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# LGBTI EVENTS

## MADRID PRIDE 2018

29 JUNE-8 JULY

In 2018, the city of Madrid will be holding the **greatest LGBTI** Pride in the world, 10 days packed with concerts, cultural festivals and social and sports events. The largest event in the city, it brings more than a million people together every year in a great celebration of diversity.

[www.madridorgullo.com](http://www.madridorgullo.com)

## WE PARTY

JULY AND DECEMBER

This is one of the most famous LGBTI event promoters in the world, and it organises two major festivals of particular note during the year: the **We Party Gay Pride Festival**, which is associated with the Pride festivities, and the **We Party New Year Festival** at Christmas.

[www.wepartyontour.com](http://www.wepartyontour.com)

## GAYDAY MADRID

SEPTEMBER

Madrid's Parque de Atracciones (amusement park) hosts this day of diversity when lesbian, gay, bisexual and transsexual (LGBTI) individuals as well as their friends and families can enjoy a rainbow-coloured day in a festive and inclusive atmosphere.

[www.gaydaymadrid.es](http://www.gaydaymadrid.es)

## LESGAICINEMAD

NOVEMBER

A must for queer movie fans. The best gay-themed films and films directed by members of the LGBTI community are screened for over a week at one of the most comprehensive festivals on the circuit.

[www.lesgaicinemad.com](http://www.lesgaicinemad.com)

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## MADBEAR MADRID

DECEMBER

The MadBear festival is one of the biggest international gatherings for bears. Thousands of people attend the festival in Madrid every year.

[www.madbear.org](http://www.madbear.org)

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### CULTURAL CALENDAR

To stay up to date with all the exhibitions, shows and other events taking place in the city, visit [www.esmadrid.com](http://www.esmadrid.com).

**LGBT información (+34) 91 523 00 70**

**Emergencies: 112**

### LGBT ASSOCIATIONS

#### **COGAM MADRID LGBT COLLECTIVE**

(+34) 91 522 45 17

(+34) 92 523 00 70

[www.cogam.es](http://www.cogam.es)

#### **FELGTB**

National Federation of Lesbians, Gays, Transsexuals and Bisexuals

(+34) 91 360 46 05

[www.felgtb.org](http://www.felgtb.org)

#### **ARCÓPOLI**

LGBT Association of the Complutense and Technical Universities of Madrid

[www.arcopoli.org](http://www.arcopoli.org)

#### **FUNDACIÓN TRIÁNGULO**

(+34) 91 593 05 40

[www.fundaciontriangulo.org](http://www.fundaciontriangulo.org)

#### **TRANSEXUALIA**

Spanish Transsexuals Association

[www.transexualia.org](http://www.transexualia.org)



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## WHOEVER YOU LOVE, MADRID LOVES YOU

In recent years Madrid has become a top destination for LGBTI travellers, and it's easy to see why. Not only is it a first-class tourist and cultural destination but it's also a fun, friendly and tolerant city where diversity is a defining feature of everyday life. The Madrid Pride festivities, considered to be among the best in the world, are a good example of this.

You live Madrid, but more than anything you feel it. It's always waiting with open arms;

welcoming, accepting and integrating people from other places. In terms of protecting LGBTI rights and equality, Spain boasts some of the most progressive legislation in the world. Same-sex marriage has been a reality since 2005.

All of this is strongly in evidence in the capital, which is a benchmark for many countries where full equality has yet to be achieved. For this reason and thanks to other factors such as safety, the nightlife and its open-minded society, Madrid is regarded by many in the media and specialised rankings as the best LGBTI city in the world. Wherever you're from and whoever you love, Madrid loves you.



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# CHUECA

## NEIGHBOURHOOD OF DIVERSITY

Its very name evokes the principles of freedom, respect and tolerance. Chueca is much more than a neighbourhood – it's held up as an example by the LGBTI movement the world over. This is hardly surprising as it was the point of origin of what has become an unstoppable shift towards visibility, a way of life based on respect.

A few decades ago a number of bars, restaurants and multiple businesses specialising in the LGBTI market, such as bookshops and fashion boutiques, began to open in the neighbourhood. Some of these are now iconic establishments: the Berkana bookshop, Café Figueroa and the Black and White club, among others. Their presence initially surprised the neighbourhood's lifelong residents, who have been privileged witnesses of its transformation into a hub of tolerance and modernity; a place where people can live a life free of prejudice or exclusion.

The neighbourhood is one of Madrid's most cosmopolitan and vibrant areas. Its main

nerve centre is Plaza de Chueca, and another hotspot is Plaza de Pedro Zerolo, which was renamed in 2015 in honour of one of the activists who worked the hardest to protect the rights of the LGBTI community in Spain. The neighbourhood is teeming with avant-garde art galleries, the trendiest shops around, restaurants serving international cuisine and lively outdoor bars and cafés that line its streets at every turn. It bustles with life both during the day and after the sun goes down, and boasts some of the most entertaining nightlife in town.

The energy and vitality of the surrounding neighbourhoods combine with that of Chueca to offer visitors a broad and varied range of options that's difficult to match. Calle Fuencarral, for example, is indisputably Madrid's main shopping thoroughfare, Malasaña is the heart of the city's indie scene and home to up-and-coming creative artists, and Salesas has a spirit that lies somewhere between chic and bohemian.

# LAVAPIÉS

## AND LATINA

These are two adjacent, multicultural neighbourhoods. Describing them with the word "fusion" would be an understatement; it's commonplace to see lifelong residents living side by side with their new Latin, African and Asian neighbours. The two neighbourhoods are among the city's oldest, and the rich ethnic diversity of their streets has made them an example of integration without compromising their authentic and traditional Madrid character.

Many new LGBTI-friendly establishments have chosen to set up shop in La Latina, the most popular neighbourhood for a fun Sunday out in Madrid. Lavapiés is also home to a thriving alternative gay and lesbian scene, which goes to show just how broad the city's range of tolerant spaces is.



# THE BEST PRIDE FESTIVAL IN THE WORLD

## LATE JUNE-EARLY JULY

Pride Week is a must in Madrid's calendar of events. It's one of those festivals that the entire city gets involved in, taking to the streets to enjoy a few days of fun. It is now the most heavily-attended LGBTI event in Europe, and is regarded as the best in the world due to its diverse programme and -above all- the amazing parade, which sees over a million and a half people gather in the streets of Madrid's city centre each year.

In Madrid, the LGBTI Pride celebrations are a way to welcome the arrival of summer,

and people from all walks of life take part in them regardless of their sexual orientation. If there's one thing that the festivities stand out for it's the way they unite people of all ages, trends, cultures, nationalities and tastes. All of them come together and share space during the celebrations, which are rooted in the normalisation of the status of the LGBTI community in Spain.



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## MADRID PRIDE 2018

In 2018, the city of Madrid will host LGBTI Pride from 29th June to 8th July, and after the great success of 2017 World Pride, the bar will be set even higher.

Madrid will do its utmost with this event, with an extensive cultural programme that will flood the city's main streets and squares with music, dance, performing arts, visual arts, literature, sporting competitions, talks, children's activities and more.

The Madrid Pride –already established as the world's most multitudinous and diverse–

will be held, as is usual, in the centre of Madrid with various sites located in the city's best-known squares. The huge festival will feature concerts, open-air parties, art, culture, talks and sport.

The **main event** of Madrid Pride 2018 will be the **march** held on 7 July, where **over a million people** and associations from all over the country and the world will parade through the main city streets celebrating and defending diversity and equal rights.