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7 Great LGBTQ Getaways from NYC

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Lots of factors can inform your vacation plans: the ease of transportation, the accommodation options, the local food. And for some there's an added dimension: How friendly, inclusive and just plain fun is it for LGBTQ travelers? From stellar nightlife to insider tours to community-focused programs, these destinations don't just welcome non-hetero and non-cis visitors—they cater to them.



PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Get your fill of New England charm with a weekend in the historic capital city of Rhode Island. Though you might be more familiar with the yacht-filled seaside city of Newport, Providence offers that same laid-back Northeast lifestyle alongside some serious design eye candy. The city is home to the renowned Rhode Island School of Design, the annual WaterFire art installation festival and an LGBTQ Film Festival—as well as artisanal coffee shops, gay-friendly bathhouses and an underground music scene.

Stay: Inspired by art, creators and inventors, The Dean offers serious style. As they say on their website, "If you're like me and enjoy a solid art history debate, a perfectly fluffed white duvet, a scotch—neat—and (after a few too many) a wee bit of karaoke, then The Dean is a place for you." Take up residence at this boutique hotel and be sure to stop for a cup of Bolt Coffee in the morning.

Do: After taking a self-guided walking tour to see the 18th- and 19th-century architecture of the city, stop in the RISD Museum to view its permanent collection of more than 100,000 pieces of art.