



# LGBTI Family Travel Tips

A safe family trip overseas starts with our Traveler's Checklist ([travel.state.gov/travelerschecklist](https://travel.state.gov/travelerschecklist)).

Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex (LGBTI) travelers can face unique challenges when abroad. Many countries do not recognize same-sex marriage. More than 70 countries consider consensual same-sex sexual relations a crime, sometimes carrying severe punishment.

## Before You Go:

- *Research Your Destination* - for LGBTI specific information visit [travel.state.gov/destination](https://travel.state.gov/destination)
- *Update Your Passport* - make sure your name, photo, and gender correspond to your current gender identity.
- *Check Passport Validity* - some countries require a minimum of 6 months validity.



- *Take Important Documents* - includes legal, health, parentage and/or custody documents.
- *Carry Contact Details* - includes family/friends and nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

### **While Abroad:**

- Follow the laws of the countries you visit. Many consider same-sex sexual activity illegal.
- Be cautious of potential threats and entrapment risks.
- Some LGBTI-friendly resorts and neighborhoods do not reflect the attitudes in surrounding areas.

### **If You Need Help:**

- Contact the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.
- We will protect your privacy.
- Immediately ask the police to notify the U.S. embassy if arrested.

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+1 202-501-4444 (from overseas)

**U.S. Passport Information**

877-487-2778 or TDD/TTY 888-874-7793

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