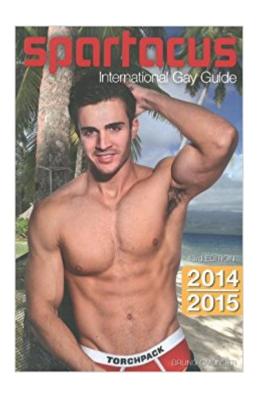


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Synopsis

The SPARTACUS INTERNATIONAL GAY GUIDE: the most successful travel guide for the gay market! Take advantage of the immense demand for this standard work! The following characteristics make this guide practical and easy to use: The important country information texts stand out in colour, distinct and colourful country and city maps assist rapid orientation, easy to find address listings with help of clearly structured and organized listing system. SPARTACUS INTERNATIONAL GAY GUIDE has information for more than 160 countries world wide. The listing and text describe each country in an extensive introductory text, as well as the legal and social situation of gay men including unique cultural situations. In addition there are small informative texts regarding gay life in many selected cities. The listing contains over 21 000 addresses, covering all aspects of gay life. Whether you are looking for a unusual hotel, the most popular beach or the local gay information center - here you will find them all. To add to this there are practical tips for your next holidays or business trips. The new SPARTACUS INTERNATIONAL GAY GUIDE 2014/15: Up to date information at your finger tips.

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This publication has always been my "go to" guide for [hopeful] world travel. When I go to another city, I make a copy of the pertinent pages and fold it into my wallet for easy access. It works very well for looking up all the places an LGBT world traveller should NOT go. There remains dozens of countries and areas where we are not welcome!

Have used this series of books for many years. When I travel I tear out of the pages for the cities I will visit to save space on the plane and not so heavy of luggage.

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When traveling over seas this book will help you, as it some Excellent information for your holiday. Donald.

I never go to any foreign country without it.

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Fitness super model Phil Fusco (26) is the new cover model of the Spartacus International Gay Guide 2014/2015. The native US-American with Italian roots is the cover model of our 43rd edition of the Spartacus International Gay Guide. That he knows what he is doing comes from his 9 years of professional modeling experience. He has posed for various magazines worldwide such as DNA, Daily Jocks, M Mensuel, Sensitif and MA, NNER. He was also a campaign model for Andrew Christian and Gregg Hommes. The number of his digital fans is impressive. Phil Fusco is one of the most popular social media personalities and form his various sites sports enthusiasts can get information about his new workouts and nutrition tips. The Bruno Gmà nder Media Group was founded in 1981 in Berlin. In addition to offering an up to date set if information of important spots around the world that are gay-friendly, they have compiled data about which countries are the better sites to visit based on whether or not they are accepting of same sex lifestyle. The figures are surprising. The international travel guide for the gay community, which has been published on an annual basis for the last 40 years, informs its readers about the legal situation for gays and lesbians in each of the 138 countries listed in the guide. The editorial staff stands in regular contact with the Foreign Office, the foreign embassies in Germany as well as LGBT- (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans-gender) activists from around the world. Among the winners in 2013 are the USA (+8 ranks) and countries like Panama (+15), Taiwan (+14), Fiji (+14), Brazil (+8), Thailand (+8), Chile (+8), Malta (+8), New Zealand (+5) and Uruguay (+3). The reasons are new laws or constitutions allowing gay marriage or implementing new anti-discrimination laws. The biggest loser is India, which re-criminalized homosexuality in 2013 and drops 15 ranks to rank 105 on the Gay Travel Index. The highlight from 2013 from an LGBT-view came without a doubt from the USA. In June, the Supreme

Court passed two important rulings that improved the rights for gays and lesbians. So after years of legal uncertainty, the same-sex marriage law remains in force in California, and in the Doma-judgment gay and lesbian marriages, which were performed in states where this was legally possible, may not be excluded from all the advantages under federal law. These groundbreaking judgments brought vast movement to the discussion about the same-sex marriages and more states than ever before have promoted the legalization within such a short space of time (amongst them Hawaii, Colorado, Illinois, Maine and New Mexico) - and the process continues. This positive development is reflected in the Spartacus Gay Travel Index, in which the United States could significantly better their ranking (+8). India, the loser - The highest court of India hit the headlines in a very negative way from the point of view of gays and lesbians in 2013. In India homosexuality has been banned once again, after a previous legal instance was declared unconstitutional. For this reason India was the record breaker for 2013 in dropping down in our ranking. Hopefully, after upcoming elections in the largest democracy in the world, the discussion regarding the prohibition continues and the politicians finally take actions to change the current situation. In Mexico, this year's partner country at the ITB travel show in Berlin, there were several judgments passed last year, strengthening the rights of gays and lesbians. Here politics also lags behind and it remains to be seen whether the government laws will be adjusted. Mexico ranks in the index in the upper middle field at position 40 (as of February 2014). Germany still delays expansion of rights for gays and lesbians. After German chancellor Dr. Angela Merkel personally stated her strong opposition to same-sex marriage and the adoption rights and after the success of the CDU in the last federal election, gays and lesbians can only look to the Federal Constitutional Court, where the equality for lesbian and gays has been demanded for years. As in previous years, Iran, the United Arab Emirates and Russia remain at the bottom of the Gay Travel Index 2014. The homophobia and homophobic legislation in Russia in general were brought to focus by the Olympic Winter Games in Sochi and culminated in rejected invitations from some state representatives such as US president Barack Obama, German president Joachim Gauck and the French president FranAfA§ois Hollande. At the top of the index little has changed: Sweden remains at the top, followed by Belgium, France, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom, which all share the second position. More than a list of hotels, eating spots and clubs, this new Spartacus Travel Guide has become a sociological study of the change around the world. Grady Harp, February 14

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