. Other places to see are Old Compton Street and Vauxhall Village.

## Tel Aviv and the Israeli Welcome

Tel Aviv, although located in the Middle East, is one of the most liberal cities in the world. While the region is certainly not the most welcoming for LGBT tourism, Tel Aviv is different. The city is attractive to anyone seeking sunshine almost all year round. Moreover, it is a bustling city that offers 24/7 non-stop activities, good food, gay beaches, and an endless array of gay bars. Every June, Tel Aviv celebrates one of the most famous Gay Pride parades. This entails a week full of celebrations and events throughout the city.

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