



# Food & Wine: Beers of Belgium & Germany

12 days | 15 days with Prague extension

On this small group Food & Wine Tour, you'll journey through Belgium and Germany, from enchanting Bruges to medieval Bamberg to lively Munich. Be sure to bring your appetite when you discover the local beers, fare, and traditions that make these countries such celebrated destinations.



## Your tour package includes

- 10 nights in handpicked hotels
- 10 breakfasts
- 2 lunches
- 5 dinners with beer or wine
- 1 cooking class
- 6 beer tastings
- 2 wine tastings
- 4 tastings
- 9 sightseeing tours
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach

## Included highlights

- Bruges' Beguinage
- Belgian chocolate tastings
- Huyghe Brewery
- Maredsous Abbey
- Rhine River cruise
- Würzburg Residence palace
- Bavarian hops farm
- Kuchlbauer Brewery

## Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 2 hours daily across mostly flat terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets, with few hills.

## Group size

12-22

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## Overnight Flight → 1 night

### Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Brussels today.

## Bruges → 3 nights

### Day 2: Arrival in Brussels & transfer to Bruges

*Included meals: welcome dinner*

Welcome to Belgium! Transfer to Bruges and settle in to your hotel. Then, meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers at a welcome dinner.

### Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Bruges

*Included meals: breakfast, tasting*

A walking tour introduces you to Bruges' history and reputation as Belgium's chocolate capital and city of canals.

- See Market Square, Burg Square, and the belfry, a 13th-century bell tower
- Admire the Beguinage, a UNESCO World Heritage site now home to an order of Benedictine nuns
- Take in the scenic views at the romantic Minnewater, the "Lake of Love"
- Pop into some of the many chocolate shops for tastings
- Set off on the canals and tour the city by boat

Enjoy a free evening in Bruges or add an excursion.

+ Brewery Visit & Dinner in Bruges

### Day 4: Free day in Bruges

*Included meals: breakfast*

Spend a free day in Bruges or add an excursion.

+ A Day in Ghent: Tasting Tour & Canal Cruise

## Brussels → 1 night

### Day 5: Brussels via Huyghe Brewery

*Included meals: breakfast, beer tasting, tasting, dinner*

Travel east toward central Belgium. Stop en route at Huyghe Brewery, home to the world-famous Delirium ale, for a tour and Belgian beer tasting. Then, make your way to Brussels, home of the European Union.

- See the elegant Baroque houses that line the Grand-Place
- Pass city icons, such as Manneken Pis, Palais de Justice, and the Place Royale
- Stop at a local shop to sample frites, or french fries, which are one of Belgium's most famous inventions

Tonight, professional chefs teach you how to make a traditional Belgian meal at a cooking class and dinner featuring wine and delicious local beers.

## Rhine Valley → 2 nights

### Day 6: Rhine Valley via Dinant & Maredsous Abbey

*Included meals: breakfast, light lunch*

Travel south through Wallonia, Belgium's French-speaking region, to the Rhine Valley, making two stops along the way.

- Take a guided tour of Maredsous Abbey, where monks continue the Benedictine brewing tradition
- Sample a variety of different cheeses during a light charcuterie lunch served with a Maredsous brewed beer
- Visit Dinant, a charming Belgian town at the edge of the River Meuse, where you'll have free time to explore

### Day 7: Rüdesheim am Rhein & Rhine River cruise

*Included meals: breakfast, wine tasting, dinner*

Pay a visit to the picturesque village of Rüdesheim am Rhein this morning.

- Stroll the historic alleyways of the pub-lined Drosselgasse
- Enjoy free time to eat lunch

This afternoon, take in the spectacular sights of the Rhine River Valley on a scenic cruise from Rüdesheim to Sankt Goar.

Then, visit a local vineyard to enjoy a wine tasting followed by dinner.

*Please note: From mid-October through March you will enjoy a German wine tasting in Boppard instead of the cruise.*

## Bamberg → 2 nights

### Day 8: Bamberg via Würzburg

*Included meals: breakfast, wine tasting, lunch*

Travel through the Middle Rhine Valley—a UNESCO-protected region famous for its castles, historic towns, and vineyards—en route to Bamberg.

- Stop in medieval Würzburg
- Take a tour of the city's Residence palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site
- Sit down to sample locally made wines, including Riesling and Silvaner, during an included lunch

### Day 9: Sightseeing tour of Bamberg

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner, beer tasting*

Set off with a local guide on a walking tour through Bamberg, a city built on seven hills.

- Admire the towering Bamberg Cathedral and surrounding square
- Pass the Baroque New Palace
- Stand in awe of Old Town Hall, built in the middle of the Regnitz River
- Visit the quaint fishermen's village of Little Venice

Tonight, eat like a local at a tavern with a beer tasting including Rauchbier, a regional smoky beer.

## Munich → 2 nights

### Day 10: Munich via Bavarian hops farm & Kuchlbauer Brewery

*Included meals: breakfast, beer tasting, tasting*

En route to Munich, pay a visit to Hallertau, Bavaria's most renowned hops region.

- Stop at a hops farm and tour the facility to learn about the history of hops in Germany
- Enjoy tastings of beer, hops-infused tea, lemonade, and a Bavarian pastry

Then, stop at Kuchlbauer Brewery, which some say is the most beautiful brewery in the world, as you travel to Munich.

- Tour the brewery, including the observation tower designed by Friedensreich Hundertwasser
- Sit down for a tasting of Kuchlbauer beer paired with a Bavarian pretzel

*Please note: When Kuchlbauer Brewery is closed, it will be replaced with a visit to an alternate Bavarian brewery.*

Continue on to Munich and enjoy a free evening in the city.

#### Day 11: Sightseeing tour of Munich

*Included meals: breakfast, tasting, farewell dinner*

Meet up with your local guide for a panoramic tour of Bavaria's capital city.

- Travel past the Englischer Garten and fashionable Schwabing district
- Enter the Residenz, once home to the Wittelsbach dukes of Bavaria
- Explore Marienplatz, Munich's medieval heart, and see the famed Glockenspiel and the Gothic Frauenkirche
- Shop at the Viktualienmarkt for fresh food, flowers and other delicacies
- Finish with a beer tasting at a typical Bavarian beer garden or hall (*location is weather-dependent*)

Spend a free afternoon in Munich or add an excursion.

Then, celebrate your trip with your group at a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

+ Dachau

Continue on to Prague and spend a free evening in the city or add an excursion.

+ Evening in Prague: River Cruise & Dinner

#### Day 13: Sightseeing tour of Prague

*Included meals: breakfast, tasting*

Discover why Prague is known as the City of One Hundred Spires on a guided tour.

- Stroll through Old Town Square to view the 15th-century Astronomical Clock
- Cross the elegant Charles Bridge for breathtaking views of the city
- Visit Prague Castle, from which Charles IV governed the Holy Roman Empire
- Admire the soaring Gothic vaults of St. Vitus Cathedral
- Taste Krušovice beer, brewed here for hundreds of years

#### Day 14: Free day in Prague

*Included meals: breakfast*

Spend a free day in Prague. Then, enjoy a farewell drink as you celebrate your trip with your fellow group members.

+ A Day in Pilsen

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## Flight Home

#### Day 12: Departure

*Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)*

Transfer to the airport for your flight home or continue on to Prague, Czech Republic.

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## Flight Home

#### Day 15: Departure

*Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)*

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

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## + Prague extension

Continue your trip to learn why Prague is the City of One Hundred Spires. (Hint: There are a lot of spires, and it's a really beautiful place.)

You'll also uncover some amazing history as you explore the Czech capital with a local guide.

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## Prague → 3 nights

#### Day 12: Prague via Regensburg

*Included meals: breakfast*

Make your way to Prague, stopping en route to explore the Bavarian city of Regensburg.

- Walk through the scenic Old Town with your Tour Director
- Pass Thurn und Taxis Palace and the Old Town Hall, finishing at the Old Stone Bridge
- Enjoy free time for lunch

# Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save \$10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.\* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: [goaheadtours.com/TBG](https://goaheadtours.com/TBG) | 1-800-597-0350

## Day 3: Brewery Visit & Dinner in Bruges

\$115/\$125\* (4 hours, departs in the evening with dinner)

Pay a visit to the family-run De Halve Maan brewery, located in the heart of historic Bruges. Join a local guide to discover how beer has been produced here for hundreds of years, and sample a brew for yourself. You'll also learn about the new pipeline that runs below the city, connecting the brewery to its bottling plant. Then, head to a local restaurant, where you'll enjoy a three-course meal served with beer pairings. Please note: Travelers must feel comfortable walking across uneven terrain, including steps and inclines.

Pay a visit to the brewery city of Pilsen, home of the famous Pilsner beer. You'll join a local guide for a walking tour of the historical city center. Pass by the Gothic Cathedral of St. Bartholomew and enter the Great Synagogue, the second-largest in Europe. Your guide will highlight the many unique features of the synagogue, which has Russian, Arabic, and Indian architectural elements. Continue on to view the Thank You America Memorial. This memorial was built in 1995 to commemorate the American soldiers' work to liberate the city during World War II. Enjoy an included lunch at a local pub before taking a tour of Pilsner Urquell Brewery. You'll taste the world's original pilsner beer the traditional way—unpasteurized and on tap, straight from oak barrels. Then, travel back to Prague.

## Day 4: A Day in Ghent: Tasting Tour & Canal Cruise

\$115/\$125\* (7 hours, departs in the morning)

Journey to the historic city of Ghent for a tasting tour with a local guide. Sample specialties of the region, including ganda ham, pralines, and cheese. You'll visit a famous Tierenteyn mustard shop and the Great Butchers' Hall, which dates back to the 15th century, as you walk through this university city. Enjoy free time for lunch by Ghent's picturesque canals, perhaps trying Roomer, an elderflower liqueur, or the famed local Gruut beer. Then, get a different perspective of the city during a scenic canal cruise.

## Day 11: Dachau

\$55/\$65\* (4 hours, departs in the afternoon)

Once a typical German town, Dachau served as the first Nazi concentration camp during World War II. Visit this somber site, which has since been transformed into a Holocaust memorial museum that serves as a testament to the strength of the human spirit. You'll take a self-guided audio tour through Dachau's poignant exhibits, which are echoed by the memorials to the victims that adorn the grounds.

## Extension excursion options

### Day 12: Evening in Prague: River Cruise & Dinner

\$99/\$109\* (4 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)

As the longest river in the Czech Republic, the Vltava traces a line from the Bohemian Forest up through Prague to the great River Elbe. Tonight, take to its serene waters aboard a cruise ship and marvel at The City of a Hundred Spires from its decks. You'll sail past Castle Hill and Prague's famous bridges, dining on authentic Czech dishes as you go. After having your fill of food and live music, dock once more and draw your evening to a close.

### Day 14: A Day in Pilsen

\$135/\$145\* (9 hours, departs in the morning, lunch included)

\*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at [goaheadtours.com/terms](https://goaheadtours.com/terms)