

The Spartacus International Gay Travel Index rates all of the Spartacus destinations listed in the Spartacus International Gay Guide according to the laws and local customs of each country. We have 15 categories ranging from gay-marriage to death penalty for homosexuals. The countries are colour coded with dark green being the most liberal and gay-friendly countries down to red for the most dangerous countries for homosexuals to visit and live in.

This list will be updated on a regular basis, allowing trends to be seen—positive as well as negative changes to our gay world. You can find the explanation of our points system on the last page.

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EXPLANATION OF OUR POINTS SYSTEM FOR OUR GAY TRAVEL INDEX

Our Gay Travel Index is divided into positive and negative categories. On the left hand side the positive (in green) and on the right the negative attributes (in red).

Some of the categories have a maximum of 3 levels and for this reason a maximum of 3 points can be awarded. In the case of the death sentence, due to its severity and also because there are 5 countries worldwide which implement the death sentence for those caught interacting in homosexual terms, a maximum of -5 points are attributed to these countries – ensuring that these countries are at the bottom of our list.

Some of the negative categories reflect the degree of negative influence – for example the category “religious influence”. Because the influence of the Catholic church is stronger in the Vatican City than it is in Portugal for example (where the Catholic church still plays an important negative role) the Vatican City was “awarded” -2 points and Portugal only -1.

A category which is not positively influenced or negatively affected is generally rated with a “0” (as zero is neither positive nor negative).

The constantly changing political influences will be reflected in our updates, which will take place several times per year. A new category will then be added, showing the ranking position from the previous index listing.

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	COUNTRY																
1	Sweden	9	3	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Belgium	8	2	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Netherlands	8	2	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Canada ²	7	2	2	2	1	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Iceland	7	2	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Denmark ⁵	6	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Norway	6	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Spain	6	2	2	2	1	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
	United Kingdom ³	6	2	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
	Uruguay ¹⁹	6	2	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	St. Maarten	5	2	2	2	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
	France	5	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Germany ⁶	5	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Argentina ¹	4	0	2	2	1	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
	Austria	4	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finland	4	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Luxembourg	4	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	New Zealand	4	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Portugal ⁴	4	3	2	0	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
	Switzerland	4	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	Australia ¹⁴	3	1	1	1	1	1	0	-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Czech Republic	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Estonia	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	French Polynesia	3	2	1	0	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Ireland	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Slovenia	3	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
	South Africa	3	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	-2	0
	Greenland	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	COUNTRY																
29	Andorra	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Brazil⁷	2	1	1	1	1	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2	0
	Guadeloupe	2	2	1	0	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
	Martinique	2	2	1	0	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
	Gibraltar	2	1	0	0	0	1	-	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
	Israel⁸	2	1	1	0	1	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
	Liechtenstein	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	New Caledonia	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reunion	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
38	Bulgaria	1	1	0	0	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Cambodia	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Aruba	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Curacao	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	-	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0
	Croatia	1	2	0	0	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
	Mexico	1	1	0	1	1	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	-2	0
	Thailand	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	USA²⁰	1	1	1	0	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
	Italy	1	1	0	0	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
47	Bosnia-Herzegovina¹⁶	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	-1	-1	0	0	0	0
	Bonaire	0	-	0	0	0	1	-	-	-	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0
	Virgin Islands (USA)¹⁵	0	1	0	0	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0
	China/Hong Kong	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0
	Costa Rica	0	1	0	0	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0
	Greece	0	1	0	0	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
	Guam	0	-	-	-	0	1	-1	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Hungary	0	1	0	0	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
	Malta	0	1	0	0	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
	Philippines	0	1	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Slovakia	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
	Vietnam	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
59	Armenia	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Bermuda	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0
	Bolivia	-1	0	0	0	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0
	British Virgin Islands	-1	1	0	0	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0
	Chile	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Cyprus	-1	0	0	0	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
	Japan	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
	Kazakhstan	-1	0	0	0	0	1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
	Azerbaijan	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	-1	0	0	0
	Laos	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
	Moldovia	-1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	-1	0	0	0
	Montenegro	-1	0	0	0	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
	Nicaragua	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
	Kosovo	-1	2	0	0	0	1	-2	0	0	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0

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	COUNTRY																
59		Latvia	-1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	-1	-1	0	0	0
74		Dominican Republic	-2	0	0	0	0	0	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Colombia¹¹	-2	1	1	0	0	1	-1	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	-2	0
74		Ecuador	-2	0	1	0	0	1	-1	-2	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
		El Salvador	-2	1	0	0	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	0	-2	0
		Fiji¹²	-2	0	0	0	0	1	-1	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
		Georgia (Europe)	-2	1	0	0	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	0	-2	0
		Kyrgyzstan	-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
		Macedonia	-2	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
		Mongolia	-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
		Paraguay	-2	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
		Taiwan	-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Ukraine	-2	0	0	0	0	1	-1	0	0	0	-1	-1	0	0	0
		Venezuela	-2	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
		Vanuatu	-2	0	0	0	0	1	-1	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
88		Albania	-3	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0
		Cape Verde	-3	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0
		Cuba	-3	0	0	0	0	1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	-2	0
		Grenada	-3	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-1	-1	0	0	-1	0	0
		Puerto Rico¹⁰	-3	1	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	0	-2	0
		Guatemala	-3	0	0	0	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	0	-2	0
		India	-3	0	0	0	0	0	-1	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
		Korea South	-3	0	0	0	0	1	-1	-2	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
		Lebanon	-3	0	0	0	0	1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0
		Lithuania	-3	0	0	0	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	0
		Nepal	-3	0	0	0	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	-1	0	0
		Poland	-3	1	0	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0	-1	-1	0	0	0
		Romania	-3	0	0	0	0	1	-1	0	0	0	-2	-1	0	0	0
		Senegal	-3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0
		Serbia	-3	0	0	0	0	1	-1	0	0	0	-1	-2	0	0	0
		Sri Lanka	-3	0	0	0	0	1	0	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0
104		Belarus	-4	0	0	0	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	-2	-2	0	0
		Belize	-4	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0
		Barbados⁹	-4	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0
		Saint Kitts & Nevis	-4	0	0	0	0	0	-1	-	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0
		Honduras	-4	0	0	0	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	-2	0
		Indonesia¹³	-4	0	0	0	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	-2	0	0
		Kenya	-4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	0	0
		Mauritius	-4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	0	0
		Myanmar	-4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	0	0
		Panama	-4	0	0	0	0	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	0	-1	0	0
		Peru¹⁷	-4	0	0	0	0	1	-2	0	-1	0	0	-2	0	0	0
		Singapore	-4	0	0	0	0	1	0	-3	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	0
		Tunisia	-4	0	0	0	0	1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0

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	COUNTRY																	
104	Turkey	-4	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	0	0	
	Zambia	-4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	0	0	
119	Morocco	-5	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	0	0	
	Namibia	-5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-2	-1	-1	0	0	-2	0	0	
	Oman	-5	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	
	Pakistan	-5	0	0	0	0	0	1	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	
	Syria	-5	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	
	Madagascar	-5	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-2	0	-2	0
	Bahamas	-6	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1	-2	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	-2	0
125	Zimbabwe	-6	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	-2	0	
	Vatican City	-7	0	0	0	0	0	1	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-2	0	0	
127	Bahrain¹⁸	-7	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2	-2	0	0	0	-2	-1	0	0	
	Maldives	-7	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	0	0	
	Malaysia	-8	0	0	0	0	0	1	-2	-1	-2	-1	0	-1	-2	0	0	
130	Egypt	-9	0	0	0	0	0	1	-2	-2	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	0	-1	
131	Nigeria	-10	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-2	-1	0	-1	-2	0	-5	
	Tanzania	-10	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-2	-2	-2	0	
132	Jamaica	-11	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	-2	-2	0	-2	-2	-2	0	
	Jordan	-11	0	0	0	0	0	1	-2	-3	-1	0	0	-2	-2	-2	0	
	Russia	-11	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1	-3	-1	0	-2	-2	-1	-2	0	
134	United Arab Emirates	-12	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1	-2	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	0	-5	
137	Iran	-13	0	0	0	0	0	1	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	-2	-5	

- In Argentina the anti-discrimination laws are still in the process
- In Canada the adoption laws vary per province. Same-sex adoption is however possible countrywide.
- In Northern Ireland the legal situation regarding same-sex adoption is unclear.
- In Portugal gay or lesbian individuals can adopt children but not as couples.
- In Denmark a new law will be passed in 2012, allowing same-sex marriage, also with church ceremonies
- In Germany due to the federal system there are varying rules regarding arrival/residence of these with HIV. Those with HIV can be refused entry into Bavaria.
- In Brazil anti discrimination laws only exist in a few regions. The supreme constitutional court urges an equality as well as the introduction of gay marriage. The laws on adoption are also regionally restricted for gays and lesbians.
- In Israel a civil marriage for both homosexual and heterosexual couples is not possible as marriage can only be performed by a Rabbi. This problem does not only apply to gays and lesbians but also heterosexuals belonging to different religious affiliations. There are limited anti discrimination laws (exception: certain religious groups).
- In Barbados the law making homosexuality illegal is currently in a review process.
- In 2009 Puerto Rico proposed a law to protect against discrimination on the grounds of sexual identity. This proposal was rejected as Puerto Rico must conform to some of the US legislation. Therefore the ban on Hate Crimes also applies here.
- In Colombia there is currently a discussion regarding same-sex marriage, after the highest court in the country demanded that a law be introduced by 2013 in which gay marriage may not be declined as this would not confirm with the Colombian constitution. Also regarding adoption heated debates are currently taking place. A current case regarding adoption is being fought out in the high court and a principle judgement is expected.
- In Fiji a new constitution is being created which should be completed by 2013. Discrimination on the basis of sexual identity has been addressed. Fiji was the second country worldwide to include anti-discrimination in their constitution (1997) in 2009 this constitution was however abolished. Whether a ban of discrimination will be included in the new constitution remains to be seen. It is planned to remove the ban on entry and residence restriction for those with HIV.
- In Indonesia homosexuality is legal, although in the province Aceh the Sharia laws apply, however for Muslims only (according to ilga.org). In the province Jakarta homosexuality is legally seen as a mental illness and no legal protection applies.
- In Australia there is a current debate regarding national laws concerning gay marriage or civil partnerships. The outcome is uncertain.
- The Virgin Islands of the USA have the same legal status as Puerto Rico regarding the USA. Here there is also a ban on hate crimes.
- Bosnia-Herzegovina passed an unclear anti-discrimination law in 2009 in which a ban on discrimination against "sexual expression" is mentioned. There is a reference that "sexual identity" is not meant in this case. It is obvious that an attempt to adhere to the minimum requirements from the EU has been made, in order to be accepted into the EU.
- Consensual homosexual acts in Peru between adults are legal. An exception applies for members of the military and police, who can be prosecuted with a prison sentence ranging from 60 days to 20 years or suspension from duty.
- In Bahrain although the paragraph referring to sodomy was abolished in 1976 from the local legal code, gay men can still be punished with imprisonment according to the laws regarding "unmoral" behaviour.
- In Uruguay gay marriage was proposed in September 2011 and it is planned to be incorporated in legal legislation.
- USA: See the individual listings for each US state.

GAY TRAVEL INDEX USA

As the legal situation for homosexuals in the different US states is so varied, we have listed each of the 50 states which make up the USA.

Ranking	spartacus GAY TRAVEL INDEX		Total	Anti-discrimination legislation	Marriage / Partnership	Adoption allowed	LGBT-Marketing	Equal Age of Consent	Religious influence	Anti-gay laws	Locals hostile
	STATE										
1	New York	8	2	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	
	Massachusetts	8	2	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	
3	Vermont	7	2	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	
	New Hampshire	7	2	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	
	Connecticut	7	2	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	
6	Oregon	6	2	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	
	Illinois	6	2	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	
	Maine	6	2	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	
	Maryland ⁷	6	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	
	California ²	6	2	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	
11	Delaware ⁴	5	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	
	Washington ³	5	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	
	Rhode Island	5	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	
	Iowa	5	2	1	2	0	1	0	0	-1	
	Nevada	5	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	
16	New Jersey	4	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	-1	
17	New Mexico	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
	Wisconsin	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
	Colorado	3	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	-1	
20	Pennsylvania	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	
	Hawaii	2	2	1	0	0	1	-1	0	-1	
	Minnesota	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	-1	
	Florida ⁸	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	-1	0	
	Arizona	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	-1	
25	Alaska	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
	Indiana	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	-1	
	Ohio	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
	Kansas	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	-1	
	Missouri	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	-1	
	Nebraska	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	-1	
31	North Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-1	
	South Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-1	
	Michigan	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-1	
	Virginia	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-1	
	West Virginia ⁶	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-1	
	Kentucky	0	1	0	0	0	1	-1	0	-1	
	Wyoming	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-1	
Texas ¹	0	1	0	0	1	1	-1	-1	-1		
41	Louisiana	0	1	0	0	0	1	-1	0	-1	
	Tennessee	0	1	0	0	0	1	-1	0	-1	
	Georgia	-1	0	0	0	0	1	-1	0	-1	
47	Mississippi	-1	0	0	0	0	1	-1	0	-1	
	Arkansas	-1	0	0	0	0	1	-1	0	-1	
	Oklahoma	-1	0	0	0	0	1	-1	0	-1	
	Idaho	-1	0	0	0	0	1	0	-1	-1	
49	Montana	-1	0	0	0	0	1	0	-1	-1	
	South Carolina	-2	0	0	0	0	1	-2	0	-1	
49	Utah	-2	0	0	0	0	1	-1	-1	-1	
	North Carolina ⁵	-3	0	0	0	0	1	-2	-1	-1	
	Alabama	-3	0	0	0	0	1	-2	-1	-1	

1 In Texas as a result from a supreme court ruling from 2003 in the case Lawrence VS Texas the sodomy law was deemed to contradict the constitution of the USA. The sodomy laws are however still found in the code of law in Texas, although no longer enforced.

2 The year long legal battle regarding gay marriage in California is not over. The current situation is, that the referendum which once again banned gay marriage was found to be unconstitutional and therefore the gay marriages concluded to this point are legally binding. Further marriages are not possible. This case will be discussed by the supreme court. At the same time a new referendum is being drawn up, in which Proposition 8, which banned gay marriage, will once again be overruled.

3 Washington state passed a new law in February 2012 regarding gay marriage which will come into force in June 2012.

4 Since 01.01.2012 a registered partnership is legally possible in the state of Delaware, including legal adoption.

5 In North Carolina there will be a vote in May 2012 which when passed to ban on gay marriage will be written into the state constitution.

6 The delegate John Doyle announced in December 2011 that his last act before retiring in 2012 would be to submit a law for the civil partnership.

7 As the gay marriage laws have been legally binding from February 2012 they can be practically implemented from January 2013.

8 In Florida adoption by homosexual couples is theoretically possible, ever since a legal ruling from 2010, but because the constitution has not been amended an explicit ban on adoption continues to exist.