

# I G L T H S FOUNDATION

2021 LGBTQ+ POST COVID TRAVEL SURVEY UNITED STATES RESULTS

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The International LGBTQ+ Travel Association recently surveyed members of the LGBTQ+ community to gauge their attitudes toward leisure travel in the face of the Covid-19 pandemic. Responses came from approximately 6,300 LGBTQ+ travelers around the world, with the largest representation from the United States, Brazil, Mexico, the EU and India.



"When we did our first LGBTQ+ post-covid travel sentiment study last year, the pandemic was in its infancy and everything was uncertain. Still, the results were undeniable: LGBTQ+ travelers were anxious to return to travel as soon as it was safely possible," **said John Tanzella, IGLTA President/CEO.** 

"We wanted to revisit this project a year into this challenging time to reinforce the resilience of LGBTQ+ travelers, and to champion the importance of equity, diversity and inclusion in destination outreach. Again, the results undeniably show that LGBTQ+ travelers are ready to travel, and represent a valuable, loyal audience for tourism businesses that make the effort to genuinely welcome them."

#### METHODOLOGY & DEMOGRAPHICS

The 2021 LGBTQ+ Post Covid Travel Survey was conducted between 26 March and 9 April 2021 through the association's global network, including members and media partners, with support from the IGLTA Foundation. The responses came from **6,324 individuals\*** around the world who identify as LGBTQ+. The survey was conducted in four languages: English, Spanish, French, and Portuguese. **This presentation focuses on the results from 2,712 LGBTQ+ individuals who live in the United States and responded to this survey.** 

#### **DEMOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN OF US RESPONDENTS**

- 69% of respondents identified as gay; 11% lesbian; 13% bisexual, 4% queer; and 2% pansexual
- 70% of respondents are between the ages of 25 and 64
- 79% of respondents are men; 16% are women; 2% transgender; and 3% identify as non-binary, preferred to self-describe



<sup>\*</sup>An emphasis was placed on obtaining more responses from women, who were underrepresented in our 2020 survey.

#### **KEY FINDINGS**

There is a great deal of pent-up demand amongst LGBTQ+ travelers. The majority of U.S. respondents (77%) said they plan to take their next **major vacation before the end of 2021**.

More than one quarter (29.5%) of LGBTQ+ U.S. respondents said they had **made travel** reservations in the past week.

85 percent of our U.S. LGBTQ+ respondents **have a passport**.

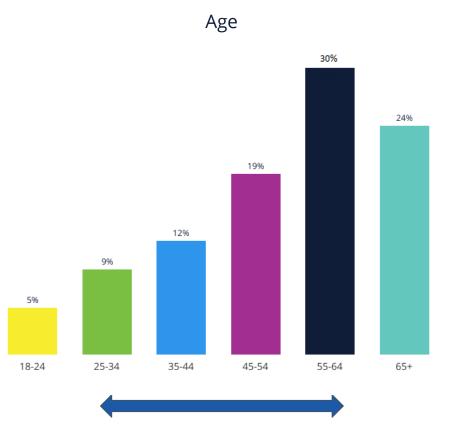
Domestic trips, hotel/resort stays, and short-haul flights are at the top of the activity list for the next 6 months, while longer flights and group activities will take longer to rebound. However, Pride events/LGBTQ+ festivals also ranked highly, underscoring the desire to reconnect within the community.



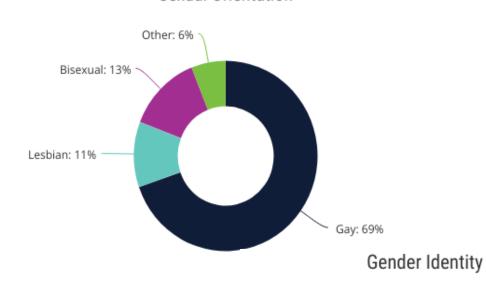


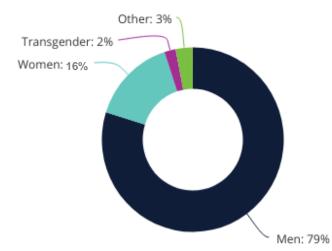
#### **DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE**

#### **Sexual Orientation**



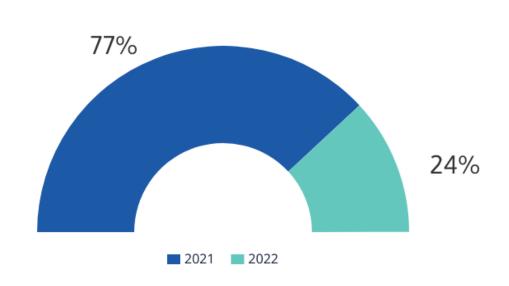
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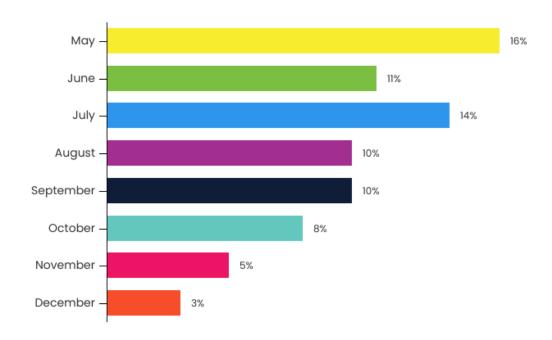




## WHEN DO YOU PLAN TO TAKE YOUR NEXT MAJOR VACATION?



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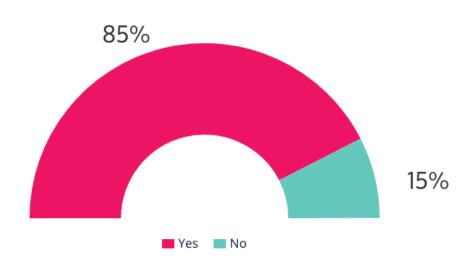


USA 2021 travel intentions month-by-month breakdown.



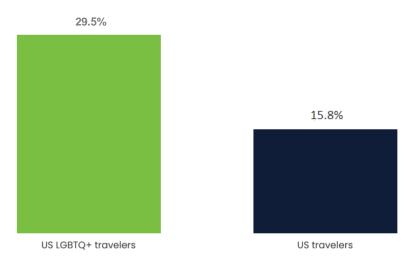


## DO YOU HAVE A PASSPORT?\*



\*Just 42 percent of U.S. citizens have a passport, according to the U.S. Department of State.

## RECENT TRAVEL BOOKINGS\*



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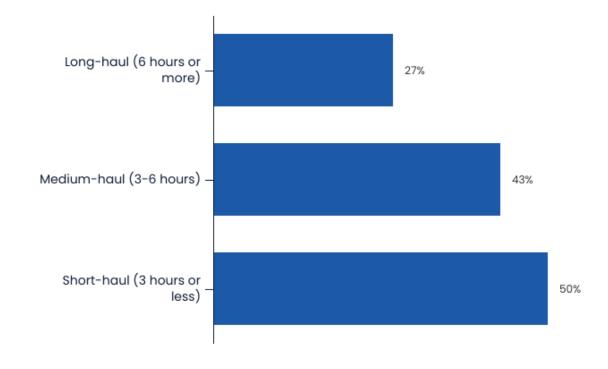
<sup>\*</sup>Destination Analysts conduct ongoing surveys to monitor the impact of COVID-19 on U.S. travelers, reaching out to approximately 1200 travelers in three-day increments. We compared their data on a travel booking question from the similar time frame that our survey was in the field with the aggregated responses we received from those who specifically identified as LGBTQ+ in the U.S. n=2,712





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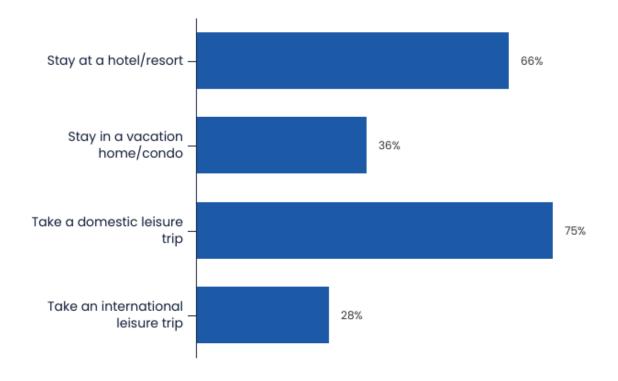






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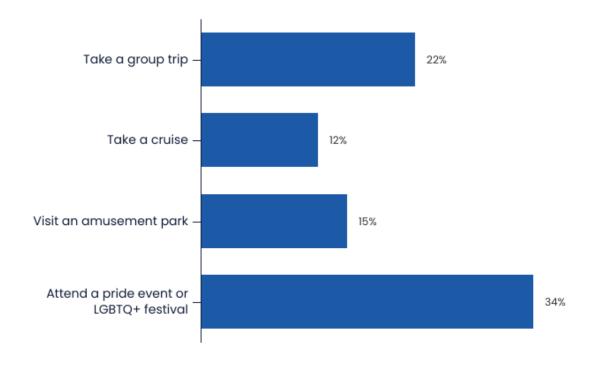
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