

Using this Guide

Call first! Not because we haven't (in fact, we call several times a year!), but because every element of a listing, from hours to area codes, may have changed since we've hung up the phone.

Info Lines & Services This is the category for the LGBT center. At our website, www.damron.com, we extensively list hotlines, social or support groups as well as services like the state tourism board or the personal guide with a limo.

Accommodations Most accommodations (especially B&Bs) require advance reservations. It's a good idea to request a brochure ahead of time, and to be clear about deposit and cancellation policies when making reservations.

Bars & Nightclubs Many codes apply only a few nights a week, especially when we've noted "theme nights". You should call the bar to verify what is scheduled for which nights. Bars coded **BW** (beer/wine) might not serve both.

Restaurants All restaurants listed are gay-friendly; those with mostly gay/lesbian clientele are coded **MW**.

Cafes are casual hangouts serving coffee and pastries, but not full menus.

Entertainment & Recreation Something touristy, maybe a little kitschy, definitely unusual or commonly overlooked, that even your friends who've lived there all their lives won't mind doing with you.

Publications If you want to know what's new, get one when you get to town. They're usually free and distributed in many of the locations we list. Your best bet, however, is to go right to the local LGBT or alternative bookstore to get the latest issue and/or lowdown.

Gyms are workout facilities, not bathhouses. They're mostly straight, unless coded **MW** or **MO**.

Men's Clubs include sex clubs, bathhouses, playspaces, and sex-oriented groups.

Men's Services are mostly telephone-dating services.

Cruisy Areas In many cities, you're more likely to meet vice cops than partners at public grounds. Try the local bar or bathhouse instead if you're bent on picking up. To avoid entrapment, read the notice about "Cruisy Areas," page 4.

Unconfirmed means we've called, several times, but no one answered. The phone still works but everything else may be different. Definitely call first.

Events Calendar Lists those "can't-miss" events for the upcoming year – from circuit parties to bear jamborees to street fairs and festivals.

Tour Operators A brief description of what kinds of tours the tour operator offers.

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