



Skip the massive crowds and celebrate Pride in these smaller U.S. cities hosting unforgettable LGBTQIA+ festivals, parades, drag shows, and community events.

Many cities throughout the United States annually celebrate LGBTQIA+ Pride in June in honor of the Stonewall Riots, a series of protests that took place in June of 1969 in New York City after police raids of the [Stonewall gay bar](#). Travelers can join local festivities to celebrate LGBTQIA+ communities. Unlike larger metropolitan Pride events, smaller cities offer genuine community connection through more intimate hyper-local celebrations, without massive and unbearable crowds.



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# Woodstock

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**WHERE:** Vermont

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Pride of Woodstock will hold its third annual celebration from June 4-7, with the welcome reception held at the historic Woodstock Inn & Resort on June 5. On June 6, there's the beloved High Heel Race down Elm Street in Woodstock. Other events include the "Made with Pride" Arts and Crafts Fair, Pride of Woodstock Drag Brunch, and a late-afternoon tea dance party.

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