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Indiana

LGBT VISITORS GUIDE

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WELCOME TO BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA—home to one of the nation’s largest per capita populations of same-sex couples and one of the most progressive cities in the Midwest, both socially and politically. This is a city that prides itself on being open, friendly and welcoming to people from all walks of life. According to Out Traveler Magazine “almost everything and everybody in this town says ‘Welcome!’” and that’s not an exaggeration. But don’t let the small-town charm fool you—this city is brimming with art, culture and diversity too. This guide will provide information on all the exciting LGBT events, attractions & resources in Bloomington!

The quintessential college town, Bloomington is home to Indiana University, one of the most beautiful campuses in the country. The city is shaped by the ever-present influence of the collegiate atmosphere—attracting a population that is creative, intellectual,

multi-cultural and youthful at the same time. IU brings a number of opportunities to visitors as well. The renowned Jacobs School of Music produces over 1,000 world-class ballet, opera and musical performances annually. IU is home to numerous museums and attractions, from fine art galleries to rare book collections.

Bloomington is a veritable utopia with incredible natural beauty and vast, diverse offerings of art and culture. From the local produce at the thriving farmers’ market to the fine local and regional art at the downtown galleries to the sacred and spiritual Tibetan Mongolian Buddhist Cultural Center, there is something for everyone in Bloomington. The amazing culinary scene includes international cuisine ranging from Afghan to Thai to American slow-food, as well as award-winning wineries and breweries. Find it all in Bloomington!

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LGBT EVENTS & ATTRACTIONS



PRIDE FILM FESTIVAL

Last weekend in January • Buskirk-Chumley Theater • www.pridefilmfestival.org

IU GLBT HOMECOMING WEEKEND

Last weekend in January • Various locations • www.alumni.indiana.edu/GLBTAA

AIDS WALK BLOOMINGTON

Spring • Downtown Bloomington • www.thecaag.org

THE KINSEY INSTITUTE JURIED ART SHOW

Late May through July • IU Grunwald Gallery • www.KinseyInstitute.org

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“**THE VERDICT:** Whether you’re gay, straight or somewhere in between, Bloomington offers something rarely found in this country: a small town with a bold history of openness and acceptance.” *Out Traveler Magazine*

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BLOOMINGOUT RADIO SHOW

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Hosted by Helen Harrell and Sean Lemieux, and produced by Carol Fischer, bloomingOUT airs from Bloomington every Thursday evening from 6 to 7 pm EST on WFHB; hear it anytime via podcast. This show can be heard around the world and available via live-streaming, podcast or download anytime.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY GLBT STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES OFFICE

www.indiana.edu/~glbt • email: glbtserv@indiana.edu

Whether you’re a potential or current student, a curious friend, a concerned parent or just someone who is curious about GLBT issues, you are welcome here! Stop in, email or explore the website to see how sexual and gender diversity is celebrated on a campus rated one of the most ‘friendly’ in the nation for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex students and their friends.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY GLBT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

www.alumni.indiana.edu/glbtaa/

An official affiliate group of the Indiana University Alumni Association for over a decade, the GLBTAA continues to thrive. With a base over 1,000 people strong, the organization is always looking for new initiatives to get members involved.

THE KINSEY INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN SEX, GENDER, AND REPRODUCTION

Morrison Hall, Room 313 • 812-855-7686 • www.kinseyinstitute.org

The Kinsey Institute was founded in 1947 by pioneering sex researcher Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey. The landmark publications, *Sexual Behavior in the Human Male* (1948) and *Sexual Behavior in the Human Female* (1953) created the foundation for sex research today. The extensive library, archives and art collections provide research data for the interdisciplinary study of sexuality and sexual behavior. Spanning centuries and cultures, the collections include scientific monographs and journals, data sets, manuscripts, books, archival files, films and video, art, artifacts, photographs and ephemera.

Like nothing else in the world, the collections of The Kinsey Institute encompass the mundane, the arcane, the exquisite and the scientific. The library collections are catalogued online, and include over 106,000 items. The art and artifacts collection include over 60,000 photographs and more than 8,000 works of art. Additionally, there is a unique collection of memorabilia from the 2004 feature film *Kinsey*.

The Kinsey Institute Gallery features changing exhibits, showcasing art and artifacts from the permanent collection. Free and open to the public year-round, call or log on for current hours or to schedule a tour.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY received the highest possible ranking (★★★★★) from *Campus Pride* on their 2011 LGBT-Friendly Campus Climate Index

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PRIDE FILM FESTIVAL

www.pridefilmfestival.org

PRIDE is a Bloomington, IN film festival exploring a wide variety of issues and situations involving the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer communities. PRIDE programs a variety of live performances, lectures, public participation events and films that express a wide range of viewpoints and feature many different personality types and situations, advocating community-wide attitudes of awareness, acceptance and appreciation of diversity. The goal of the festival is to educate and strengthen the local community and celebrate artistic talent and achievement.

A program of the Buskirk-Chumley Theater, the PRIDE Film Festival is created each year by a volunteer steering committee made up of community members, Indiana University students and faculty, artists, film enthusiasts and the occasional passer-by who couldn't resist the fun.

Founded in 2004 by two IU Arts Administration graduate students, the Festival was an instant success, embraced by the LGBTQ and general Bloomington community alike. Strong support from local businesses, the IU GLBT Alumni Association, Visit Bloomington and hundreds of residents make the Festival an annual event that everyone looks forward to.

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