



“A frothy mix of history, culture, fine cuisine and local brews.”

In Europe, good beer and the good life go hand in hand. The beer in Europe is as diverse and intriguing as the culture – but three nations on the continent tower over all others – Belgium, Germany, and the Czech Republic. Craig Bresett, our resident home brewer and beer enthusiast invites you to join us on a journey through all three beer-nations (plus a jaunt to the Netherlands oldest Trappist brewery)! We’ll visit breweries, large and small, some run by monks, some by craft brewers, sample some unique and delicious beers, and enjoy mouthwatering local cuisine. But it’s not just about the beer – there’s plenty of art, architecture, history, and culture thrown into the mix. With our tour director taking care of the details, our private coach acting as full-time designated driver, and plenty of free time built in for your own explorations, this really is the Ultimate Beer Tour!

### The Ultimate Beer Tour Includes:

The full-time services of a professional tour director who is passionate about the history, culture, and beer of Europe All admissions and local tours – no hidden extra charges for any excursions – covering these experiences (and more!):

- √ Belgian Beer Lesson (with tasting)
- √ Bruges Belfort
- √ De Halve Maan Brewery Tour
- √ Church of the Holy Blood
- √ Michelangelo’s Madonna of Bruges
- √ Menin Gate
- √ Flanders Fields Museum
- √ Abbey of Saint Sixtus (Brewers of Westvleteren)
- √Koningshoeven (Monastic brewers of La Trappe)
- √ Cologne Cathedral/Roman ruins
- √ Kölsch beer experience
- √ Heidelberg Castle
- √ Altenburg Castle Tower
- √ Franconian Brewing Museum
- √ Guided history/beer tour of Bamberg
- √ Pilsner Urquell Brewery Tour
- √ Wenceslas Square
- √ Prague Castle
- √ St. Vitus Cathedral
- √ Walking Tour of Prague – Old Town and Jewish Quarter
- √ Strahov Monastic Brewery
- √ Rafting Trip down the Vltava River
- √ Cesky Krumlov Castle and Tower
- √ Eggenberg Brewery
- √ Weihenstephan Abbey (World’s Oldest Brewery)
- √ Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial
- √ Guided Beer Tour of Munich
- √ World famous Höfbrauhaus!
- √ Oktoberfest reserved seating (Oktoberfest Tour Only)
- A small group (average group size 12) • All group transportation from Bruges to Munich • 11 nights accommodation in comfortable, centrally located hotels • All breakfasts, 7 lunches, and 5 dinners • All tips for driver and guides • Guaranteed pricing on your tour – locked in the moment you make your deposit

### What past travellers have said:

“I would stay in all the hotels again - they were all in great locations. We chose this tour because of the variety of beer stops, and I'm glad we did! We had amazing experiences - everyday, and in every country.

**Emily and Dennis - Ultimate Beer Tour Oktoberfest 2016**

“I think having the private bus was the shining piece of the tour. With the number of locations and the distance we covered, the comfort and conveniences of the bus was a high point.”

**Ken - Ultimate Beer Tour Oktoberfest 2016**

“This tour was an AMAZING experience, I literally can't think of enough superlatives to describe how much fun I had and how much I enjoyed the whole trip. I think the value was excellent. It's worth it completely to travel stress free and not have to worry about transportation, lodging, reservations and all the other hassles that you have to take care of when traveling on your own. It was an incredible experience and I already have recommended the tour to several friends and colleagues. everyone in our group is already talking about which tour we want to do next. I hope Craig liked us because he'll definitely be seeing us again”

**Tony and Krista – Ultimate Beer Tour July 2015**

“It was a life changing event for me. It's amazing how you put so much into our trip but it never felt rushed. That is not an easy feat. I am afraid I shall no longer be able to travel to Europe without you Craig. You were the perfect leader. Your easy going and positive vibe was a delight to be around. It is obvious you love what you do This tour was worth every penny we spent!”

**Lara - Ultimate Beer Tour July 2014**

Read more reviews on our website [EatandDrinkLikeaEuropean.com](http://EatandDrinkLikeaEuropean.com)





## Partial Daily Itinerary

### Day 1: Welcome to Belgium!

We'll meet at our centrally located hotel in medieval Bruges in the late afternoon and have a welcome drink with our hotelier – who is also an expert on Belgian Beer and proprietor of one of the best beer cafés in Bruges, which is right in the hotel! This evening we will enjoy a beer themed dinner at Bierbrasserie Cambrinus (named for the a legendary Flemish king with a particular enthusiasm for beer). Sleep in Bruges (3 nights) / Bus: none / Walking: Light Meals provided: Dinner

### Day 2: In Bruges

In the morning we'll walk a few minutes to Market Square and ascend the 366 steps of the Belfort to get a bird's eye view of this Gothic city. After a walking tour, including visits at the Church of the Holy Blood and Michelangelo's Madonna of Bruges, we will enjoy lunch at De Halve Maan Brewery – the oldest functioning Bruges based brew house. We will also tour the brewery – where the entertaining and passionate "brew guide" will reinforce your belief that beer is the greatest of all human inventions. After lunch, you will have the rest of the afternoon and evening to explore Bruges as you wish – equipped with some great advice from your tour director. Sleep in Bruges / Bus: none / Walking: Moderate Meals provided: Breakfast and lunch

### Day 3: War and Peace

After breakfast we'll meet our friendly Dutch bus driver, who will drive us out to the small Flemish town of Ypres, which had the misfortune to be located in the middle of some of the worst fighting in WW I – half a million people died in the fields surrounding this town – Flanders Fields. There we'll visit the Menin Gate and the Flanders Fields WW I Museum. Then it's off to the Abbey of Saint Sixtus - the monks there brew Westvleteren, the most sought after and elusive Trappist beer in the world. We'll enjoy it right from the Abbey's café and tap house, In De Vrede ("in the peace"). Another short drive and we will be in Ghent, where we will visit one of the wonders of Flemish art – The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb – in St. Bavo's Cathedral. Back to Bruges for an evening on your own – perhaps for a nice boat ride down Bruges' scenic canals. Sleep in Bruges / Bus: 3 hours / Walking: Light Meals provided: Breakfast and lunch

### Day 7: Czech it out!

Our hearty German breakfast will be followed by a journey across the former Iron Curtain border into the Czech Republic. We'll stop for lunch in Plzeň (Pilsen) – and visit the Pilsner Urquell Brewery where history was made in 1842 when the first batch of Pilsner beer was brewed. Pilsner may be one of the most widely copied beer styles in the world, but there's nothing quite so good as the original, and Czechs take special pride in this. A little further to the



east and we will be in Prague, where we will visit Wenceslas Square, where the Velvet Revolution that ended communism in Czechoslovakia took place, and then head out for some delicious beer and snacks from Prague's burgeoning microbrewery scene. Sleep in Prague (2 nights) / Bus: 4 hours / Walking: Moderate Meals provided: Breakfast and lunch (and late afternoon snacks)

### Day 9: River's Bend

We say farewell to Prague and head out to the Czech countryside to visit the fairytale town of Cesky Krumlov, situated on a scenic bend in the Vltava River. But instead of driving the whole way, we will take a 2-hour guided rafting excursion down the river, stopping for a riverside picnic, and arriving in Cesky Krumlov in style! Our driver will continue on into town with our luggage and anyone who would prefer to not risk getting wet. Once in town, we'll visit the castle and its unique baroque theatre before dining together at the Eggenberg Brewery. Sleep in Prague / Bus: 2.75 hours / Walking: Moderate Meals provided: Breakfast, lunch and dinner



Full Itinerary, dates, and prices available on our website:

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