

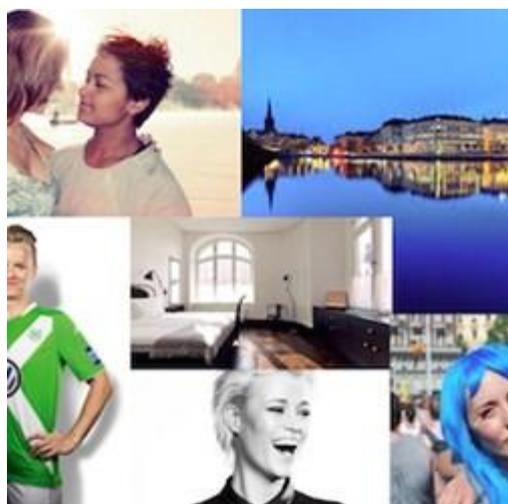
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Get ready for a big gay summer in Sweden!

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Stockholm is gearing up for what promises to be a "Big Gay Summer" as [Stockholm Pride](#) runs directly into the biggest LGBT sporting event in the world, [Eurogames](#).

Despite the "Big Gay Summer" tag, Stockholm packs a punch for us women - at any time of year, with a thriving scene for lesbian and bi ladies.

Stockholm has a diverse and open-minded DNA, not to mention a deeply feminist and strong lesbian community (who rule Stockholm's gay life) and as a result, you're never far from a lesbian-owned bar, coffee house or business popular with the ladies. Perhaps this is one of the reasons why the city was recently named Destination of the Year at the British LGBT awards.

So, whatever your reason to visit - for the upcoming summer festivities, or a dirty weekend away, or perhaps a city-break with friends, you can keep up to date with all the latest news at gaylesbian.stockholm.com, where you'll also be able to download a specific lesbian guide, curated by those in the know.

But here is a taster of what to expect:

Stockholm Pride and Eurogames runs from 27 July to 9 August. Pride President Sandra Ehne promises the city's biggest Pride celebration to date. It also ends in a huge indoor [Pride Afterparty](#) put on by award-winning girls party planner, Gunn Lundemo.

Eurogames has the gorgeous Swedish national women's footballer Nilla Fischer among its ambassadors. The festival also promises a cultural and political programme to titillate all expectations.

All partied out? Nurse that hangover at [Urban Deli](#), the lesbian-owned foodie heaven and whole-foods supermarket in hipster SoFo that sums up Stockholm's open-minded, "everybody's welcome" attitude.

The city's interactive [ABBA museum](#) is a perfect way to spend a few hours. It's housed in the [Swedish Music Hall of Fame](#), the perfect place to get your fix of Roxette, Robyn and Lykke Li.

A great place to lay your head is the [Hotel Rival](#), owned by Benny from the fab four, set in a beautiful, converted art-deco theatre.

For something a little bit more swish, hobnob with lesbian high-society at [Broms Karlaplan](#), where the internationally curated food is divine and the company more so.

Shop the best in Swedish chic at [NK](#). Get all styled up in Acne, Fillipa K, Whyred and Eva Attling and be the fashion envy of your friends back home.

Maybe we got a little over-excited here, but another great place to stay is [Miss Clara](#), a converted all-girl's school, named after its super-strict headmistress.

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