

Pride Month 2024: Your Ultimate San Francisco Event Guide

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Parade in San Francisco, CA on June 24, 2018. Photo Credit: San Francisco Travel Association.

Enough Rainbow-Coloured Glasses: A Guide to San Francisco's Month of Pride

San Francisco's status as the LGBTQ capital of the world is not accidental, it is a testament to the city's culture of inclusivity. From trailblazers like Harvey Milk and gay marriage, LGBTQ influence shapes San Francisco's history and present, celebrated everywhere from local icons to festivals, and bars. In its 54

San Francisco's Pride celebration, themed "Beacon of Love," stands as a testament to the city's commitment to sharing a message of love and acceptance with its vibrant 49 square miles, everyone is invited to revel in the spirit of Pride. As the city decks itself out in multi-coloured hues, immerse yourself in a celebration of diversity, self-expression, and community. From the iconic parade down Market Street to the lively festivities at Pride Central, there is something for everyone to enjoy. Join us together to honour this shared journey towards equality and celebrate the diversity of San Francisco's LGBTQ+ community.



40th Annual San Francisco Gay Pride Parade where the theme was "Forty and Fabulous" in San Francisco, Calif. on Sunday June 27, 2010. Photo by Nader Khouri/San Francisco Travel Association.

Events Throughout the Month

Frameline48

In the celebration of queer cinema at Frameline's 48th season, running from June 19 to June 29. This beloved film festival showcases feature films, documentaries, conversations with film stars, and more. Additionally, one can also stream and enjoy encore presentations of these special selections.

48th Annual National Queer Arts Festival (NQAF)

NQAF is the largest queer arts festival in North America. This annual multidisciplinary event takes place across the San Francisco Bay Area. The 2024 NQAF theme, "APOCALYPSE," highlights the importance of collective liberatory queer joy amidst ongoing cascading collective trauma.



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g Me Downtown

ne the date for Drag Me Downtown, a dazzling series of pop-up drag shows happening every Thursday in June from 5 to 7 p.m. Featuring sets of new performers each week, this sequin-studded extravaganza not only celebrates the vibrant community but also supports local businesses. Join us in downtown San Francisco for a unforgettable experience where everyone is embraced. Admission to Drag Me Downtown is free, but pre-registration is encouraged. All proceeds from the event go towards supporting Trans Thrive which is a nonprofit dedicated to creating safe spaces and providing services and events for the entire trans/GNC community.

the Triangle

San Francisco proudly showcases a towering pink triangle on Twin Peaks every year, reclaiming a symbol that was once used against the LGBTQ+ community. For over 60 years, this tradition symbolizes both a painful reflection on the past and a hopeful outlook for the future. Witness this nightly beacon of love, hope, and resilience every month, serving as a powerful reminder of the community's strength and perseverance.



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Best Pride Events

City Center Celebration, Saturday, June 29

The City Center will take over the public plaza in front of City Hall from noon to 6 p.m. on June 29 featuring over 20 community stages. From the Urban Global LGBT Stage, Soul

ride, and Homo Hip-Hop, visitors can enjoy a diverse array of live performances. If you happen to miss a show, there is a way to catch up. Many groups, ensuring everyone has the chance to experience the vibrant celebration.

San Francisco Pride Parade, Sunday, June 30

San Francisco's Pride Parade is different from any other parade out there. It features participants representing every colour of the rainbow flag while the participants are by the thousands. Marching from downtown, participants will progress westward along Market Street toward City Hall, where a massive assembly of onlookers await surrounding the plaza and extending a warm welcome to the parade-goers. This year's Grand Marshals comprise a diverse group, including activist Billy Porter, Rebecca Rolfe from the SF LGBT Center, Xavier Davenport, trans masc community leader Tory Teasley, musician, vocalist, and activist Der Briere, a non-binary queer activist, and a development disabilities advocate.



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rita MORE!'s Pride Party, Sunday, June 30

rita MORE! brings her iconic Pride party to life once again, a legendary event benefiting The Q Foundation at 620 Jones. Advance tickets, priced at \$60, are available for purchase. Join the festivities and immerse yourself in the vibrant energy of San Francisco's Pride season and a chance to experience rita MORE!'s renowned extravaganza in support of a worthy cause.

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