

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 explaination of our points system on the last page.

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EXPLAINATION 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 countris 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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| 1 | Sweden | 9 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 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 |
| | Netherlands | 8 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 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 |
| | Iceland | 7 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Denmark ⁵ | 7 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 7 | Norway | 6 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Spain | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | United Kingdom ³ | 6 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 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 |
| 11 | St. Maarten | 5 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| - | France ²¹ | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 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 |
| 14 | Argentina ¹ | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Austria | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 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 |
| | Luxembourg | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 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 |
| | Portugal ⁴ | 4 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Switzerland | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 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 |
| | Czech Republic | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 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 |
| | French Polynesia | 3 - | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Ireland ²² Slovenia | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | South Africa | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | South Africa Greenland | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | -2 | 0 |
| | Greenland | 3 | 1 | 1 | U | 0 | 1 | U | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |



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| Rai | COUNTRY | Total | Ant | Ma Par | Add | 3 | Equ | Rel | HIN | Ant | He | Pri | Loc | Pro | M | De |
| 29 | Andorra | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | -2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Brazil ⁷ | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -2 | 0 |
| | Guadeloupe | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Martinique | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Gibraltar Israel ⁸ | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Liechtenstein | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -1 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | New Caledonia | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 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 |
| 38 | Bulgaria | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Cambodia | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Aruba | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Curacao | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Croatia ²³ | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Mexico | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | -2 | 0 |
| | Thailand | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | USA ²⁰ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Italy | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 47 | Bosnia-Hercegovina ¹⁶ | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Bonaire | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | - | - | - | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Virgin Islands (USA) ¹⁵ China/Hong Kong | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -1 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Costa Rica | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Chile ²⁴ | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Guam | 0 | - | - | - | 0 | 1 | -1 | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Hungary | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Malta | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Philippines | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Slovakia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Vietnam | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 59 | Greece | -1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Armenia | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Bermuda | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Bolivia British Virgin Islands | -1 -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 0 | 0 -1 | 0 | 0 | -1 -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Cyprus | -1 -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -1 -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Japan | -1 | 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 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Azerbaijan | -1 | 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 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Moldovia | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Montenegro | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Nicaragua | -1 | 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 | -2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |



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| 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 |
| | Colombia ¹¹ | -2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | -2 | 0 |
| | 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 |
| | Fiji ¹² | -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 Puerto Rico ¹⁰ | -3 -3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 -1 | - | -1 | -1 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 |
| | Guatemala | -3 -3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 -1 | 0 | -2 -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 | -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 |
| | Barbados ⁹ | -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 |
| | Indonesia ¹³ | -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 |
| | Peru ¹⁷ | -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 | o rld.com |



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| Ranking | COUNTRY | Total | Anti- tion | Mari Part | Adoptior allowed | 168 | Equal Ag Consent | Relig influ | HIV- restr | Anti | Homos illegal | Prid | Loca | Pros | Mur | Deat |
| 104 | Turkey | -4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 0 | -1 | 0 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 0 | 0 |
| | Zambia | -4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | -1 | -1 | 0 | -1 | -2 | 0 | 0 |
| 119 | Morocco | -5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 0 | -1 | -1 | 0 | -1 | -2 | 0 | 0 |
| | Namibia | -5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | -2 | -1 | -1 | 0 | 0 | -2 | 0 | 0 |
| | Oman | -5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 0 | -1 | -1 | 0 | 0 |
| | Pakistan | -5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -2 | 0 | -1 | -1 | 0 | -1 | -1 | 0 | 0 |
| | Syria | -5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Madagascar | -5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -2 | 0 | -2 | 0 |
| 125 | Bahamas | -6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -1 | -2 | -1 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | -2 | 0 |
| | Zimbabwe | -6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | -1 | -1 | 0 | -1 | -2 | -2 | 0 |
| 127 | Vatican City | -7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -2 | 0 | -1 | -1 | 0 | -2 | -2 | 0 | 0 |
| | Bahrain ¹⁸ | -7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -2 | -2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -2 | -1 | 0 | 0 |
| | Maledives | -7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -2 | 0 | -1 | -1 | 0 | -2 | -1 | 0 | 0 |
| 130 | Malaysia | -8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -2 | -1 | -2 | -1 | 0 | -1 | -2 | 0 | 0 |
| 131 | Egypt | -9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -2 | -2 | -1 | -1 | 0 | -1 | -2 | 0 | -1 |
| 132 | Nigeria | -10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | -2 | -1 | 0 | -1 | -2 | 0 | -5 |
| | Tanzania | -10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 0 | -2 | -2 | -2 | 0 |
| 134 | Jamaica | -11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | -2 | -2 | 0 | -2 | -2 | -2 | 0 |
| | Jordan | -11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -2 | -3 | -1 | 0 | 0 | -2 | -2 | -2 | 0 |
| | Russia | -11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -1 | -3 | -1 | 0 | -2 | -2 | -1 | -2 | 0 |
| 137 | United Arab Emirates | -12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -1 | -2 | -1 | -1 | 0 | -1 | -2 | 0 | -5 |
| 138 | Iran | -13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -2 | 0 | -1 | -1 | 0 | -1 | -2 | -2 | -5 |

- 1 In Argentina the anti-discrimination laws are still in the process
- 2 In Canada the adoption laws vary per province. Samesex-adoption is however possible countrywide.
- 3 In Northern Ireland the legal situation regarding same-sex adoption in unclear.
- 4 In Portugal gay or lesbian individuals can adopt children but not as couples.
- In Denmark the homo's marriage is possible since the 15. June 2012 and it can even be carried out in a church.
- 6 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.
- 7 In Brazil anti discrimination laws only exist in a few regions. The suprime constitutional court urges an equality as well as the introduction of gay marriage. The laws on adoption are also regionally restricted for gays and
- 8 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).
- 9 In Barbados the law making homosexuality illegal is currently in a review process.
- 10 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.

- 11 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.
- 12 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.
- 13 In Indonesia homosexuality is legal, however, in the province Aceh the sharia laws apply but only to believers of Islam. In the province Djakarta homosexual is legally seen as spiritual disturbance and »sufferers« have no protective rights.
- 14 In Australia a debate on the introduction of a national regulation regarding the gay marriage or civil partnership is currently taking place with uncertain outcome. In June, 2012 Queensland abolished the possibility of the lending maternity for single and homosexual couples. However, another application to the abolition of the registered life partnership found no majority.
- 15 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.
- 16 Bosnia-Hercegovina passed an unclear anti-discrimi-

- nation 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.
- 17 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.
- 18 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.
- 19 In Uruguay gay marriage was proposed in September 2011 and it is planned to be incorporated in legal legislation.
- 20 USA: See the individual listings for each US state.
- 21 With the victory of the socialists at the recent presidential and parliamentary elections in France, it can be assumed that gay marriage will be implemented according to government spokeswoman Vallaud-Belkacem in Spring, 2013.
- 22 The Employment Equality Act allows religious-run workplaces exemption from its anti-discrimination provisions in order to protect their ethos.
- 23 Croatian Prime Minister Zolan Milanovic publicly expressed being in favour of a law allowing registered partnerships and announced the introduction of a bill. With it an adaptation to the guidelines of the EU would be applied.
- 24 In Chile an anti-discrimination law was passed in May, 2012 which also includes the protection from discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation.



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.

General remark: in the actual list the federal states we have negatively rated states which have expressly anchored anti-gay laws which include the ban of gay marriage in their constitution. Hence, the states Kentucky, Louisiana, Tennessee, Georgia, Mississippi, Arkansas and South Carolina fall in the ranking, although the general law position compared with our last ranking nothing has changed.

Movement is taking place in the USA nowadays in the area of the rights for the Queer Community. During the presidential election campaign, Obama was the first president who publically supports gay marriage (at the same time, nevertheless, the federal states have the final decision). In the different federal states the contrary political decisions are being taken which are then often challenged by a referendum from local people. Because a federal court of appeal has declared the Defense of Marriage Acts, which declares heterosexual marriage as the only legal marriage form, for unconstitutional, a decision is expected from the Supreme Court which could possibly rule all federal laws for null and void which expressly forbid gay marriage.

- 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 In June 2012 a law should have come into force regarding gay marriage, however, has been stopped for the time being, because citizen groups have collected enough signatures to force a referendum which should prevent the law. The referendum takes place at the same time as the presidential elections.
- 4 Since 1. January 2012 a registered partnership is legally possible in the state of Delaware, including legal adoption.
- 5 In North Carolina the ban of gay marriage has been anchored in the constitution after a referendum in May 2012.
- 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.
- 9 In Colorado a »Civil of union« regulation in the legislation procedure has failed, after the Republicans prevented the passing of this legislation which was considered to be sure with a trick.

| iii | SPORTOCUS GAY TRAVEL INDEX | | Anti-discrimina- tion legislation | Marriage / Partnership | otion ved | LGBT-Marketing | Equal Age of Consent | Religious influence | Anti-gay laws | Locals hostile |
|---------|----------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Ranking | STATE | Total | Anti- tion | Marr Partr | Adoption allowed | LGBT | Equa Cons | Relig influ | Anti- | Local |
| 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 |
| | Rhode Island | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | lowa | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | -1 |
| | Nevada | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 15 | New Jersey | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | -1 |
| | Washington ³ | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 17 | New Mexico | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Wisconsin | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Colorado ⁹ | 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 |
| | Louisana _ | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 0 | -1 |
| 4.1 | Tennessee | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 0 | -1 |
| 41 | Georgia | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 0 | -1 |
| | 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 |
| 47 | Montana South Carolina | -1 -2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 -2 | -1 | -1 1 |
| 4/ | | | | | | | | | 0 | -1 |
| 40 | Utah North Carolina ⁵ | -2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 |
| 49 | | -3 -7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -2 | -1 | -1 |
| | Alabama | -3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -2 | -1 | -1 |