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10 Up-and-coming Destinations Around the World For LGBTQIA+ Travelers

From small, coastal towns to major metropolises, these are the rising hotspots for LGBTQIA+ travelers.

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As some of the earliest queer-inclusive destinations in the world, places like Palm Springs, Fire Island, P-Town, Rio de Janeiro, and Puerto Vallarta will forever hold a special place in the hearts of LGBTQIA+ people. What they possessed then and now were an inclusive spirit of love and compassion where travelers could express themselves and experience a particular locale with dignity and respect.

Today's queer travelers, whether planning a weekend away or globetrotting halfway across the world, are seeking out new destinations with similar qualities. First and foremost, they take notice of places offering better protections for LGBTQIA+ people, but they also look to experience the nuances of a destination's local queer community, recent investments in queer-owned business, the number and caliber of queer events, and on-the-ground activism. These are a few up-and-coming LGBTQIA+ destinations travelers are flocking to for these reasons, and more:



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Guadalajara, Mexico

Guadalajara's proximity to both Puerto Vallarta — arguably Mexico's most popular queer playground — and the Tequila Valley have positioned it as a stop on many LGBTQIA+ itineraries as of late.

Just as high-strung Mexico City is to New York, Guadalajara is Mexico's equivalent of LA, complete with great year-round weather and a more relaxed atmosphere. Queer travelers who spend their PTO time in this trending destination find a vibrant city bursting with museums and Spanish colonial architecture, with many boutique hotels such as the Villa Ganz housed in mansions of historical significance.

A highly regarded international film festival and the Guadalajara Book Fair attract intellectual types... who don't mind a good party. Storied for its nightlife, Guadalajara's seductive club with pulsing music and Vegas-style lighting, Babel, and California's Bar, where the cantina meets the dance floor, are two of the more popular LGBTQIA+ options in town.