



# Taipei Gay & Lesbian Travel Guide

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## Tai - Gay and Proud – Let's go Gay-cationing!

The city of Taipei, Taiwan's vibrant capital, has opened itself up as the flourishing gay capital of Taiwan, with a gay and lesbian scene that has seen it dubbed as the new San Francisco of Asia. The Taiwanese people are amongst the friendliest in the world and have a good sense of humour. Taiwan's gay scene is far friendlier and more relaxed than Singapore's and Bangkok's, yet the avid pursuit of Man or Woman is not in the least diminished.

Like most gay capitals of the world, Taipei is home to its own Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras – **The Taiwan LGBT Pride Parade** – the largest gay pride parade in Asia. Dubbed "Love Out Loud! The Power of Love Conquers Discrimination," Taipei's seventh annual Gay Pride Parade was held on October 31st, 2009. Over 25,000 people showed up to march in the parade, asking for recognition of equal rights and same-sex marriage. The parade also included supporters from Hong Kong, Japan, Europe and the USA.



Throughout the year several gay and lesbian parties are held at Taipei's most popular LGBT hot spot **Luxy**, including **Sista Jumpa**, **Lesz Meeting** and the traditional end of year **Gay Dance Party**, held on Christmas Eve, with last years event attracting over 5,000 revellers.

It is said that Taiwan is among the more tolerant and progressive Asian countries as far as gay rights is concerned. In 2003, the Taiwan cabinet drafted a pro-LGBT bill to legalize same-sex marriage and adoption. However, LGBTs in Taiwan need to wait before the bill is passed into a law. Taiwan is the first country in Asia to make a bill legalizing same-sex union and adoption rights.

For more information about the annual Taiwan LGBT Pride Parade visit the official website at: [www.twpride.net](http://www.twpride.net)

