

Finding Your Way

San Francisco, Atlanta, Chicago—these three major Pride cities are great to visit any time of year. But, you'll need a good book to familiarize yourself with the terrain.

1 As a newcomer to San Francisco myself, I recommend the *Not for Tourists Guide to San Francisco* (www.notfortourists.com) and *Where San Francisco* (www.wheretraveler.com). The *Not for Tourists Guide* is chock-full of snarky one-liners describing landmarks and nightlife, letting you know, for instance, that at The Café you'll find "so many gay men dancing with lesbians you'll mistake it for a straight bar." *Where San Francisco* is good for its compactness. Its cute pop-out maps will prevent you from looking too much like a tourist.

2 If you're headed to Atlanta, pack *The OutTraveler: Atlanta*, by Jordan McAuley and Matt Burkhalter (www.alysanbooks.com). McAuley and Burkhalter's passion for their hometown shines through in this guide for the out-and-about queer traveler. If you're also single and well-heeled, this guide is all you'll



need in your back pocket to find great food, drink and entertainment. The prices for hotels, restaurants and attractions aren't disclosed, and the information about kid-friendly stuff to do and outdoor recreation is minimal. Still, the guide is thorough and well-organized, and the coverage of historical queer Atlanta is top-notch.

3 And if Chicago is your destination, add *Out and Proud in Chicago* (www.agatepublishing.com) and *A Field Guide to Gay & Lesbian Chicago* (www.lakeclaremont.com) to your wish



list. The latter book, by tour guides and anthropologists Kathie Bergquist and Robert McDonald, is a sassy, comprehensive travel guide with everything from inside and outside the gayborhoods to Windy City sightseeing to where to find the ladies (including hook-up tips). *Out and Proud*, edited by lesbian publishing powerhouse and native Chicagoan Tracy Baim, is the definitive guide to Chicago's queer community, past and present. With essays covering the city's history, from its origins as a prairie settlement to its innovative responses to the AIDS crisis, and illustrated by nearly 400 images, this wonderful collection gives the city's gay community every reason to be proud. [Kimberly Bale]

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