

# Golden State Pride is bursting out all over

## Hit the highway to experience festivities all over California

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It's been a very long two years since many people in the LGBTQ communities have been able to casually mingle, which adds not just poignancy but a sense of joy to Pride 2022 season. Eat, drink, march, and be merry or Marys (your choice) when the festival nearest you kicks off. We've got your comprehensive guide to every Pride fest in the Golden State.

Plan your summer around attending these Pride festivals throughout California.

### June 1-12

#### Beverly Hills

If you need to party ahead of the official Pride celebration, check out the most coveted zip code in the country as it will host its inaugural Pride celebration at spectacular Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts. Kick off Pride Month with a special outdoor event featuring live entertainment and more at the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts. More celebrations will take place throughout the month including a party at the fabled Greystone Mansion.

[Beverlyhills.org](http://Beverlyhills.org)

### June 2-5

#### Sonoma County Pride

Considered the country's second gayest metropolitan area, revelers can enjoy a June 3 concerts by Spencer Day and Melissa Levi, a set from DJ Rotten Robbie, and a multitude of Pride-related events. Most of the events will take place in downtown Santa Rosa so check the site for specifics.

[Sonomacountypride.org](http://Sonomacountypride.org)

### June 3

#### Women's Freedom Festival

Don't go home after the Dyke March, All your favorite LGBTQ+ and non-binary musicians, comedians, poets, and activists will be at the Pride stage. Entertainers include BOI Band, Native Latina, and Vixen Noir.

[Theproject.org](http://Theproject.org)

### June 4

#### Fresno Pride

The theme of the 30th annual celebration is "In Pride," will honor the memory of late Pride director and community leader Jeffery Robinson.

[Fresnorainbowpride.com](http://Fresnorainbowpride.com)

### June 4-5

#### Venice Pride

This might be the only pride weekend where you can witness speedo-clad lifeguards perfecting their tans and saving lives, plus this festival will take place at the Venice Beach Recreation Center and will offer performances from an array of entertainers and sets from hot-and-heavy DJs.

[Venicepride.org](http://Venicepride.org)

### June 11-12

#### L.A. Pride in the Park

The festival of festivals will offer performances by music giants such as Christina Aguilera, South American superstar Anitta, and *Pose's* Emmy-nominated groundbreaker Michaela Jae. Expect an entire day of activities, music, vendors, and



Cities all over California are preparing to celebrate Pride.

exhibitor booths, sponsor activations, food and beverages, and 21-and-over beer gardens. There will also be activations for the kink and sober communities. Come prepared to have fun.

[Lapride.org](http://Lapride.org)

### June 25

#### O.C. Pride

Those famously warn Santa Ana winds won't be the only thing blowing during this festival.

[Prideoc.com](http://Prideoc.com)

### July 8-10

#### Long Beach Pride

What's better than pride next to the Pacific? Maybe attending concerts by superstars such as Iggy Azalea, Natalia Jiménez, and Paulina Rubio while the ocean glistens in the background? Of course, there will be an abundance of vendors and activations to keep the massive crowd entertained.

[Longbeachpride.com](http://Longbeachpride.com)

## WOMEN'S FREEDOM FESTIVAL

Are you ready to dyke out after the Dyke March wraps up on Robertson Boulevard? Check out this femme-friendly festival filled with LGBTQ+ musicians, comedians, poets, and activists, including BOI Band, Native Latina, Vixen Noir. Special guests include actress/activist Joely Fisher, Emiliana Guereca, who founded the Women's March L.A. Foundation, Melanie Nathan, Executive Director of African Human Rights Coalition, and L-Frank Maniquez, an indigenous artist/activist, who will all deliver rousing speeches. Free Admission.

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