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Best Places To Celebrate Pride

Celebrate Equality At The World's Best Global Pride Festivities, Villages And Marches



Official Pride events take place around the world all year round: they're magical, joyous, colour-popping celebrations of freedom attended by members of the LGBTQ+ community and their allies. June — the official month of Pride — commemorates the 1969 Stonewall Riots, when LGBTQ+ community members, led by Black and Latinx trans activists, protested police raids and violence at gay bars in [New York City](#). Today's street festivals honour the uprising that led to a paradigm shift for gay rights that rippled around the globe — and we've found the best places to join in and celebrate.

1. Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

A fifth of all visitors to this corner of [Mexico](#)'s Pacific Coast are members of the LGBTQ+ community, according to official tourism figures. Gay travellers have been visiting Puerto Vallarta since the 1960s and have dubbed Zona Romantica the “gayborhood”, which is where [Vallarta Pride](#) is held May 23-30. Nearby is Elixir Mixology, a lesbian-owned bar and safe space for queer women.

Where to stay Marriott Puerto Vallarta Resort & Spa is a gay-friendly hotel with a striking beachfront pool.