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Welcome to yet another fabulous issue of the free to read e-magazine Forever with Pride. You may not know but we're launching two brand new e-magazines in the new year so do stop and read all about them. We've also made it easier to become an advertising sponsor so keep an eye out for our ad posts.



BOO!



Traveller Pride launch ground-breaking helpline for LGBT+ Travellers

On Monday 18th September, [Traveller Pride](#) launch the first UK helpline for LGBT+ Traveller people to speak to a fully qualified mental health practitioner. The helpline which will be open on Monday evenings (from 5pm - 8:30pm) will provide a space for LGBT+ Travellers' to seek informal and confidential advice or information or to open a door to speaking to someone else who has similar lived experience.

The new helpline will improve access for LGBT+ Traveller people across the UK who wish to access the service and to draw on the organisations' unique resources.

Traveller Pride is a grassroots, volunteer-led collective that works to promote inclusive spaces for Travellers in LGBT+ spaces and LGBT+ people in Traveller spaces. The helpline is the first of its kind to offer a listening ear or





practical support to people over the age of 16 who, as individuals who experience double discrimination are marginalised in multiple ways.

Speaking on the launch of the phone helpline, Tyler Hatwell, Director of Traveller Pride and Psychotherapist said:

“This is something we have been wanting to do since we launched, we’re thrilled to bring it to life. LGBT+ Travellers can often feel isolated and like they won’t be understood, accepted or held; I hope this is a space where those concerns aren’t there and they can bring and be themselves.”

Isolation is a killer and for LGBT+ Travellers, Traveller Pride, works to create enough spaces of contact so that this minority within a minority doesn't feel so alone.

Monday 18th September marks one year since the death by suicide of George Ward, better known as Ru Paul’s Drag Race’s Cherry Valentine, who appeared alongside Traveller Pride in his BBC documentary “Gypsy, Queen & Proud”.

“George was a mental health nurse outside of being Cherry and was so enthusiastic about the helpline idea.” added Tyler, “Launching the helpline on the anniversary of George’s passing away means a lot. It means a lot to be able to do this on this day. Traveller Pride wouldn’t be in a position to do this without the platform what George gave us and I’m so proud of the impact he had, I believe he’d be proud too.”

The helpline service is available on Monday evenings from 5-8:30pm. If you are a LGBT+ Traveller you can call normally or on Whatsapp on 07395 355 066 or (freephone) 0800 233 5066.

If you are a LGBT+ Traveller or work with this community and want to learn more about Traveller Pride’s events and regular meetups visit the website at

www.lgbttravellerpride.com/

Socials:

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To say we're having a wet period is an understatement and yes, I am talking about the weather! My Dahlias are still going strong but I will be taking them out of their pots this month and removing all of the soil and storing them neatly on shelves in my garage. This will allow them to dry off to stop rotting but not keep them so warm they dry out too much. I will be bringing my Fuchsias in the same place, giving them a bit of a prune to save space and removing the leaves, these will fall off anyway and be a source of Botrytis if you don't remove them.

If you want to you can harvest your Fuchsia seed pods and either remove the seeds using a sharp knife to cut the fruits open and then spread out on a piece of kitchen roll. Then transfer the dry seeds to a suitable container and save for spring, or you can use a heated propagator and sow them straight away without the need for drying the seeds – just spread them out over seed compost and lightly cover. If you have the space and decide to do the latter, you will have a head start on waiting for spring with your seedlings. Remember they will vary from the adult plant but that will be part of the fun, wondering what you will get.

I will be pruning roses this month. A lot of the books say wait until spring but I've always followed what I did in my apprenticeship and prune in November. The plants are hardy enough not to be damaged and waiting until spring means you lose some of the early growth. Another good thing about pruning Roses in November, you can use the pruned flowering stems as hardwood cuttings if you want to.



Far left are two fuchsia seed pods – the black one is ripe and ready to be removed. Left is a *Rhus typhina* (Stags horn) showing the beautiful autumn colour you can expect just before the leaves drop in response to the low light and frost.

November is a good month to dig any open soil you have. If you have raised beds or you are deploying the no dig method then you can ignore this but if you have heavy clay soil and don't currently have any plants in it, then it's a good idea to dig it over and leave the soil in large clumps. In this way the frost will break down those lumps and make it easy for spring soil preparation.

Another benefit of turning over the soil is that it exposes some bugs that are hiding under the surface and the birds will take care of those along with the cold weather. Try to avoid walking on the soil if it is too wet as you will end up compacting your soil which is usually the last thing you want to do.



Far left – Rose prunings from previously flowering stems - trim the top so it has a sloping cut away from the bud – this stops sap or water causing rot. Cut the bottom just below a leaf joint or node.

Right - In the spring they will start to sprout and they can be transferred to their final container or part of the garden. Giving you identical plants to the parent with no cost to you other than a little effort.

Despite what a lot of people think, this is a good time of year to plant new shrubs as you can buy them what they call bare rooted – these are cheaper than ones in pots. You can often buy Roses, fruit canes, strawberries and various other plants in this way. This will help your pocket and maybe ease your conscience about buying more plants. Happy pruning!

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Philip Parslow

Celebrant



Hello there, I am Philip Parslow, a Monmouthshire Celebrant living in Abergavenny, I am able to cover Monmouthshire, Powys and Herefordshire. I work in social care looking after adults with learning disabilities. I am a warm and friendly person who likes a laugh and meeting new people, you are most welcome to get in touch for an informal chat to talk about and to create with you a bespoke Ceremony that will make your special day magical and memorable.

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Highland Pride: who we are and what we do?

My thanks to the Editors for extending the invitation to pen an article outlining what Highland Pride get up to - the support of such enterprises as Forever with Pride is immeasurable, and I think we are all well-advised to put our energies behind the magazine simply in order to ensure it's survival! My name is Roz, I'm on the Committee, but any opinions expressed in here are purely my own!

I only came onto the Committee just in time for COVID to put a stop to *everything* - my usual impeccable timing! Prior to that I had staged an event for LGBT History month - more on that idea shortly - and had attended the Pride events held in 2019 and 2020, in Inverness. We spent the Lockdown wondering what we could do; when the restrictions were finally lifted we tried our best to get Pride 2022 going, but although we were more-or-less ready, many of the essential suppliers weren't. We couldn't get toilets anywhere, for example; nor fences, nor a stage... and so it went on. We reluctantly postponed, but returned with a bang this year!

In 2021 as the country emerged from the Long Winter of Lockdown we packed our Pride gazebo and some giveaway bits into various people's cars and did a little touring roadshow around the Scottish Highlands: Thurso, Fort William, Kyle of Lochalsh, and of course Inverness itself.

I think one of the biggest problems we face up here in the north of Scotland is the sheer size of the area: I'm reliably told the Highlands are as big as Belgium! It's a good two hours from Inverness to anywhere: Thurso, Fort William, Kyle, etc. Inverness, as the Highland Capital, probably has the largest population of anywhere in the region, and as a result events tend to gravitate there, which is an issue if you happen to live somewhere else within the Highlands. It's logistics, and it's something we're constantly aware of: we have Committee members in Thurso, Nairn, Ainess, Evanton and elsewhere, and we conduct meetings remotely - although we are hoping to resume face-to-face ones in some way soon.



Another problem potentially faced by LGBT+ people up here is isolation. It is a recorded fact that assaults on LGBT+ people across the country (probably across the world) escalated during Lockdown, simply because so many of us were suddenly trapped in households that were potentially hostile - and there was no escape, you couldn't go *anywhere*.

Moving out wasn't an option; refuges (where they even existed) were closed and sleeping on the streets was a guarantee for arrest! Now put that into the context, even after Lockdown, of being the only LGBT+ person you know, in a farmhouse miles from the nearest neighbour, or in a village where there might only be two or three buses a day and the closest railway station could be a couple of miles away. How do you cope - how do you even survive?

Highland Pride probably engages in more outreach work than anything else we do: we have relationships with schools, social workers, media outlets, NHS and Council Departments. We do what we can, where we can, but we're always looking to do more.

That said, we're part-timers, we're volunteers. We've all got the Day Job to consider, along with families and outside interests as well. So we're always looking for more like-minded people to come and join the team, either as a Volunteer or to be on the Committee. Our Volunteers are the backbone of so much: without them, for example, holding

something like a Highland Pride event
would be impossible, we just couldn't do it.

As the year rolls along we're always looking for other events and initiatives we can lend a hand to; not necessarily to organise, but to support, to assist where we can, to publicise on our own media platforms and to help raise the general profile of LGBT+ existence throughout the Highlands of Scotland.

February is of course LGBT+ History Month, and we hope to be promoting all manner of events across the region we are proud to represent. Got something you'd like to do for it? Let us know, let us lend a hand if we can! Want to know more, or get involved with the running of it all? Get in touch, through Facebook, Instagram, X or email (info@highlandpride.org) Will there be a Highland Pride 2024 event? Watch this space... we're thinking about it... but it won't be as good without *you*!

Roz White

Highland Pride Committee
She / Her

The logo features the word "Highland" in a bold, black, sans-serif font, positioned above the word "PRIDE" in a large, green, blocky font with a thick black outline. The background is a vibrant pink with a subtle rainbow pattern. Several yellow starburst graphics are scattered around the text, adding a celebratory feel.

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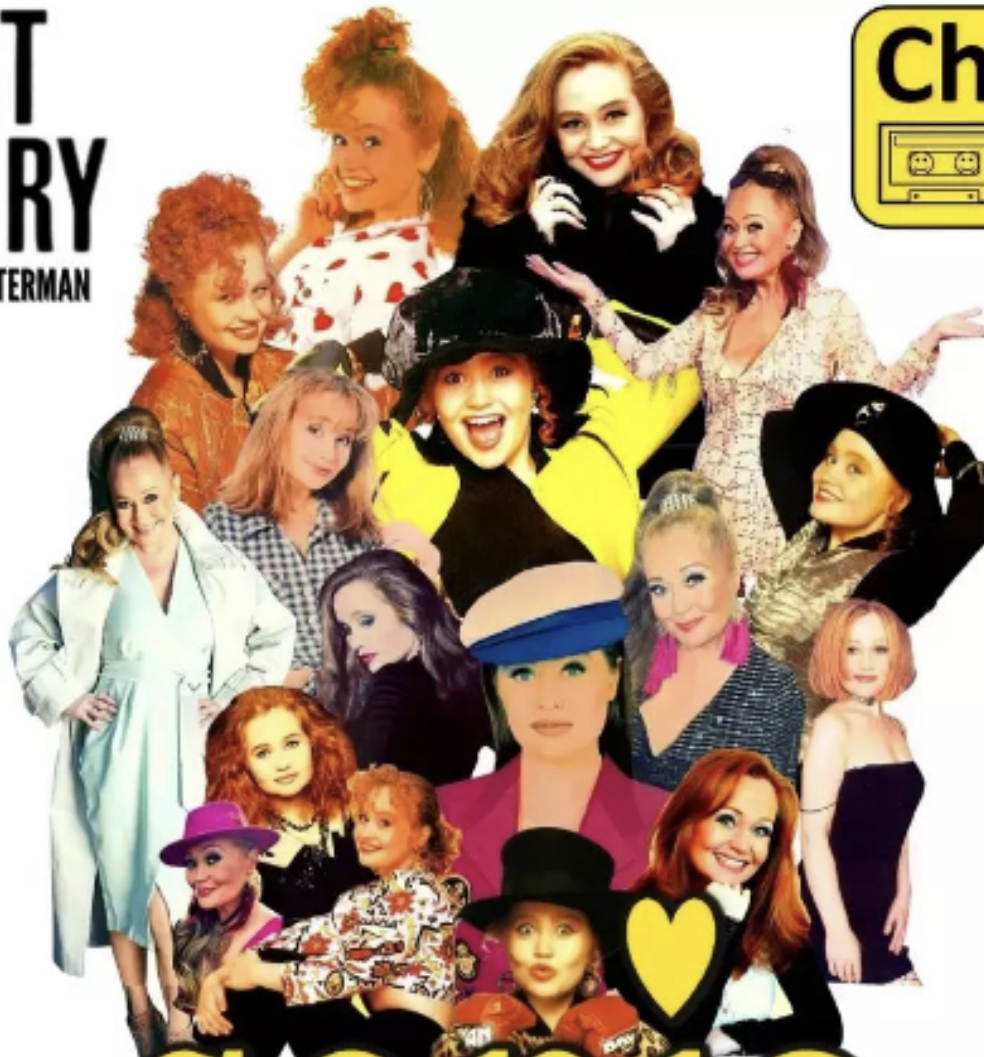
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Info & Booking



AN EVENING OF BURLESQUE

It was a night of pure clean (almost) fun!

An Evening of Burlesque rolled up to the Adelphi Theatre on Tuesday October 11th for a night of unforgettable burlesque including stripping (of course), cabaret, comedy, drama, music, circus, a bit of camp fun, titillation, and a lot of cheers, gasps and applause!

Hosted by emcee supreme diva (and Las Vegas veteran) Ivy Paige who introduced us to the wonderful world of Burlesque, providing humour, and song, in between acts that had the audience putty in her hands.

The UK's longest running burlesque made its West End debut and proved to seasoned audience members that it is the ultimate variety show.

There were many many acts on stage, but comedian Darren Charles had us in stitches - and the audience member he chose to 'assist' him was more than ready to do so!

It was one gag after another, while Christian Lee also had us in stitches, and holding our breathe, as he recruited three blokey blokes to help him get up into his unicycle - it was both



terrifying and hilarious! 'Marilyn Monroe' provided the requisite glamour to the stage, serenading another lucky (?) audience member.

Beautiful female strippers were represented by Velvet Jones (reverse striptease), Isabella Bliss and Belle de Beauvoir, while Darren Charles brought his finest Sammy David Jr. impressions, with a damn good voice to boot! But what was missing on the evening was a proper masculine male strip performance! The ladies (and some of the men) in the audience wanted to see a bit of male flesh! And while we got Sebastian Anbelique performing a nice drag and fire sequence, it did not quench our thirst for something more manly! But one of the final songs, sung by Paige - 'Close to You' - was beautiful and memorable.

However, expect fun, feathers and fabulous costumes as some of the finest selection of specialty artistes, cabaret and circus stars, comedians and champagne showgirls perform for you! It's the perfect night for everyone.

The team will be traveling around the UK for the next two months, visiting cities such as Bath, Aberdeen, Southampton, York, Leicester, St. Albans, Birmingham and Sunderland, among others. Please check the website for the performance schedule.

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The lab aims to bridge the gap between the spiritual and the tangible, offering a perspective that

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- create content that brings different perspectives on the which is reality;
- embark on a profound journey in which everyone is free to be themselves;
- provoke the “thought” through art and personal growth techniques;
- acts on all levels of our being: physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual.

The color and the material used are fundamental parts! Let's paint the life...



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Francesca Citarella (CISKA) is an Italian & Queer Visual Artist, Art Creative

Facilitator, Performer, and Reiki Master, based in Bristol.

With an unwavering commitment to addressing pressing socio-political issues, her creative journey

has been a testament to her passion for change. Since 2012, she has been engaged

professionally in diverse roles, from performing in various settings and facilitating workshops in

schools and organisations to directing performances, collaborating with theatre companies, and

showcasing her art in exhibitions across the

Embracing a wide range of creative mediums and personal growth techniques—visual art, reiki, drama, creative writing, movement, music, photography, and digital media— she delivers transformative products, services, and learning experiences.

Her ingenious "[Painting Theatre Lab](#)" workshop stands as a unique blend of theatrical exercises, art therapy techniques, and dynamic meditation, culminating in the profound act of emotional painting.

Since September 2021, she has been an artist in residence within Bedminster's area, in [East St](#)

[Emporium](#): a space of independent makers and artists drawn together by a shared penchant for earth-happy creations. Here she runs her eco-art brand, the heart of her artistic endeavors and a testament to her values of Earth's Well-being, Philanthropic Heart, and Spiritual Art. Her works beautifully bridge the gap between the spiritual and the tangible, offering a perspective that resonates deep within the human experience.

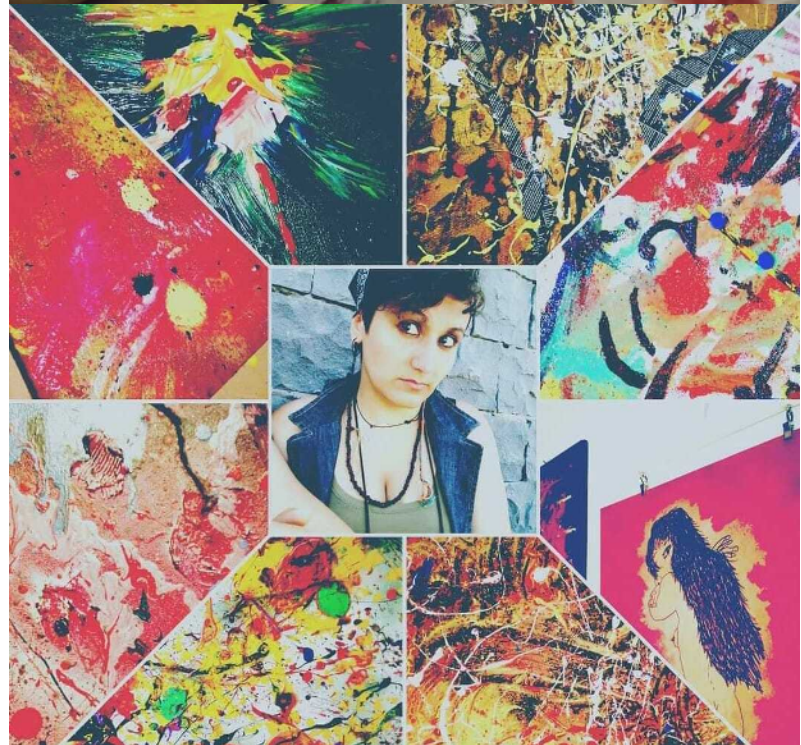
Her aspirations are to plant seeds of kindness on our planet and improve people's well-being with art and personal growth tools, sharing skills and knowledge with the Community.

You can find more info about her here:

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D R A G B U S



Drag Bus has various Christmas dates across Brighton
You can find out more about Drag Bus at
www.dragbus.co.uk or by calling 01273 220088



Cavo Restaurant



Who would've guessed that above the hustle and bustle [perhaps too much hustle and bustle), and steps away from Tottenham Court Road, is a restaurant that feels like it is a million miles away. This restaurant provides an escape from the Central London madness with a lovely experience, great food, and amazing views.

Cavo Restaurant, opened for just a few months, has sealed and dealed itself as the place to go for those in the know. While the entrance is not very obvious and hard to find (behind the brand new Now building), once it's found and you walk in you will be transported to a place that's unique in every way.

We were looking for a unique experience when we booked their Pinxtos, Paella and Sangria brunch on a mild weekend afternoon. We were very lucky as they sat us on the outdoor terrace where the breeze was mild, and the views were stunning.

The surroundings were lush, greenery around the terrace, and with warm, muted coloured furniture. It's very relaxed, warm and a very spacious space, where it was nice to dine al fresco.

The Sangria was far superior to any I have had in the past, and my dining companion agreed, though it was her first time having it! It was fruity, sweet and deceptive as it didn't taste winery at all - more like a fruit drink with a mostly strawberry flavour, but absolutely superb as we sipped slowly on our empty stomachs. Then the food started flowing.

Pinxtos - what are they? Well, they are small snacks (exactly like tapas), and we were treated to seven of them as part of the brunch meal. And keep in mind they are unlimited so you can have as many as you want.



From best to worst, with two of each item, we were given: Wild Mushroom Croquettes with black truffle - while the truffle didn't offer much value the moist mushroom inside a crust was a warm explosive flavour in our mouths. It was divine and perfect, and of course I ordered two more. Crispy Lamb Shoulder - a josper apricot adorns the top but it's the lamb that is the highlight - very moist and tender, and perfectly sized. Gilda - Olives, Anchovies and Dried tomato (with a jalapeno which is not listed on the menu) is a nice diverse taste, but it's the olive that wows. It is wet and moist and tastes so unlike any other that you've been served in any Italian restaurant.

The olive must be sourced from a special place because it tastes unique and special. Olive Pate - with Balsamic Pears which were a nice decoration on top giving this Pinxtos a nice colour, overall, it was a nice tasting dish on the palette, with a different sort of olive taste - a winner. Tortilla de Patatas - with Manchego (cheese - adorned on top) and coquito pepper. A nice tortilla but nothing special, and it was a bit dry and not warm, perhaps prepared with the other Pinxtos earlier in the day and left to wait for hungry diners. Piquillo Pepper - pepper on top of tuna on top of bread.

This too - the tuna was dry and the bread on the bottom was not crunchy as it should've been, and this Pinxto didn't stand out. Grilled Aubergine - with Varmesan cream and Harrisa was quite enjoyable, and while aubergines are not unique in any way, the dish was nice but plain, and it was also obvious that this was pre-prepared. And lastly, the Pinxto Josper Morunos - Spanish Chicken Skewer - yes basically chicken on a skewer - a dish you can find anywhere in practically every Mediterranean restaurant in London, was cold, tasted old, and we couldn't eat it.



My advice to the restaurant - get rid of this dish and perhaps include a chorizo-based Pinxto.

After a fairly decent Pinxtos experience we were absolutely delighted that when the paella dish came it exceeded our expectations, while there are several choices (chicken, vegetable or seafood), we opted for the beef paella (solomillo de ternera), and we were not disappointed. Every bite was delicious making us want more and more. Topped with artichokes hearts and a burnt lemon which we recommend to squirt all over the dish, with clumps of aioli that gave the paella that extra flavour to make it wonderful. With a tomato base, soaked in meat stock, and with a smoked paprika flavour in the background, we devoured the whole thing, with the portion being perfect for two people.

Whether you order the chicken, seafood, beef or vegetable, we are sure they all will be delicious.

And to top off we had the dessert which was part of the menu - the Basque Cheesecake. It was typical of the region where it comes from, and it had a good balance of cream and sweetness, heavy but not too much, and a slice not too big. The strawberry cooli on the side was a nice touch, and there was powdered sugar sprinkled around the cake, but luckily none on the cake itself. Yummy! The coffee is Nespresso if that is your bag, though you are welcome to order more sangria if the one carafe was not enough

(we had one carafe which was enough for both of us). Two hours later our time was up (yes, two-hour time slots are given to brunchers), our tummies were full, photos taken, bill paid and we were grateful and felt privileged to experience a meal at Cavo and to discover that there is a whole entire indoor dining area on the other side of the floor! We will definitely be back to try the regular menu, and/or perhaps their xmas festive menu - it all looks so delicious.

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By Tim B



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D R A G B U S

Drag Bus was launched in Brighton on 8th April this year by then Mayor of Brighton & Hove Lizzie Deane. Since then, it has become a hugely popular attraction across the city and has seen a wealth of queens perform either onboard or at the after parties, including Cherry Bomb, Snow White Trash, Dave Lynn and Carmelle Toe.

It has also attracted well known faces and celebrity passengers including Stock Aitken & Waterman icon and Queen of Hi-NRG, Hazell Dean who climbed onboard the Pride special Drag Bus.

It has already become one of the most popular things to see and do in Brighton on TripAdvisor and attracted a raft of 5-star reviews. The artisan brunch boxes, talented queens and of course the Brighton Regency Route master bus all attract praise from passengers.

The experience proved so popular that the team have launched special festive shows to take place onboard in November and December.

Indeed, the overwhelming success of Drag Bus has led founder, Kevin Coyle, to launch the unique sightseeing experience in London next year, and bookings have already started to roll in. Kevin states "when we launched, drag was being outlawed in some countries and vilified in certain parts of the UK, and to me it's always been the glitteriest and most fun way to spend an evening.

What better way for tourists or hen/birthday parties to see a city than with unique insights, songs, games and shenanigans from a fabulous sparkly drag queen? We've had everything from 21st to 70th birthdays, a Spanish group of students and a hen party from the US.



The feedback has been so positive that we simply had to launch it in London. I lived there for almost 20 years and it's certainly the way I would have first liked to have seen the city!"

Drag Bus has various Christmas dates across Brighton and released their 2024 dates already and launches their London service with a special event in the city on 20th April 2024.

You can find out more about Drag Bus at www.dragbus.co.uk or by calling 01273 220088.

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What we do

Diva Destinations organise hosted group holiday vacations for Lesbian & Queer women. Holidaying with women from our community is a fun and rewarding experience. It offers an opportunity to travel with like-minded individuals who share your interests and experiences. During our holidays we create a true sense of community and inclusivity that can be hard to find when travelling alone or with non-lesbian women. We understand you want more than just a vacation/holiday; you want meaningful connections, empowerment, and the opportunity to explore the world in a **SAFE, FRIENDLY & RELAXED** way with like-minded women. Diva Destinations deliver just that!

There is nothing better than spending your holiday/vacation with other Lesbians from all walks of life, all ages, backgrounds and colours of the rainbow. Sometimes but not every time we charter the whole boat or take over the whole hotel but the important thing is all our trips are **EXCLUSIVE** to Diva Destinations. We have transformed lives by taking women on wonderful holidays where they have met and connected with like-minded women, formed friendships that will last a lifetime and created memories to take away with them for many years to come.



What sets us apart?

Jen and Caron, Partners of Diva Destinations host all their holidays, ensuring you receive the personal service and experience you expect. They create a wonderful Diva Family where you can sit back, relax and enjoy your holiday/vacation with the group. It's also reassuring for our Solo Travellers to know your hosts will be with the group throughout your stay. When you book a Diva Destinations holiday/vacation Jen & Caron are in touch with you every step of the way – we're not a faceless website company. When you travel with us you will enjoy a truly unforgettable holiday experience.



Travelling Solo?

We know holidaying alone presents a huge set of challenges. Diva Destinations' EXCLUSIVE solo holidays provide a unique and empowering experience offering a safe, friendly and supportive environment for Lesbian solo travellers. Our hosts are with the group from the moment you arrive in resort to the moment you leave ensuring you always have someone to share the holiday experience with. Organising a holiday on your own can also be daunting. We take away all the work by arranging every part of the trip making it easy for you to just pack your suitcase and arrive in resort.

Why book with us?

Over the years, Diva Destinations has proudly partnered with some fantastic

hotels and cruise lines, providing its clientele with exceptional and unforgettable experiences. From cultural explorations to Spa Breaks to breathtaking cruises, Diva Destinations has consistently delivered top-notch adventures that cater to the diverse interests of its audience. This 10th-anniversary milestone is not just a celebration of longevity but a reaffirmation of Diva Destinations mission to create spaces where Lesbian & Queer women can be their true selves and forge lasting friendships while discovering the world. Diva Destinations is excited about the future and remains dedicated to ensuring that women from all walks of life can embark on incredible journeys and connect with like-minded individuals.



Join us on one of our hosted group holidays

You can find all our tours on our website and we're on Facebook and Instagram. On each page you'll find a booking form to complete for the holiday of your choice and then we'll do the rest!



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