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Hot property LGBT culture

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► 213 West 23rd Street, Chelsea, New York City, US, \$14.5m

Where In Chelsea on Manhattan's West Side. JFK International airport is a half-hour drive.

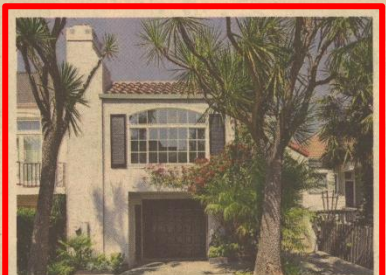
What A 7,000 sq ft loft apartment with 29ft ceilings and four bedrooms. It was designed by architect Annabelle Selldorf with interiors by Jeffrey Beers. **Why** The loft is part of a former YMCA building which featured in the Village People's video for their 1978 disco hit "Y.M.C.A.". In June this year about 30,000 people took part in the NYC Pride march along Fifth Avenue, two blocks away. The march commemorates the Stonewall riots, which followed a police raid in 1969 on the Stonewall Inn gay bar, which is a 15-minute walk from the apartment. **Who** Compass, compass.com, tel: +1 212 913 9058



◀ Parliament House, Vauxhall, London, UK, £6m

Where Overlooking the river Thames in Vauxhall, just off the Albert Embankment in south London. Heathrow international airport is about 50 minutes by car. **What** A three-bedroom, triplex penthouse apartment with a spiral staircase that leads up to a roof terrace that looks out over the Palace of Westminster. A separate

438 sq ft terrace has an outdoor kitchen and hot tub. **Why** Within a five-minute walk is the Royal Vauxhall Tavern, the first building in the UK to be granted Grade II-listed status because of its significance to LGBT history. The venue has been hosting drag shows since the 1940s and is a leading independent LGBT venue. **Who** Telford Homes, telfordhomes.london, tel: +44 20 3538 6863



▲ 340 Cumberland Street, San Francisco, California, US, \$3.5m

Where In the popular neighbourhood of Dolores Heights. San Francisco International airport is a 25-minute drive. **What** A two-bedroom house built over two levels and with almost 2,000 sq ft of living space. The property has a landscaped, tiered garden, as well as terraces with views across the city.

Why The house is a one-minute walk from the Castro District, where prominent activist Harvey Milk lived in the 1970s. The area became a hub for promoting gay rights and was where Milk led his successful campaign to become the first openly gay person elected to public office in California in 1977. **Who** Sotheby's International Realty San Francisco, sothebyshomes.com, tel: +1 415 901 1700



◀ Avenida Paulista, São Paulo, Brazil, R\$8.5m (\$2.49m)

Where On Avenida Paulista, 40 minutes by car from the city's international airport. **What** A 460 sq metre apartment with a huge open-plan living space and three bedrooms, including a master suite decorated with designer fabric wall panels. **Why** São Paulo Gay Pride Parade begins at Teatro Gazeta on Avenida Paulista. It is thought to be the world's largest pride parade, with about 2.5m participants. **Who** Sotheby's International Realty, sothebysrealty.com, tel: +55 11 3061 0000



◀ Leidsegracht 102, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, €2m

Where Overlooking Leidsegracht canal in Amsterdam-Centrum, a 17th-century area with Unesco world heritage status. Schiphol airport is 25 minutes by car. **What** A four-bedroom, canal-side house with 325 sq metres of living space and original beamed ceilings. **Why** Every August, the owners can take advantage of the roof terrace to watch the boats taking part in Canal Parade, part of Amsterdam's three-week long Gay Pride event. **Who** Engel & Völkers, engelvoelkers.com, tel: +31 20 716 24 18



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