

# 10 Pride Festivals You've Never Been To, But Should

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Sure, we all know about Pride in places like New York, London, Chicago, Sydney And L.A.. But what about those Pride Month celebrations that are a little off-the-beaten path?

We've rounded up 10 that might not be on your radar, but should be. Each offers something super-special—and super-gay!

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## 1. Portland, Oregon



### June 9 to 14, 2015

Pride Northwest, as one local told us, “is a little bit of everything”—including a nighttime Pride Glow Run, the Trans Rally, Dyke March and a Pride parade with Gov. Kate Brown as Grand Marshall. Music acts include Martha Wash, Big Dipper and Doug Locke.

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## 2. Shanghai, China



June 12 to 21, 2015

China's longest-running gay event, ShanghaiPRIDE, opens with a 6km city run passing through Shanghai's iconic sites. The weeklong celebration also includes bike rides, art exhibits, film screening, panels and a performance of the *Vagina Monologues*.

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## 3. Riga, Latvia



June 15 to 21, 2015

Despite efforts by officials to ban it, Riga, the capital and largest city in Latvia, hosts EuroPride this year. *Turpināt karalienes!* (That's "carry on queens" in Latvian)

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## 4. [Sitges, Spain](#)



**June 18 to 22, 2015**

If Barcelona's bang is too big for your buck, then hop on the train for a 40-minute ride to Sitges. Last year, 45,000 folks flocked to this quaint Mediterranean city for a beachfront Pride like no other. Highlights include an underwear party, a 5pm Pride parade, a masked ball and tribute acts honoring Beyonce, ABBA, Queen and the Spice Girls.

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## 5. [Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN](#)



**June 25 to 28, 2015**

Lily Tomlin is [back in headlines](#) with the success of her new Netflix series, *Gracie and Frankie*. But she's also headlining Twin Cities Pride, kicking off the four-day celebration. Also performing that weekend are Deborah Cox and Peaches. Need we say more?

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## 6. St. Petersburg, Florida



**June 24 to 28, 2015**

St. Petersburg Pride, Florida's largest, is a vibrant festival featuring art, music and performances of all kind. Highlights include the Pride parade, a lively spectacle that runs right through the heart of the gayborhood, St. Petersburg's Grand Central District.

And you don't have to endure the harsh sun: The procession begins at sunset on Saturday, June 27.

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## 7. Manila, Philippines



**June 27, 2015**

Metro Manila Pride, the first in Southeast Asia, is an annual community-driven celebration. Smaller in size, the event is headed up by Task Force Pride, a local group of passionate activists. This year's parade theme is Fight For Love.

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## 8. Amsterdam, Holland



July 25 to August 2, 2015

The only pride parade where the floats actually *float*, this unique procession takes place on Amsterdam's famous canals.

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## 9. Austin, Texas



August 22 to 30, 2015

This year, Austin Pride celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Details have yet to be announced, but last year's theme was *The Wizard of Oz*. There's no place like homo!

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## 10. Savannah, Georgia



September 12, 2015

Just because summer's over doesn't mean Pride is: This Southern city celebrates the LGBT community in the fall at pristine Forsythe Park, with a family friendly festival featuring local entertainers, food, vendors, carnival games and more. All for just \$5.