

## Tour Summary - Belgian Beer Tour

**Travel Style** EBBT  
**Physical Demands** Europe  
**Dossier Code**  
**Continent** 8 days  
**Duration**



### Itinerary Notes

Please note: Most abbey interiors and breweries are closed to visitors. It can be hit or miss as to how much we're permitted to see of the abbeys or the brewing process but we have insiders on the ground working to provide the most in depth experience possible. We will experience the exteriors of all the monasteries and sample beers produced from each abbey. Be prepared to be flexible and hope for the best!

### Description

Some people's idea of a beer adventure is checking out that pub two streets over from the local. The true beer connoisseur is a different breed. Designed with the fancy suds aficionado in mind, this eight-day trip takes you to the ancestral home of Trappist, one of the world's finest brewers. You'll visit the six Trappist monastery-breweries in Belgium (including the chance to taste Westvleteren, one of beerdom's most celebrated brews), explore Brussels and Bruges, and stuff yourself with mussels, waffles, and chocolate galore. (Hey, beer-tasting is hungry work.)

### What's Included

Brussels orientation walk. Rochefort visit including beer tasting and picnic. Orval visit with beer and Trappist cheese tasting. Chimay visit with lunch and tasting at a local brasserie. Bruges orientation walk. Barbecue near Westvleteren with beer tasting. Antwerp orientation walk. Café Trappisten beer tasting (Westmalle). Achel visit with tasting. All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

### Meals Included

7 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 0 dinners

### Group Leader

### Departure Dates

Sat, Sep 09 2017 - Sat, Sep 16 2017

More than 7 spaces available

(International flights not included)

### Price per Traveller

1 or more Traveller (Adult) **2199.00 USD**

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Dates marked with a D are special discounted departures.

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### Optional Services

**Arrival Transfer:** N/A

**Pre-Hotel:**  
(Per Room) N/A  
(Per Night)

**Post-Hotel:**  
(Per Room) N/A  
(Per Night)

**My Own Room:** 899.00 USD (2 available)

### Brief Itinerary

From Jan 01, 2017

#### Day 1 Brussels

Arrive at any time.

#### Day 2 Brussels (Breakfast)

Enjoy an orientation walk of the city before a free day to explore. Opt to visit a chocolate factory, the Delirium beer hall, Art Deco Turkish baths, or indulge in a gourmet Belgium tour.

#### Day 3 Brussels/Rochefort (Breakfast | Lunch)

See the church at Abbaye Notre Dame de Saint Remy where Rochefort is made - with some luck, they'll let us in for a peek. Head to the markets and collect some picnic supplies to enjoy with a Trappist beer.

#### Day 4 Rochefort/Bruges (Breakfast | Lunch)

Visit Orval in the late morning to try beer and Trappist cheese. Enjoy an included lunch at the brasserie near Chimay for a taste of beer normally reserved for the monks. Head to Bruges for the night.

#### Day 5 Bruges (Breakfast | Lunch)

Enjoy a free morning in Bruges. In the afternoon, head out with a local for a barbecue. He'll share his stash of the rare Westvleteren beer.

#### Day 6 Bruges/Antwerp (Breakfast)

Travel to Antwerp, stopping en route to visit Westmalle. Enjoy a tasting at the Café Trappisten. Next, sample some Achel near the brewery before continuing on to Antwerp.

#### Day 7 Antwerp (Breakfast)

Enjoy a free day in Antwerp with the option to visit a local brewery by bike, check out some museums, or venture underground on an Antwerp sewer tour.

#### Day 8 Antwerp (Breakfast)

Depart at any time.

Chief Experience Officer (CEO) throughout, local guides.

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### **Group Leader Details**

This G Adventures group trip is accompanied by one of our CEOs (Chief Experience Officer). The aim of the CEO is to take the hassle out of your travels and to help you have the best trip possible. They will provide information on the places you are travelling through, offer suggestions for things to do and see, recommend great local eating venues and introduce you to our local friends. While not being guides in the traditional sense you can expect them to have a broad general knowledge of the countries visited on the trip, including historical, cultural, religious and social aspects.

It is important to note that in Europe, all guiding is based around local guides all of whom are licensed to work only in a particular city. As such, our leaders are able to provide orientation walks which will show you the layout of each town and city as well as the location of local services such as post offices and laundromats, but are unable to legally share historical facts and figures in public places. If you wish to take a guided city tour in any location our CEO will do their best to help you arrange this and pay locally.

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### **Transport**

Train, public bus, private van/bus.

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### **Solo Travellers**

We believe solo travellers should not have to pay more to travel so our group trips are designed for shared accommodation and do not involve a single supplement. Solo travellers joining group trips are paired in twin or multi-share accommodation with someone of the same sex for the duration of the trip. Should you prefer your own room for the entire tour, you can add the 'My Own Room' option for an additional cost.

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### **Accommodation**

Hotels (7 nts).

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### **Group Size**

Max 14, avg 12.