



HELLO BEER TOUR

12 nights from
\$5,792*

per person twin share

Single supplement
\$800*

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12 NIGHT ESCORTED BEER TOUR OF BELGIUM, GERMANY & CZECH REPUBLIC WITH PAUL MERCURIO

- INCLUDES:** • Fully escorted by beer aficionado Paul Mercurio and Lisa Ioakimidis of helloworld Lower Templestowe • 12 nights accommodation in first class hotels
- Sightseeing • Breakfast daily & meals as per itinerary • Services of a professional English speaking Tour Director throughout • Local expert guides as per itinerary
 - Exclusive use of luxury air-conditioned coach with panoramic windows, on board restroom, reclining seats and Wi-Fi* • Stylish Insight Vacations wallet including baggage labels & more • Porterage*

DEPARTS: Sunday October 9th, 2016



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Day 1. Sunday October 9 2016. Belgium.

On arrival at Brussels airport you will be met by your TD and transferred to your accommodation. This evening enjoy a meal with beer tasting at a local brewery/restaurant in Brussels (International Spinnekopke or similar). **HD**

Overnight: Brussels Marriott

Day 2. Monday October 10. Beers of Belgium.

When it comes to Belgium beer education, it's not just about brewery tours – there are many beer-orientated museums worth a visit across Belgium and each one showcases a different aspect of Belgian beer culture. We start our journey with a visit to Timmermans Brewery Museum for a tour. Timmermans is the oldest brewer of lambiek beers in Belgium and the museum features the history of the brewery and its founder. This afternoon, we embark on a brewery tour where we visit three well known breweries and taste their brews. **B**

Overnight: Brussels Marriott

Day 3. Tuesday October 11. Bruges & Ghent.

This morning, head to Bruges. On arrival, there's some time to wander around this picturesque medieval town before visiting De Halve Maan Brewery – the last functioning Bruges based brew house for lunch and a guided tour of the brewery. Another short drive and we will be in Ghent, where a visit to Gruut brewery for a tour and tasting finishes off a fantastic day. Then it's back to Brussels for an evening at leisure. **B,L**

Overnight: Brussels Marriott

Day 4. Wednesday October 12. Netherlands & Rhineland.

In the morning we start with a tour of the Bocholt Beer Museum, the largest beer museum in Europe which boasts a proud history dating back 250 years. Then over the border, where we will visit the oldest Trappist Brewery in the Netherlands,

De Koningshoeven, brewers of the extensive line of La Trappe beers. After a tour of the brewery and a couple of beers, we travel to Cologne in Germany. **B**

Overnight: Lindner Hotel City Plaza Koln

Day 5. Thursday October 13. Cologne.

Today we taste the famous Kolsch beer of Cologne. Kolsch is clear with a bright, straw-yellow hue similar to a standard German pale lager. It is warm fermented then conditioned by lagering cold temperatures. Enjoy a tour and tasting at Sunner Keller brewery. Tonight we have dinner together at the brewery Gaffel am Dom. **B,HD**

Overnight: Lindner Hotel City Plaza Koln

Day 6. Friday October 14. Cologne – Wurzburg – Bamberg.

We farewell Cologne and head first to Wurzburg and a brewerytour and tasting and lunch. Then it's onto Bamberg. Tonight our first Bamberg brew-house experience where we will share a traditional German meal at Klosterbräu, Bamberg's oldest brewpub (subject to availability). **B,L,HD**

Overnight: Hotel Bamberger Hof Bellevue

Day 7. Saturday October 15. Bamberg.

After breakfast, some free time to explore Bamberg before we visit some of the local brewpubs. Beer in Bamberg is a passion for the locals, and their brew masters craft some amazing brews. We pay a visit to Shlenkerla brewery for a tour and lunch, and continue onto Weyermann Specialty Malting Co for a tour and tasting of their distinctive malts. **B,L**

Overnight: Hotel Bamberger Hof Bellevue

Day 8. Sunday October 16. Bamberg – Prague.

A hearty German breakfast will be followed by a journey to the Czech Republic. We'll stop in Plzeň

(Pilsen) and visit the Pilsner Urquell Brewery where the first batch of Pilsner beer was brewed – there's nothing quite as good as the original. (tour and tasting approx. 2 hour duration). Travel further east where we arrive in Prague for a 2 night stay. **B**

Overnight: Lindner Castle Hotel Prague

Day 9. Monday October 17. Prague Brewery Tour.

Today we take in a Prague Brewery tour. Prague has some fine old pubs which brew their own beer onsite. Their microbreweries produce a variety of fresh delicious beers, from light pilsners to dark spicy ales.

The tour visits three of the best pub breweries in the city (including the most historic), to taste their beers, soak up the atmosphere, and learn first-hand about the longstanding tradition of brewing in the region. The rest of the day is at leisure. **B**

Overnight: Lindner Castle Hotel Prague

Day 10. Tuesday October 18. Cesky Krumlov.

Journey to the Czech countryside to visit the fairytale town of Cesky Krumlov, situated on a scenic bend in the Vltava River. Enjoy free time to explore this vision of the middle ages nestled amid a loop of the Vltava River. Tonight dine together at the Eggenberg Brewery. **B,HD**

Overnight: Ruze Hotel

Day 11. Wednesday October 19. Bavaria & Munich.

We return to Bavaria today, perhaps the region of Europe most synonymous with beer and here we go right to the source – Weihenstephan Abbey – the oldest brewery in the world at almost 1000 years old! Then we continue to Munich, beer capital of Germany. **B**

Overnight: Hilton Munich Park

Day 12. Thursday October 20. Munich.

Our final full day together will begin with some free time in this great city. We will regroup late morning for some brewery tours and tastings. First Hacker-Pschorr, then Paulaner Brewery. Paulaner is a German brewery, established in 1634 in Munich by the Minim friars of the Neudeck ob der Au cloister. Later we dine together at the world famous Hofbräuhaus, with the oompah band and celebrating our time together in Europe's greatest beer destinations. **B,CD**

Overnight: Hilton Munich Park

Day 13. Friday October 21. Auf Wiedersehen Munich.

Your tour concludes today after breakfast with a transfer to Munich airport. **BB**

Meal key: B Breakfast **BB** Buffet Breakfast **L** Lunch **D** Hotel Dinner **HD** Local Restaurant Dinner **CD** Celebration Dinner

Booking Conditions

***Tour Price:** Tour price is per person, land only, twin share or single as stated, and is subject to a minimum number of passengers. Should minimum numbers not be met surcharges may apply. Prices are not guaranteed until full payment has been made. Deposits merely hold the reservations and do not guarantee prices.

Security Deposit, Final Payment & Payment Options:

A non-refundable & non-transferable deposit of \$500 per person is payable within 7 days of booking. We strongly recommend travel insurance is arranged at this time.

Your remaining balance must be paid no later than 28 June 2016.

It is the sole responsibility of the traveller to ensure this payment is made by this date. Payment can be made by credit card, EFTPOS, cash, cheque or direct deposit. If payment is made by credit card a surcharge will apply.

Travel Insurance: Travel insurance on this tour is recommended.

Tour Fare does NOT include: Items such as (and not limited to)

- Transfers to & from airports
- Travel insurance
- Tips & gratuities to the Tour Director coaches drivers and local city guides
- Portage unless otherwise stated
- Meals & beverages other than those listed in the itinerary
- Items of a personal nature (laundry, mini bar, phone calls etc.)
- Anything not specifically mentioned in the inclusions listed on the front page
- Passports & applicable visa fees
- Sightseeing not detailed on the itinerary
- Excess baggage
- Optional experiences

Porterage: Porterage is included of one piece of luggage per person, in and out of hotels provided by Insight Vacations.

Itinerary: The tour itinerary, including hotels, is subject to change at any time due to unforeseen circumstances. Coach use is subject to EU regulations.

Cancellation & amendment fees: Cancellation must be in writing

& such notice is not effective until received by helloworld Lower Templestowe. All bookings are subject to cancellation fees unless otherwise stated at the time of confirmation. Ask your travel consultant for cancellation charges.

Once final payment is received amendments will incur \$100 fee per amendment.

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