

Advice for LGBT travellers abroad:

The FCO offers the following advice for LGBT travellers abroad:

- ✓ **avoid potentially risky situations – don't do anything that you wouldn't at home**
- ✓ **excessive physical shows of affection, by both same-sex and heterosexual couples, are often best avoided in public**
- ✓ **if you intend to visit cruising areas or use a dating app, find out about the local situation and take sensible precautions if you meet someone; police have been known to carry out entrapment campaigns**
- ✓ **be wary of new-found 'friends' – criminals sometimes exploit the generally open and relaxed nature of the gay scene**
- ✓ **if you receive unwelcome attention or remarks it's usually best to ignore them**
- ✓ **you're more likely to experience difficulties in rural areas so it's best to exercise discretion**
- ✓ **some resorts can be quite segregated - when you are outside the 'gay neighbourhood' expressions of sexuality may be frowned upon**
- ✓ **some hotels, especially in rural areas, won't accept bookings from same sex couples – check before you go**