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## The 7 Most LGBTQ-Friendly Honeymoon Destinations in the World

*For LGBTQ+ couples, planning a romantic honeymoon comes with some familiar decisions—here are fabulous destinations for queer honeymooners.*

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Love and marriage may be the ultimate gift, but just beyond those cherished vows and celebratory toasts comes the unforgettable **honeymoon**. Unlike the nuptials themselves, the honeymoon is intimate; a private dessert for two. It's chapter one of a love story. Better still, it's the newlyweds' first chance to voyage together in wedded harmony. For LGBTQ+ couples, planning a romantic honeymoon comes with familiar choices—beach or city, resort or B&B, adventure or light recreation—plus considerations about feeling welcome as well as safe.

After all, there are only **34 countries** where same-sex marriage is legal. Though the list keeps growing, with Chile, Cuba, Estonia, and Slovenia recently joining the love-is-love train. And according to **IGLTA** (International Gay and Lesbian Travel Association), queer couples tend to be avid travelers who are eager to support the local LGBTQ+ community even in nations where marriage equality has yet to arrive. Whether the happy newlyweds are going classic with a twist or venturing further abroad, here are seven fabulous destinations beckoning LGBTQ+ honeymooners.



Puerto Vallarta is a go-to locale for same-sex newlyweds, and is home to several gay hotels and beach clubs. Getty

## Puerto Vallarta

Marriage equality became legal across Mexico in 2022, but it's been legal in **Puerto Vallarta's** home state of Jalisco since 2016. It's a testament to the decades-long inclusive attitude that helped make **Puerto Vallarta** a go-to locale for same-sex betrothed duos and newlyweds. Opportunities for romance are everywhere, from ocean excursions, waterfall hikes, and beach leisure; to *malecon* (boardwalk) strolls, food tours, and hot Zona Romantica nights at spots like **The Palm Cabaret** and lesbian-owned **Elixir Mixology Bar**.

**Stay:** Puerto Vallarta is home to several gay hotels and beach clubs, but **Almar Resort** offers the only luxury LGBTQ+ beachfront experience. With huge rooms in both its low- and high-rise buildings, newlyweds are steps away from the sands of gay-centric Los Muertos beach, with all-day access to the resort's flirty Mantamar Beach Club.

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