

ANNUAL EVENTS

- CT Gay Men's Chorus Holiday Concert
- Film Fest New Haven
- International Festival of Arts & Ideas
- NHGLCC Gay Pride Week on the New Haven Green
- New Haven Jazz Festival
- Great American Sand Sculpture Competition
- Pilot Pen Women's Tennis Tournament
- Picnic in the Park Elm Shakespeare Festival
- City wide Open Studios
- Fantasy of Lights
- St. Patrick's Day Parade
- Yale LGBT Co-op Gay Pride Week

For a more complete listing of events, contact **1-800-332-STAY** or visit our website at www.newhavencvb.org

RESOURCES

New Haven Gay & Lesbian Community Center, **203-387-2252**
www.nhglcc.org

New Haven Advocate, **203-789-0010**
www.newhavenadvocate.com

Metroline - a community news magazine serving the Greater Connecticut gay and lesbian community, **860-231-8845**
www.metroline-online.com

ACCOMMODATIONS

For a listing of gay and lesbian friendly accommodations, please contact the Greater New Haven Convention & Visitors Bureau at **1-800-332-STAY**



Introduction to Gay New Haven by John D. Allen, founder of the New Haven Gay and Lesbian Community Center

168 YORK STREET CAFE

168 York Street, New Haven
Want to meet a young, smart, gay, ivy league grad - this is the place to go, happy hour specials, an outdoor patio, great dining room, occasional live entertainment, video bar, cafe/pub and comfortable downstairs bar for meeting new friends.

BAR

254 Crown Street, New Haven
Join us Tuesday night for the legendary gay and lesbian bash. If you can't make it then, just about anything goes in this bar, anytime. Great pizza, billiards, and dance club.

BLOODROOT

85 Ferris Street, Bridgeport
Bookstore and vegetarian restaurant on the Long Island Sound with a great selection of lesbian/feminist books. Occasional live entertainment.

THE BROWNSTONE CAFE

29 Leavenworth Street, Waterbury
This bar is mixed; not just men/women mixed, but straight/gay mixed, and it works. Pool, darts, pinball, club music, and a video juke box with lots of alternatives.

GOTHAM CITI

130 Crown Street, New Haven
The entranceway into the front bar is perfect to saunter through in style! The back bar offers floor space for dancing, and an elevated stage-like area. Stop in for a retro dance party on Saturday nights.

MAXIE'S CAFE

2627 Waterbury Road, Waterbury
Volleyball court off of the outdoor patio, happy hour Monday-Friday, DJ dance party every Friday night. Karaoke is on the third Saturday of every month.

PARTNER'S CAFE

365 Crown Street, New Haven
Tuesdays male review dancers, happy hour Friday from 5-8 pm, billboards, top DJs spinning your favorites on all three floors. Saturday special event night, Sundays Latin night.

STEPHANIE'S LIVING ROOM

The Ramada Inn, Stratford
Stephanie hosts this long-standing party for women only - hundreds of them. All types, all ages, all in one room (well, banquet hall). It's been dubbed "Tina and Tina's Wedding." The party starts early with a huge dance floor and DJ who is very good about actually playing your requests. (hosted parties)

YALE PEABODY MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

Outstanding collection of dinosaur fossils, mammals, dioramas, birds of Connecticut, the history of human origin, and gift shop.

YALE ART GALLERY Oldest college art museum in the western hemisphere, featuring works by Picasso, Monet, Manet, Van Gogh and many others.

YALE CENTER FOR BRITISH ART Most comprehensive collection of British art outside the United Kingdom. Paintings, drawings, prints, rare books and sculpture survey British culture from the Elizabethan period to the present.

BEINECKE RARE BOOK AND MANUSCRIPT LIBRARY Unique building featuring translucent marble windows. Houses over 600,000 volumes, and one of the few remaining Gutenberg bibles.

NEW HAVEN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Fourth oldest symphony in the country, for over 100 seasons.

YALE REPERTORY THEATRE Known for its fresh interpretation of classics and its premieres of new works.

SHUBERT PERFORMING ARTS CENTER Birthplace of the Nation's greatest hits such as Oklahoma, My Fair Lady, Damn Yankees, and a number of others. More than 300 pre-Broadway world premieres (more than 600 Broadway tryouts in all).

LONG WHARF THEATRE For 35 years offering eclectic production of classics and exciting new works. Long Wharf is a vibrant arts organization, bringing award winning theatre to Connecticut, and the world.

YALE CABARET Unique theatre in an intimate setting.

YALE COLLECTION OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS Over 800 16th-20th Century musical instruments documenting European and American music tradition.

AMISTAD/FREEDOM TRAIL SITES Included are the Freedom Schooner Amistad (when in port), the Amistad memorial and memorabilia at the New Haven Colony Historical Society, as well as others.

YALE WALKING TOUR In a little over an hour, this student led tour covers architecture, history and student life. The anecdotes are sometimes humorous, sometimes true, but always memorable.

CONNECTICUT WINE TRAIL There are eight vineyards on the Connecticut Wine Trail and Greater New Haven is centrally located on I-95 and I-91 offering easy access to the many vineyards throughout the state.

IMPRESSIONIST ARTS TRAIL There are eleven museums on the Connecticut Impressionist Arts Trail, with Yale University Art Gallery being one of the sites along the trail.



GREATER NEW HAVEN

GAY & LESBIAN VISITORS GUIDE

CULTURAL CAPITAL OF CONNECTICUT



What makes a great gay destination? Is it a gay ghetto with bars and restaurants, theaters, museums, and architecture? Or is it an attitude – inclusion – a way of life? New Haven has a long history of supporting individuality, with a history that includes a gay world moving in tandem with an accepting community.

Since its founding, New Haven has been profoundly influenced by Yale. It has contributed museums, art galleries and performing arts centers, instilling the city with cultural and academic richness. Yale's diverse student body has kept the urban spirit youthful and dynamic. Rich in cultural resources, the City offers an exciting diversity of entertainment at award-winning theaters, world-class museums, centers for visual, literary and performing arts, and popular night spots.

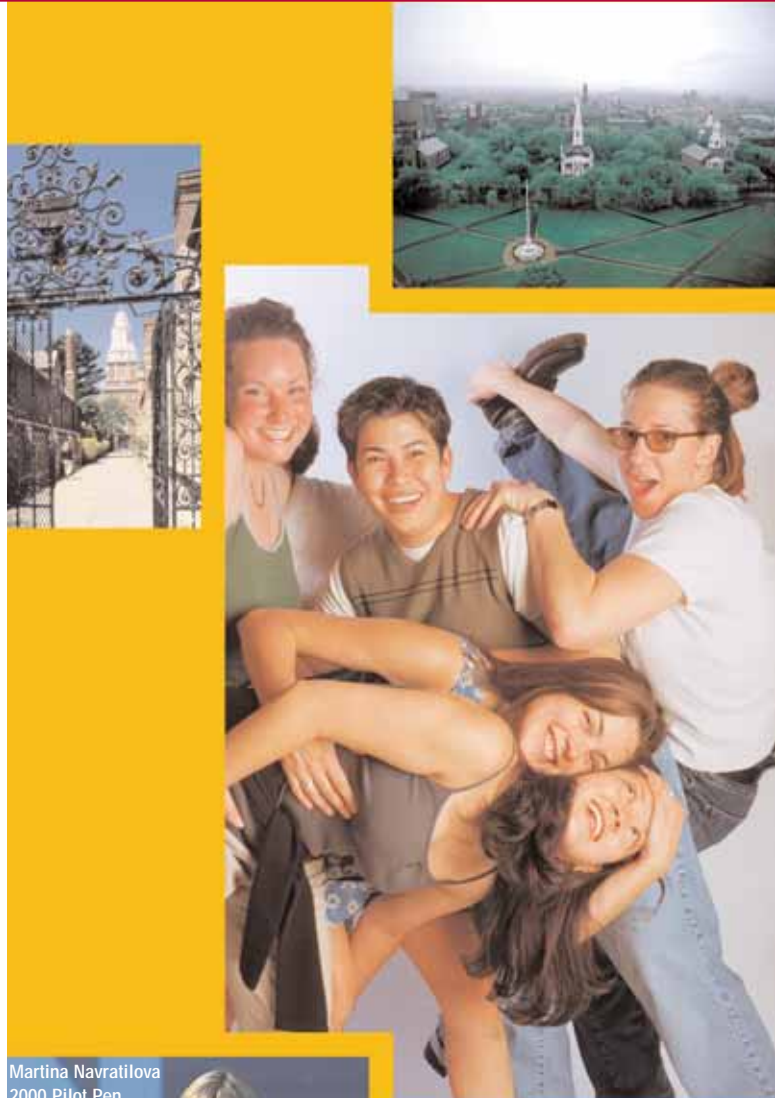
Throughout the region, you will find unparalleled multi-cultural restaurants, an abundance of antique shops, unique boutiques, historical homes and an acclaimed collection of world class architecture.

Gay people have always come to New Haven to study, visit, entertain and to leave their mark on a bustling and evolving city. World class theater, museums and universities have not only played host to celebrated gay careers, but also served as a source of inspiration and refuge for our diverse community. Centrally located within Connecticut, New Haven is a port city easily accessed by air, rail and highway. Along the beaten path to Provincetown and Ogunquit, New Haven is just an hour's drive from New York City. The New Haven you will find today has been helped shaped by members of our community. Stroll through a walkable downtown and you can hear the timeless music of Cole Porter, see the classic designs of Phillip Johnson, attend the same theaters where a young Jodie Foster honed her craft and feel the uncompromised passion of activist Larry Kramer. All have left an indelible mark in the Elm City.

Connecticut has emerged as a good state to live openly gay and has often led the way by demonstrating support for its GLBT citizens. Ours was the second state in 1969 to repeal the sodomy laws that made criminals of gay people, the third state in the country in 1990 to offer a gay civil rights law, and the third state in 1997 to offer a high school bill of rights that specifically includes sexual orientation as a protected category.

New Haven has an active gay community with many organizations and businesses catering to every taste. Visitors will likely find gay-owned and gay-friendly shops and cafes, galleries and nightlife sprinkled throughout the city.

Martina Navratilova
2000 Pilot Pen
Doubles Semifinalist



Do you like musicals or are you a drama queen? There's a reason New Haven is known as the state's cultural capital. With three professional theaters in town, and several more within a short driving distance, New Haven is well known for its performing arts. The Shubert, founded in 1914, has launched 300 pre-Broadway world premieres and over 600 Broadway tryouts including Annie Get Your Gun, Oklahoma, The Pajama Game, Damn Yankees and My Fair Lady. The Shubert has also figured prominently in several films including All About Eve starring Bette Davis and Auntie Mame starring Rosalind Russell.

Long Wharf Theatre and Yale Repertory Theatre were founded in 1965 and 1966 respectively, and produce new and classic works. The Yale Rep was once home to a young Meryl Streep and the Long Wharf sent the Pulitzer Prize winning drama, " Wit," to Off-Broadway.

PIZZA In 1900, Frank Pepe brought his family's recipe for tomato pie with him when he emigrated from Italy. From this basic recipe, he developed the pizza we all know and love. Pepe's of New Haven is known as the home of the first pizza pie.

HAMBURGER SANDWICH The first hamburger sandwich was made at Louis' in New Haven. Today, you can still get a hamburger at Louis' that is made on the original grill.

FRISBEE Legend says that in 1920, with the cry " Frisbie," Yale students hurled Mrs. Frisbie's pie plates across the New Haven Green and a national pastime was born.

LOLLIPOP George C. Smith of Bradley-smith Candy Company, New Haven, decided in 1892 to put sticks into balls of candy.

CORSET New Havener Isaac Strouse founded the corset industry in the U.S. in 1860, making sewn corsets with steel stays.

CORKSCREW New Havener Philios P. Blake was granted a patent in 1860 for his corkscrew.

COTTON GIN In 1794 Yale College Graduate Eli Whitney of New Haven invented the device that made cotton economically profitable by eliminating thousands of hours required to pick the seeds out by hand. His original cotton gin is on display at the New Haven Colony Historical Society.

ERECTOR SET A.C. Gilbert, a graduate of Yale Medical School, introduced the world to the first Erector Set in 1913. This was an instant success in the toy industry.

FIRST PLANNED CITY New Haven was the first planned city in the country, organized around nine central squares with a common green in the middle.

