



A world map illustrating the safest and most dangerous countries on Earth for LGBTQ holidaymakers in 2019 has been published online.

Nigeria is ranked the worst nation on the planet in the study the map is based on, while Sweden is the best.

New Zealand is ranked the 12th safest country in the world for LGBTQ travellers, according to the study published on the Asher & Lyric website (<https://www.asherfergusson.com/lgbtq-travel-safety/>).

The 'LGBTQ+ Danger Index' was created using eight factors including the legality of same-sex marriage, worker protections, criminalisation of violence, protections against discrimination, adoption recognition, propaganda and morality laws, and Gallup survey results.

Some factors were weighted more heavily than others, with Asher & Lyric exhaustively explaining its methodology and sources in the article.

The 150 countries included in the study range from a safety rating of A with 322 points on the index system, right down to F with negative 142.

Aotearoa scored 268 points and an A- rating.

The top 10 most dangerous countries for LGBTQ travel:

1. Nigeria
2. Qatar
3. Yemen
4. Saudi Arabia
5. Tanzania
6. Iran
7. Sudan
8. Barbados
9. Malaysia
10. Malawi

The top 10 safest countries for LGBTQ travel:

1. Sweden
2. Canada
3. Norway
4. Portugal
5. Belgium
6. United Kingdom
7. Finland
8. France
9. Iceland
10. Spain