

# TRAVEL SAFTEY STUDYING ABROAD

Ensuring diversity and Inclusion

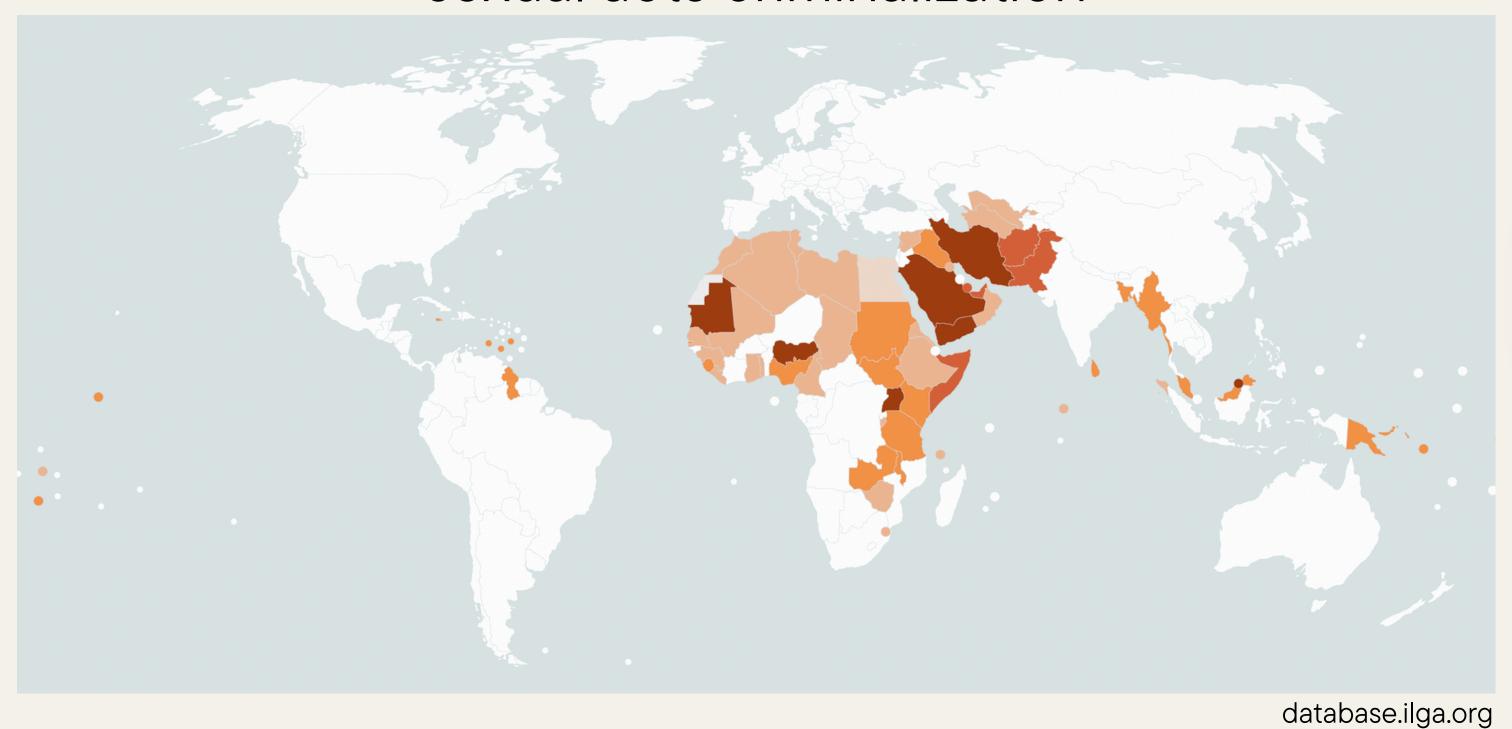
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#### INTRODUCTIONS

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- Countries Travelled: 14 countries



# UN MEMBER STATES same-sex sexual acts criminalization



61 Criminalise by law 131 Do not Criminalise by law



### DISCLAIMER!

Laws and political mindsets are always changing, so it is important to research the Canadian government website and the host country's website for their new policies or disclaimers before you go.

Even If there are no laws discriminating against the 2SLGBTQPIA+ community does not mean the culture or community is accepting do your own research look throughout social media and on other outlets to learn more about the cluture





#### List of most accepting

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- Iceland
- Norway,
- The Netherlands
- Sweden
- New Zealand

(Places like Australia and western Europe are also great choices)

#### THINGS TO PACK

- Ensure that any medications you plan to take are legal in the country you are travelling to.
- If not, consult with your doctor for alternatives and make sure the name on the bottle clearly is labelled matching with the name on your passport.



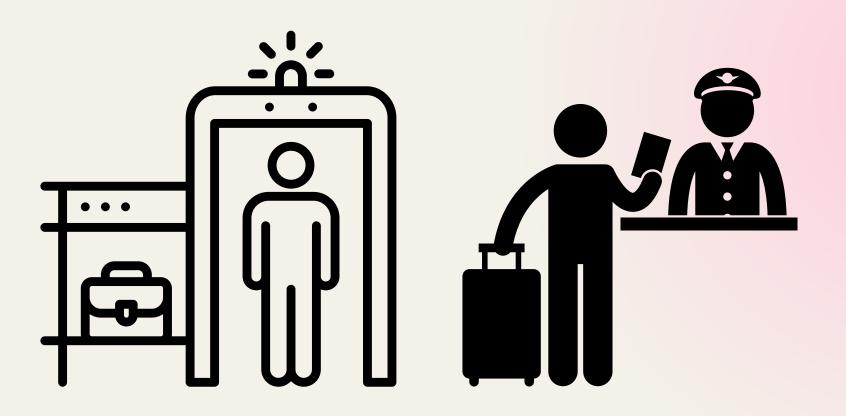
 Pack comfort items, such as certain items of clothes you may not be able to obtain like binders

# THINGS TO AVOID PACKING

- Check medication standards, what is legal in Canada, may not be legal in other countries
- Other products that you may not think of like protein powders, Benadryl and certain birth control may be ilegal in other countries



#### Airport Security



- Some airports use Advanced Imaging Technology to screen passengers. If anything is considered "unusual" on the scan, you will be required to do additional screening.
  - Remember that you can ask for a supervisor or a private screening at any point, you can also bring a travel partner with you for your private screening and they should never ask to remove your clothing.

#### Airport Security



If your passport has a Gender X marker or your gender marker does not match your gender expression...

- You may be asked to provide binary sex information
- It may be benifical to carry a doctors note as supportive documentation



### WHENIN ROME....

All cultures have certain expectations of acceptable or unacceptable behaviour. In many cultures, public displays of affection are considered unacceptable regardless of gender and/or sexuality.

While it is usually safer to blend in with the locals it is also important to honour yourself in a way that feels most comfortable to you while still staying safe.



# HOW TO TELL WHATS ACCEPTABLE?

Well how do we observe certain customs?

There are many ways you can observe the culture, watch the language people use around you, watch their actions, and research more about the country on social media before you travel or other digital platforms.

## THANKYOU

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#### OTHER RESOURCES

Government of Canada: Travel and your sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression and sex characteristics

https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/health-safety/lgbt-travel

Human Rights Watch: #Outlawed: "The Love that Dare not Speak its Name"

https://features.hrw.org/features/features/lgbt\_laws/

Human Dignity Trust: Map of Jurisdictions that Criminalise LGBT People

https://www.humandignitytrust.org/lgbt-the-law/map-of-criminalisation/?type\_filter\_submitted= BBC News: Homosexuality: The countries where it is illegal to be gay (March 2023)

https://www.bbc.com/news/world-43822234

ILGA World Database: Legal Frameworks: Criminalisation of Consensual Same-Sex Acts (Map)

https://database.ilga.org/criminalisation-consensual-same-sex-sexual-acts IGLTA: A Comprehensive Guide to LGBTQ+ Travel Safety

UCLA School of Law (Williams Institute) - Global Acceptance Index

https://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/projects/gai/