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# PinkUK

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Pic: Victoria to Seattle clipper ferry celebrates Victoria Pride in 2017



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Why Monday 17 May 2021 is a doubly important day for the UK's LGBTQ+ communities

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Monday 17 May in the UK is a red letter day or as we at PinkUK would say a *Pink* letter day for the LGBTQ+ communities for two reasons:

It's the first day in the UK that LGBTQ+ pubs, bars, concert venues and restaurants can open their indoors to customers and possibly overseas holidays (see page 2 for more on holidays).

It's also the date of the annual International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia or IDAHOBIT.

The event was started in 2004 to draw attention to the violence and discrimination experienced by all LGBTQ+ people among others. 17 May is now commemorated in more than 130 countries, including 37 where same-sex acts are still illegal.

IDAHOBIT's date remembers the 17 May 1990 when the World Health Organization declassified 'homosexuality' as a mental disorder. So 17 May is indeed a *Pink* letter day! To find out more about IDAHOBIT see the world organisers' [Facebook page](#)

## Latest on Prides on PinkUk



**33** countries. For **2022** we now have **5** prides in the UK, and have a total of **22** prides and events in **13** countries. If you have a venue or a Pride/Event.

For **2021** PinkUk now has **101** prides and events in the UK, and a total of **372** Prides and events in

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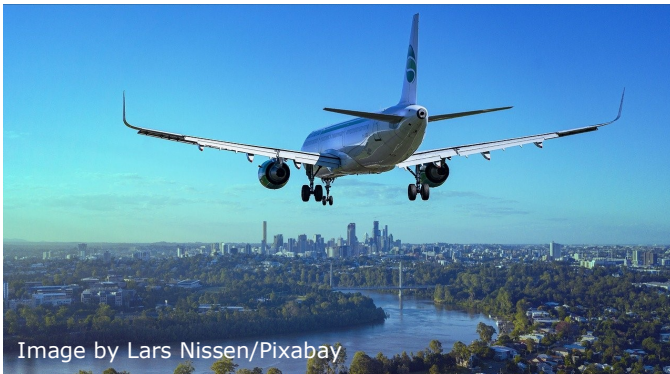


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## Brits' overseas holidays could be sooner than thought...

The UK government's estimates of easing restrictions on holiday flight travel from the UK have changed again. It's now looking more likely that they could be permitted as early as 17 May.

Previously, the UK media reported that 'government sources' had hinted that holiday travel abroad might not be permitted until as late as August given the deteriorating Covid situation in the rest of Europe. Since then Grant Shapps, UK Transport Secretary, said on 9 April, as reported by the BBC: "This is the first time I'm able to

come on and say I'm not advising against booking foreign holidays. Yes, you'll want to check what the situation is [around publication of this newsletter] with when that list the green, amber, red, is produced [colour code for safety level of destinations]. You'll want to know that you've got good holiday insurance and flexible flights and the rest of it."

At time of writing, the government's 'traffic light' list for countries had not been published. It was expected by the end of April. [See PinkUk travel info.](#)



**Featured venue: [Community Living](#)**

**[For Men Over 55 Bournemouth, Dorset](#)**

Community Living For Men Over 55 is exactly what it says: community living in a grand old Victorian house, Hamilton Hall,

55 need. Large spacious bedrooms, plenty of lounges, dining room garden etc. and all close to the sea, shops and scene.



in the south coast resort town of Bournemouth. It is close to the sea, shops, medical services and offers all men over the age of

The venue says, "You don't need to grow old and alone when you can live within a community of men on a yearly renewable lease from £250 per week with all meals."

**For more info see [Community Living For Men](#)**

## Featured pride: Bradford



Bradford Pride 2021, West Yorkshire, takes place from 29 May to 5 June with a mixture of both virtual and physical events.

The Pride Festival will run from 29 May to 4 June, and will be broadcast virtually, while the Pride Day event - held on 5 June - will have "a small live audience" as well as a virtual one, depending on the Covid-19 restrictions in place- which will be "strictly adhered to".

**For more info see [Bradford Pride's PinkUk listing.](#)**

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