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LGBT Stockholm

Gay and lesbian life in Stockholm is like the city itself: easily accessible, hugely fun, highly varied and warm and welcoming. Over the years, Stockholm has emerged as one of the world's favorite gay and lesbian destinations, winning awards and topping Where to go-lists across the planet. Stockholm Pride in July–August is the highlight of the year. The festival has grown to become one of Stockholm's largest annual events, as well as the biggest Pride celebration in Scandinavia. In 2018 Stockholm is the proud host of Europride.

LGBT events

Stockholm Pride

Since it was first held in 1998, Stockholm Pride has become Stockholm's largest annual festival. The week-long festival culminates in the annual Stockholm Pride parade with more than 50,000 participants and over 500,000 spectators. Stockholm Pride incorporates music, art, lectures, debates, and of course a fair bit of revelry, all topped off with Saturday's huge parade and outdoor festival in Pride Park.

July 27–August 5 2018, stockholmpride.org

EuroPride 2018 in Stockholm, July 27 to August 5

We're looking forward to a summer painted with the colors of the rainbow, with a dazzling celebration, discussion and manifesting the equal rights of all people. The party continues in Gothenburg August 14 to August 19. europride2018.com

Cinema Queer International Film Festival

This festival was founded in 2012 with the aim of broadening the hetero-normative cinematic offering in Sweden. The festival features films that question, confront and look beyond the prevailing norms and illuminate stories that might otherwise go unnoticed. cinemaqueer.se

Gay tours/queer tours

Several museums and attractions organize queer tours, including the **Vasa Museum**, **Strömma Kanalbolaget**, **Stockholm City Museum**, **Hallwyl Museum** and the **Woodland Cemetery**.

Restaurants, bars and clubs

In a city as open as Stockholm, there has never been a need for a special "gayborhood". Lesbian, gay and gay-friendly hotels, bars and restaurants are scattered throughout the city and rainbow flags fly high in many of Stockholm's central districts.

Mälarpaviljongen

A verdant oasis with a restaurant, bar and al fresco section, located on the pier, waterfront and a barge at Norr Mälärstrand. Stunning views across the waters of Riddarfjärden. An atmospheric, cozy restaurant and high-spirited bar with great music. Open in summer only.

Norr Mälärstrand 62, malarpaviljongen.se

Chokladkoppen

This cozy little café in the heart of Gamla Stan was one of the first openly LGBT-friendly establishments in Stockholm. Exquisite sandwiches and pastries, and a popular al fresco section in summer. Stortorget 18, chokladkoppen.se

Hjärtat på torget

Hjärtat på torget is the obvious meeting place for Stockholm's gay population. Its central Gamla Stan location makes it a popular nighttime stop. At Hjärtat på torget, you can also find updates and tips for what to do in Stockholm. Mälartorget 13, hjaratatpatorget.se

Bitter Pills

Lesbian restaurant and bar transforming Hornstull from hipster to queer. Verkstadsgatan 4, bitterpills.se

Urban Deli

Restaurant and bar with a hip mixed crowd. Nytorget 4, urbandeli.org

LGBT club scene

The best way to keep track of the hottest clubs is to visit the QX's GayMap, an event calendar covering LGBT events and clubs in Stockholm. www.gaymap.qx.se Visit **Club King Kong**, where a jungle rhythm beats on bohemian Söder's gay corner in Mariatorget. The part at **Limbo** on Fridhemsplan combines a high-energy shows and dragqueens with a smooth and laid back front of house. At Kungsgatan 15 you'll find **Tank**, a club with two dance floors open to 05.00, for the partygoer that just can't stop dancing. **Moxy**, a club night held at different locations, attracts thousands of women of different ages and styles, all in the mood to dance. And during the summer months, visit **Trädgården**, a club for young open minds to have fun all night under the hipster stars.

LGBT progress in Sweden

- 1944 Homosexual relationships are legalized
- 1972 Sweden becomes the first country in the world to legally allow gender change
- 1979 The National Board of Health and Welfare (Socialstyrelsen) decides homosexuality is no longer a mental disorder
- 1987 Ban on discrimination against homosexuals by businesses and government officials takes effect
- 1988 Homosexuals included in the cohabitation law
- 1995 The Registered Partnership Act (domestic partnership law) is passed
- 1999 HomO, an ombudsman for LGBT people, is established
- 2003 Constitutional change to outlaw hate speech based on sexual orientation
- 2003 Adoption rights for same-sex couples
- 2005 Insemination rights for lesbian couples
- 2009 Transgender identity and expressions included in anti-discrimination act
- 2009 Gender-neutral marriage law in effect
- 2011 Prohibition of discrimination based on sexual orientation is added to the Swedish constitution
- 2013 Mandatory sterilization stricken from law regarding change of legal gender

More on LGBT Stockholm

QX GayMap

QX is the largest LGBT- media publisher in Scandinavia, with QX monthly, QX.se, the Internet community Qruiser.com and QX online GayMap. The QX online GayMap is an event calendar covering LGBT events in Stockholm. You can also pick up your printed QX GayMap at many of the places mentioned above. qx.se/gaymap/Stockholm

What's going on in LGBT Stockholm

News, events and highlights on LGBT Stockholm updated by Visit Stockholm, the official visitors bureau of Stockholm. Website: www.visitstockholm.com/the-lgbt-guide-to-stockholm Facebook: www.facebook.com/gaylesbianstockholm