

GAY SCOTLAND

This fact sheet has been compiled to provide some useful information for the gay and lesbian traveller who may be in search of some gay owned/ friendly accommodation and nightlife whilst visiting Scotland.

Included are a number of gay owned/gay friendly accommodation establishments who are members of VisitScotland and are awarded a star grading in accordance with our quality assurance scheme.

These establishments are welcoming to gay and lesbian guests and are generally close to gay bars, clubs and cafes.

The Scottish gay scene is at its liveliest in the cities, notably, Edinburgh and in Glasgow, but pretty much non-existent in the more rural areas. Edinburgh boasts the famous 'Pink Triangle' area centred around Broughton Street off York Place. Glasgow has a much bigger gay scene, however straight bars and clubs in both cities hold gay and lesbian nights.

Edinburgh Gay Owned and Gay Friendly Accommodation

Ardmor House

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Cafes

The Blue Moon Café – 36 Broughton Street (entrance round the corner in Barony Street) – the longest running gay café bar establishment in Edinburgh and still popular with a good menu, friendly bar staff and comfortable surroundings.

Bars/Clubs

The Street – 2 Picardy Place, top of Broughton Street. The Street bar has now been refurbished into a small but fun bar popular with the pre-club party crowd.

Planet – 6 Baxters Place – Gay bar with a young clubby crowd. Busy on the weekends.

CC Blooms – 23 Greenside Place – Late night club bar with dance floor downstairs. Mixed/gay crowd.

Habana – 22 Greenside Place – Next to the Playhouse Theatre and the outdoor seating is perfect for an afternoon pit-stop when the weather's good (yes it has been known to happen in Scotland!).

The Regent – 2 Montrose Terrace, due east at the end of Regent Road – this is a relaxed and informal pub with a mixed crowd.

The New Town Bar – 26B Dublin Street – newly refurbished – mainly guys.

Frenchies Bar – 89 Rose St North Lane – small bar with young mixed/gay crowd.

Victoria Bar/Boda Bar/Sofi's Bar/ Joseph Pearce – these four bars are a hit with the local mixed/gay community and are Swedish. The Victoria and Boda are located a little further down Leith Walk on the other side from Pilrig Street, Sofi's is on Henderson Street just next to the shore in Leith, Joseph Pearce is on the corner of Elm Row/Montgomery Street at the top of Leith Walk.

Events

Assembly Rooms Ball – George Street – always sold out with proceeds to charity, these Valentine and Halloween balls at the Assembly Rooms are organised by Lothian Gay Switchboard. www.lgls.co.uk

Pride Scotland – Annual gay pride march and festival held in June and shared between Glasgow one year and Edinburgh the next.

Glasgow Gay Owned and Gay Friendly Accommodation

Glasgow Guest House

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Cafes

CCA – Sauchiehall Street – CCA is a smart, stylish bar set in glass atrium, Serving light snacks to 3 course meals, cocktails, beers, wines and spirits so is perfect for lunch with friends or just chilling out. It's also host to a range of entertainment including DJ's and live music sessions.

Tron – Chisholm Street – Part of the Tron theatre the Tron Bar is stylish bar/restaurant in the fashionable Merchant city. The Tron Bar serves drinks, cocktails and range of bar cuisine. Plays regular host to DJs, has a friendly mixed crowd.

Bars/Clubs

Delmonicas – 68 Virginia Street – Scotland's largest gay bar. Plush and stylish on three levels. Three areas with three types of music

The Lounge (aka Polo Lounge) – 84 Wilson Street – The Polo Lounge is a classy, stylish bar/club upstairs and basement which contains a good-sized main club playing current chart hits and the Trophy Room, and a smaller dance floor for enjoying shameless cheesy pink camp classics. Cover charge may apply.

Moda – 58 Virginia Street – Fashionable and sexy, Moda is a sleek late night bar in the Merchant City. Cocktails are a speciality and DJ's playing all your favourite tracks. By Far Glasgow's most classy joint and also has access to 'The Lounge' (polo) and is right next door to Delmonicas.

Court Bar – 69 Hutcheson Street – The Court Bar is a small, cosy bar beside the former Court. Not very trendy but a nice place for a quiet drink. Only gay downstairs in the evening.

The Waterloo – 306 Argyle Street – Traditional style gay pub which attracts a good after-work crowd during the week. Extremely busy weekends. Friendly service and reasonable bar prices.

Bennets – 90 Glassford Street – Bennets is Scotland's oldest gay club, Large venue set over two floors, and recently renovated. Plays everything from Chart and Dance to cheesy Pink Pop. Busy at weekends a good mix of people especially the younger crowd.

Revolver – 6A John Street – Glasgow's newest gay venue with a 'no attitude' approach. Stylish yet down-to-earth, the friendly atmosphere is topped off by drinks at reasonable prices and the novelty of a custom built digital jukebox which is free to play. Other features include pool table and new pinball machine, both very popular in this busy bar.

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Events

Glasgay! 2009 – Scotland’s annual celebration of queer culture from 8 Oct-8 Nov.
www.glasgay.com

Highlands and Inverness Gay Owned and Gay Friendly Accommodation

Pottery House B&B

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21 Degrees North – 21 Queensgate – only listed gay bar in Inverness.

Tayside/Perthshire and Dundee Gay Friendly Accommodation

The Four Seasons Hotel

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Bars/Clubs

Libertys – 124 Seagate – Night club bar with dance floor. Mixed/gay crowd.
Charlies Bar – 75 Seagate – Pub with mixed/gay crowd.
Divas Pub – 75 Seagate – Lounge with many female crowd.

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