

HostelBookers' Top Gay Hostels for 40 Years of Gay Pride

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To mark 40 years of active gay culture, leading budget accommodation provider HostelBookers.com has compiled a list of top gay hostels (<http://www.hostelbookers.com/article/gay-travel/top-gay-hostels/>) .

28 June 2009 will mark the 40th anniversary of the Stonewall riots – and, for many, the beginning of the gay pride movement.

Today, the celebration of gay culture has become a global event, with huge pride festivals taking place around the world in June, from Amsterdam to San Francisco.

1. Gay Hostel Puerta del Sol, Madrid

The top rated gay hostel on HostelBookers, Gay Hostel Puerta del Sol (<http://www.hostelbookers.com/hostels/spain/madrid/3468/>) has an excellent central location in Madrid's Puerto del Sol Square and offers free entry to some of the city's most popular gay clubs.

2. El Misti Hostel Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro

In the heart of the action in Copacabana beach, this welcoming gay hostel in Rio de Janeiro (<http://www.hostelbookers.com/hostels/brazil/rio-de-janeiro/33409/>) attracts a cosmopolitan party crowd.

3. Gay Pizarro Hostal, Madrid

Situated in Madrid's famous Chueca district, Gay Pizarro Hostal (<http://www.hostelbookers.com/hostels/spain/madrid/31404/>) offers great advice on the local entertainment and a clean, affordable place to sleep.

4. Elements Hostel (<http://www.hostelbookers.com/hostels/usa/san-francisco/4585/>), San Francisco

Lying in the colourful Mission district of the notoriously liberal city, Elements Hostel is clean, modern and affordable.

5. London Hostel Gay House, London

Opened in 1984, this gay hostel in London (<http://www.hostelbookers.com/hostels/england/london/46874/>) is a well-established and sociable base for gay travellers exploring the city.

Whilst many hostels are gay-friendly, the number of hostels catering exclusively for gay and lesbian travellers is rising in the world's top destinations, particularly in those cities which have a large gay community or annual pride festival.

Although hostels offer cheap accommodation, their main attraction is a sociable atmosphere and the opportunity to meet like-minded people – perfect for gay and lesbian travellers looking to make friends on the road.

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