



lived and loved, including the sites of the drag shows and gay bars that have dotted the Village for 150 years—in particular the reopened Stonewall Inn. The list of LGBT greats we discover reads like a history of American culture: from Herman Melville and Walt Whitman to Eleanor Roosevelt, James Baldwin and Marlon Brando, as well as gay icon Billie Holiday.
(two-hour walking tour)

EAST VILLAGE WALKING TOUR Since the 1950s, the cultural energy of the Village has been moving eastwards—creating what we now call the East Village. This is where the Beats lived, where Punk was born, and where the musical *Rent* is set, among impoverished young artists struggling in the shadow of AIDS. The East Village has been home to such famous gay residents as W. H. Auden, Alan Ginsberg, Quentin Crisp and Jean-Michel Basquiat, as well as famous gay bars like Cock and events like the founding of Wigstock.

On our walk, we see all of these places and more, including the place where Walt Whitman first read his *Calamus* poems to his Bohemian friends.

(two-hour walking tour)



TOUR OF THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART

Join us for an entirely new concept: an exploration of homoerotic art in the Metropolitan Museum. On this tour, we discover some of the Met’s queer treasures, from ancient Greek nudes to homoerotic paintings from the Renaissance and a panoply of 20th century works. We learn about famous pieces—such as Michelangelo’s Cupid and Picasso’s portrait of Gertrude Stein—as well as lesser-known ones. It’s all part of the hidden gay story in one of the great museums of the world, which you’ll never look at the same way again.

(two-hour museum tour)

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— *Stephen Fry*



Gay Italy,

from Caesar to Michelangelo and Beyond...

From the splendor of ancient Rome to the magnificence of the Baroque, Italy is the treasure house of Western civilization. But there is also another side to Italy's story: from the Caesars to Michelangelo to today, Italy is rich in artistic treasures celebrating same-sex love.

Join us as we reveal the gay side of this amazing country. Our tour begins in Rome—capital city of emperors, popes and artistic geniuses. We learn about the history of same-sex love as far back as the Etruscans, and discover the secret lives of the emperors—from Caesar and Nero to Hadrian and his lover Antinous, worshiped as a god after his suicide. We follow in the footsteps of Caravaggio—rebel against artistic and sexual convention—and visit the settings of *Tosca* and other operas. And of course no visit to Rome would be complete without enjoying its culinary delights, including the world's very best gelati...



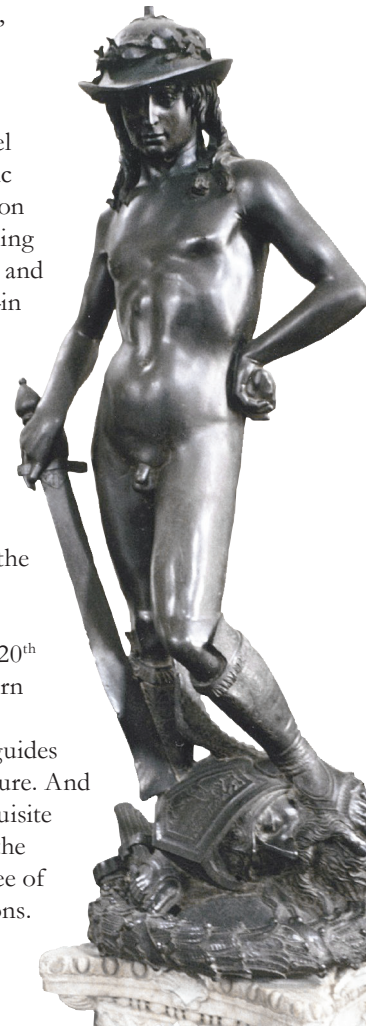
From Rome we head to Naples, to visit the Archaeology Museum and its notorious Gabinetto Segreto—and to eat a pizza Margherita in the restaurant that invented it. Then on to charming Sorrento, from which we visit the ruins of nearby Pompeii; the ravishing Amalfi Coast and Paestum, with its wonderful Greek temples and homoerotic wall-paintings; and finally Capri, pearl of the Mediterranean,



where we explore its 2,000-year record of same-sex love, from the palace where Emperor Tiberius held his orgies to the early-20th century, when the island was a European Provincetown. And along the way we enjoy Southern Italy's famous gastronomic specialties, from buffalo mozzarella to babà al limoncello.

Our final stop is Florence, fountainhead of the Renaissance—and a fascinating window into the gay past. Here we revel in the city's endless artistic treasures, while focusing on the Renaissance's flourishing culture of male-male love and the artworks it inspired—in particular Donatello and Michelangelo's two famous Davids.

As always with Oscar Wilde Tours, we take you to places that regular tours do not visit—from the underground ruins of Nero's Golden House to the villas of Capri's early-20th century gayocracy. We learn about Italy's gay side with Professor Lear and local guides who specialize in gay culture. And we relax in a series of exquisite hotels, while feasting on the cuisines and wines of three of Italy's great culinary regions.



Discover the gay history of New York

Everyone knows that gay liberation began on a summer night in June 1969, with the Stonewall riots in Greenwich Village. But who knows that Mae West was arrested in Manhattan for producing a pro-gay-rights play in 1926? Or that Walt Whitman read his homoerotic poems to friends at a bar on Broadway? New York is bursting with gay lore and gay history—and Oscar Wilde Tours is bringing it all out of the closet.

From Herman Melville to Leonard Bernstein, from Bessie Smith to Rudi Nureyev, New York has been home to an astonishing array of gay artists and celebrities—men and women who have shaped American culture and made gay history. We are proud to offer the first tours covering the entire story of gay New York—plus a tour of homoerotic art in the Metropolitan Museum.

TOUR OF THE GAY CITY Our comprehensive tour takes you to a series of neighborhoods that have deserved the name 'gayborhood', from Union Square and Chelsea to Harlem, the Museum Mile and Brooklyn Heights. We see monuments to the gay past such as Andy Warhol's second Factory, the fabled Chelsea Hotel, and the theater that was Studio 54, and we discover the lives of such great New Yorkers as Stephen Sondheim, Langston Hughes, and Truman Capote—as well as such gay-friendly people as Mae West and Dorothy Parker. *(four-hour bus tour)*

GREENWICH VILLAGE WALKING TOUR On this tour, we venture to Washington Square and the heart of the West Village—the center of New York's many countercultures and artistic movements, from the Bohemians of the 1920s to the Beats, Pop Art, Off (and Off Off) Broadway, and of course the gay liberation movement. We see the places where Villagers have