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## ★ The Pride Atlas: 500 Iconic Destinations for Queer Travelers

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The Pride Atlas is vibrant and comprehensive in covering global destinations for LGBTQ+ travelers who are looking to celebrate their history with joy.

Separated into five regional chapters, the entries (contributed by journalists, activists, and professional nomads) are color-coded by category, like event types, places to visit, activities, and memorials. The book balances its coverage of festivals and nightlife destinations with spots for those outside of the party scene, including libraries, archives, and activism spots.

Complemented by bold, evocative photographs and engaging facts and details, there are entries for San Francisco's first Transgender District; a memorial in Berlin honoring the 100,000 gay men arrested by the Nazis during World War II; and Tepoztla⊡n, Mexico's connection to lesbian folk singer Chavela Vargas, who had famous lovers, including Frida Kahlo. There are indications for the best time of year to go to each place and about which type of travel personality each destination is suited for: "Best for Rainbows, love, and community" or "Getting your sexy on."

Focused on diversity, equality, and social justice, the book also covers Afro Pride in Ft. Lauderdale, which began in 2020 and serves Black people from the Americas, Africa, and the Caribbean. In June, head to Navajo Nation Pride in Window Rock, Arizona, to celebrate decolonization. To learn more about the erasure of queer POC, stop by the ArQuives in Toronto, Canada, which is open all year round. Such coverage makes the guide exceptional, as does a helpful resource section that includes tips on travel safety, advice for trans and transitioning travelers, and notes for connecting with local networks.

With coverage from San Francisco to Greenland for solo travelers, couples, and families, The Pride Atlas is an intersectional, inclusive LGBTQ+ travel guide.

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