



Belgian Beer Tour

7 Days - 7 Nights

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visiting Brussels, Ghent, Bruges
- Visits to Cantillon, St. Bernardus & De Halve Maan Breweries
- Beer, food, culture, history
- Night of the Great Thirst, lambic beer fest
- Activities/tours, meals, drinks, lodging inclusive



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Sunday, April 25th - Saturday, May 1st, 2027

Over seven days in Belgium's Flanders region, we'll explore one of the world's most celebrated beer traditions—so influential it's been recognized by UNESCO as an Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. This journey dives into *why* Belgian beer culture earned that distinction, weaving together centuries of brewing tradition with the history that shaped the region, from medieval trade routes to the battlefields of World War I.

We've partnered with passionate, locally based Belgian guides to create a custom beer-and-history experience that goes far beyond tastings alone. Expect thoughtful pacing, meaningful places, and behind-the-scenes access—along with the relaxed, well-curated moments you've come to expect from Drinkable Destinations.

Now that you've got a sense of what this tour is all about, let's get into the details and walk through what the week has in store.

Highlights

- **A celebratory final night** at the International Gueuze & Kriek Festival—the legendary *Night of the Great Thirst*.

- Go behind the scenes at Brouwerij Verhaeghe for an exclusive tour and tasting of the famous Duchesse de Bourgogne.
- Sip and savor at St. Bernardus Brewery, capped with a laid-back meal at their rooftop restaurant overlooking the hop fields.
- Make the pilgrimage to In De Vrede, the café across from Westvleteren Abbey, to try the notoriously hard-to-find Trappist beer many call the best in the world.
- Wander Bruges on a guided city and beer tour, with stops at De Halve Maan and Bourgogne des Flandres, plus a postcard-worthy canal cruise.
- Dive into Brussels' beer culture and iconic sights on a city tour that includes Manneken Pis and a visit to the legendary Brasserie Cantillon.
- Explore medieval Ghent on foot, taking in dramatic architecture and touring the imposing 12th-century Gravensteen Castle.
- Step into history on a moving battlefield and trench tour in Ypres, where the stories of World War I still echo across the landscape.

Itinerary

Day 1: Sunday, April 25^h - Ghent

- **Evening:** Meet us in Ghent! We'll meet at the hotel before heading out to a welcome dinner for some classic moules frites and our first Belgian beers as a group!

Day 2: Ghent

- **Morning:** We'll kick off the day with a guided walking tour of Ghent featuring the historic city center.
- **Afternoon:** Lunch at a beer café, followed by a tour of Gravensteen Castle. The group will break mid-afternoon so guests can wander from bier cafe to bier cafe.
- **Evening:** Free evening in Ghent.

Day 3: Day trip to Bruges from Ghent

- **Morning:** Group departs Ghent by private coach for a visit to Bruges. We'll meet our local guide for a walking tour followed by a canal cruise.
- **Afternoon:** Lunch and beer sampling will be had at De Halve Maan Brewery. Lunch will be followed by a stop at Bourgogne de Flandres Brouwerij for a tasting. Guests will be given several hours to explore the city on their own before we depart back to Ghent
- **Evening:** Free Evening in Ghent.

Day 4: Ghent -> Ypres

- **Morning:** A private coach will pick us up to head to the southwest part of Flanders, where some of the biggest battles of World War I were fought. We'll meet with a local guide for a battlefield and trench tour of Ypres Salient.
- **Afternoon:** After the tour, we'll enjoy lunch in Ypres before heading out to In de Vrede, the café across from the Abbey of Saint Sixtus, where we can sample the famous Westvleteren Trappist ales - allegedly the best beer in the world! After In de Vrede, we'll visit St. Bernardus Brewery for dinner and a sampling at their rooftop restaurant.
- **Evening:** Stay in Ypres area.

Day 5: Ypres-> Brussels

- **Morning:** We'll depart Ypres to visit Brouwerij Verhaeghe, brewer of Duchesse de Bourgogne, for an exclusive tour and tasting.
- **Afternoon:** After our tour and tasting, we'll hit the road to our next stop, lunch at a cozy restaurant nearby. We'll arrive in Brussels midafternoon and free the guests for a night on their own to explore.
- **Evening:** Free to explore Brussels.

Day 6: Brussels

- **Morning:** We'll kick off the day with a guided walking tour of Brussels featuring the historic city center.
- **Afternoon:** Lunch at a beer café, followed by a walk to Cantillon Brewery for a tour and sampling.
- **Evening:** Free evening in Brussels.

Day 7 (Last day): Brussels

- **Morning:** Free to explore Brussels
- **Afternoon:** The group will gather midafternoon to hop aboard a private coach to visit a rural brewery and enjoy a farewell dinner together before heading to the Night of the Great Thirst.
- **Evening:** Attend the International Gueuze and Kriek Festival aka the Night of the Great Thirst. Return to Brussels.

Rates:

\$4950* person based on double occupancy lodging.

\$1100* single supplement for solo travelers.

Deposit:**\$1000/person****Fully refundable until 1/25/27**

*Pricing may change as tour departure date approaches due to extreme exchange rate fluctuations. Please see the "Tour Changes" section below for more information.

Included in the Belgium tour price:

- All breakfasts and 8 meals as described in the itinerary
- 7 nights of lodging in nice, centrally located hotels
- Ground transportation via private coach, as described in the itinerary
- Beer and drinks during group meals and tours, as described in the itinerary
- All tours and admissions, as described in the itinerary
- Local guides and/or Drinkable Destinations escort during all structured tour days
- All taxes and tips on included hotels, meals, and transportation

Not included in the tour price:

- Airfare and other transportation to the tour starting point and from the tour ending point
- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Personal expenses, such as laundry and phone calls
- Expenses for any activities not included in the itinerary
- Passport or visa fees
- Travel insurance coverage to cover tour cancellation or interruption, lost luggage, accidental death, medical expenses, emergency medical evacuation, or unavoidable flight delays. **Please note: many personal health insurance plans don't cover their participants while they are traveling out of the country.**

Group Size:

We believe small group sizes make for better experiences. Small groups allow our guests to form closer relationships with us and our local tour guides, and gives us more intimate access to places, restaurants and attractions. There is one downside to small group sizes; a higher cost per person. We know from experience, however, that this is the way to go for high quality tours.

Minimum: 8

Maximum: 12/13

Terms and Conditions**RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS:**

To reserve a spot on the Belgian Beer Tour, you must agree to ALL Tour Terms and Conditions listed below. A deposit of \$1000 or full payment of \$4950/person for double occupancy lodging or \$6050 for single occupancy lodging

Final payment is due on Monday, January 25th, 2027. Please mark this on your calendar; we will also send a reminder email two weeks in advance.

By submitting a deposit and/or payment, you are confirming that you AND ANYONE WHOSE NAME YOU MAKE A RESERVATION UNDER understands the nature of the tour and the inclusions.

Why do I include the above statement? We do everything we can to lay out the details and inclusions of the tour. However, we cannot control whether a spouse, partner or companion does not read and understand the nature of the tour. We have not had any problems with this on our international tours yet but we have seen this in other tour scenarios.

Paypal is my payment services provider and you will be sent a Paypal invoice via email for the deposit. If you prefer to use a credit card for payment, you will be able to submit it through Paypal via the invoice.

Your final tour payment is due at least ninety (90) days prior to the tour departure date, in one payment. Please mark your final payment due date on your calendar. The due date will be listed on your confirmation email and tour invoice. Missing the final payment deadline may result in your spot being given to someone on stand by.

If you sign up for a tour less than ninety (90) days prior to its departure date, the entire tour price must be paid in full immediately.

Contact for reservations:

Justin Schmitz

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920 740 8791 (this number works on WhatsApp, too)

STANDBY:

If the tour is already full, we will accept reservations on a standby-basis. Should space become available, the notified participant has the choice to join the tour by paying in full by credit card or forfeiting the space.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS:

Life happens and things come up that may make it impossible for you to join the tour you've made a payment on. Sometimes folks need to cancel for a multitude of reasons. Please inform us of your cancellation in writing as soon as possible.

Non-refundable cancellation fees are reflective of payments we have already made for your attendance on the tour and loss of time to sell your spot. Our cancellation policy is firm and we cannot make exceptions even in the event of terrorism, medical emergencies and other situations out of our control.

Refunds will be processed within 30 days of the written cancellation notice.

Once the tour begins, there are no refunds for:

- arriving late.
- leaving the tour early.
- for being removed from a tour.
- unused portions of the tour including meals, attractions, tour and hotels.

We highly recommend travel insurance. Travel insurance plans can cover common scenarios in which you may need to cancel your trip. It can also cover medical emergencies while you are on the trip.

Our cancellation and refund schedule is below:

Full payments and deposits are 100% refundable until 91 days prior to the tour.

Deposits are non-refundable within 90 days of the tour.

Full payments are 50% refundable within 89-30 days of the tour.

Full payments are non-refundable within 29 days of a tour.

TOUR CONFIRMATION:

This tour requires a minimum of 8 participants in order to operate. Please do not buy your airline tickets until you've received the TOUR CONFIRMATION. When we have at least 8 participants signed up, we will send out a Tour Confirmation.

IF you do buy airline tickets prior to reception of TOUR CONFIRMATION, please purchase refundable or cancellable tickets.

CANCELLATION BY DRINKABLE DESTINATIONS:

We reserve the right to cancel a tour due to not meeting our participant minimum or for other reasons. In the event that WE cancel the tour, FULL REFUNDS OF DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS will be processed within 30 days of our notification.

Refunds of your deposits and payments will constitute full settlement and we will not be held liable for any other expenses including non-refundable airfare, passport fees and other arrangements a participant has made before, during or after a tour. We **HIGHLY RECOMMEND** travel insurance.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH ISSUES:

Our tours are very active and participants need to be of a moderate fitness level. International tours will include a lot of walking particularly to attractions, public transport, hotel, meals, etc. Participants need to be able to walk and/or be on their feet for 1-2 hours at a time and can keep up with the group.

You will need to be able to carry your own luggage from the hotels to transport stations so please keep that mind when choosing how much to pack and the type of luggage you're bringing. Travel backpacks may be the most convenient for some but luggage with roller wheels will also work.

Please disclose any medical conditions while registering for the tour. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate participants requiring wheelchair assistance on our European tours. The places we are visiting are very old and not designed for accessibility.

We will not be responsible for any medical cost you may incur in a medical incident or emergency while on our tour. **We HIGHLY RECOMMEND securing a travel insurance plan; your personal health insurance policy may not cover incidents while out of the USA.**

SOLO PARTICIPANTS:

These tours are priced for double occupancy. Solo participants will have to pay a supplemental fee to cover the additional cost of lodging.

By request, we can try to match same-sex solo participants to share a room. This is not guaranteed and if we can't find a match, solo participants will be subject to the single supplemental fee. You must inform us in advance of any medical or personal issues that could negatively affect someone's else's enjoyment of the tour. If you do not inform us, we reserve the right to change your booking to a single and for you to be charged for the new room and half of the other room.

PASSPORTS:

A current passport is required of each traveler. Be sure your passport is valid for at least six months after the last day of the tour, even though three months may be all that is required. It can take three weeks to get a new passport without paying for it to be expedited. Plan ahead. Also, "As of November 1st, 2016, customers applying for or renewing their passport must remove glasses for their passport photo. Last year, more than 200,000 passport customers submitted poor quality photos which we couldn't accept. **The #1 problem was glasses.** We had to put their passport applications on hold because we couldn't clearly identify them from their photo. If the photo of you in your unexpired passport has glasses, don't worry about it. You don't have to get a new passport now. Next time you renew your passport, though, you'll have to take your glasses off."--U.S. Dept. of State.

TOUR CHANGES:

Itinerary: We reserve the right to make changes to the itinerary, hotels, restaurants, brewery tours, etc due to unforeseen circumstances or forces outside our control. We may even change it because we have found a superior experience!

Pricing: We reserve the right to correct pricing errors. We always hope to keep our tour prices the same from the moment we start taking reservations, however, since our tours are planned so far in advance, we may have to adjust the price due to reasons beyond our control such as extreme currency exchange fluctuations. In the event of major exchange rate fluctuations and the price of the tour needs to be raised for guests who have already registered, a notice will be sent out no less than 4 months in advance of the tour of a Conversion Rate Supplemental Charge. Guests may opt out of the tour and receive a refund for payments made if they notify us no less than 100 days prior to tour departure.

Wi-Fi:

Complimentary WiFi is available at most hotels and many businesses, but not guaranteed.

TRANSFERS:

Transfers between the airport and our first and last hotels are not included unless listed specifically on the itinerary.

PARTICIPATION:

We reserve the right to accept or reject any person as a tour participant at any time. Participants may be removed from a tour for displaying abusive or threatening behavior to other participants or to the public, for harassment of any kind, impeding on the enjoyment of the tour by other participants or not being suitable for group travel.

If a participant is removed from a tour, we will not refund any payments for the tour or cover any expenses for the participant to return home.

Our tours are designed with an emphasis on beer, wine and spirits experiences. However, participants are required to know their limits and enjoy alcohol in moderation and responsibly.

AGE RESTRICTIONS:

Our tours are adult experiences with adults expecting to travel with other adults. Tour participants must be 18 or over.

HOTELS:

We will stay at nice, clean hotels in the 3-4 star range that are centrally located and near main train stations. Some hotels will be small independent affairs (like a brewery guesthouse) while others will be international chains. Some hotels will have very small rooms with twin beds very close to each other and some hotels may not have TV's and elevators.