



2018 GREAT BELGIAN BEER TOUR 2 - ZYTHOS

& ULTIMATE PUB CRAWL

April 23 – 30, 2018



ZYTHOS 24 HOURS OF BELGIAN BEER FESTIVAL

**BREWERY TOURS & TASTINGS AT
CANTILLON, ST BERNARDUS, WESTVLETEREN
3 FONTEINEN LAMBIK-O-DROOM, DE HALVE MAAN**

**SIX NIGHTS, FIVE BREWERY TOURS & TASTINGS
and 24 HOURS with 88 BREWERS & 500 BEERS AT
THE 2018 ZYTHOS BEER FESTIVAL**





VISIT ST BERNARDUS & WESTVLETEREN 2018 GREAT BELGIAN BEER TOUR 2 & ULTIMATE PUB CRAWL

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Monday 23

Depart USA for your overnight flight to Brussels



Join Beer Geeks, home brewers and the occasional professional brewer as Ciao! Travel celebrates 12 years of Great Belgian Beer Tours on the 2018 Great Belgian Beer Tour 2 to Gent, Bruges, Brussels and the 2018 ZYTHOS 24 Hours of Belgian Beer Festival featuring 88+ Breweries & 500 Belgian Beers!

Tues 24

Arrive, Train to Gent, Gravensteen Castle, Pub Crawl



Arrive Brussels and train to Gent and our centrally located hotel The Ghent River. The Ghent River is in the center of Gent's 16th century old city with its canals and Gravensteen; The Count's Castle.

Tonight we'll enjoy traditional Flemish Cuisine and a Trappist beer or two at our Welcome to GBBT this evening, followed by visits to The Waterhuis, Bicycle Bar, Dulle Griet and more on the GBCBT Gent Ultimate Pub Crawl

Wednesday 25

Westveteren, St Bernardus, Bruges Pub Crawl



Our GBCBT luxury motor coach collects us to drive to Westvleteren's "In de Vrede" café for lunch to enjoy what many consider the world's best beer; **Westvleteren 12**. Enjoy the rare Westy Blonde, the Chocolatey 8 and surely the world's best ice cream sundae with beer malt crunch.



At St Bernardus Brewery we'll enjoy a tour and tasting of Abt 12 - the secular version of Westy 12 and their range of superb ales.

We then motor on to Beautiful Bruges - "The Venice of The North" and our superbly located hotel just steps away from the famous de Garre beer café, de Struise Brewery tap room and the Markt – Bruges dining and shopping center. Tonight the Ultimate Bruges Pub Crawl begins at t' Brugse Beertje (The Little Bear), offering the cutting edge of Belgium's best beers. Tuck in to the awesome beer menus and enjoy.



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Thursday 26

Bruges, de Halve Maan Brewery, Bruges Pub Crawl



This morning is yours to explore Bruges, Enjoy a tour and tasting at De Halve Maan Brewery, then continue on the Bruges Ultimate Pub Crawl, visiting the de Struise tap room, De Garre, Café Rose Red, Le Trappiste, Cambrinus and more.

Explore Bruges a beautiful 16th c village and or do some power-shopping among famous fashion boutiques. For Chocolate lovers, begin The Great Chocolate Truffle Treasure hunt, sampling truffles at some of the worlds' finest Choclatiers:

Marys; Pierre Marcolini, Neuhaus,

Tonight we might gather at "Ribs n' Beer" for fantastic BBQ spareribs (a Flemish Specialty) and terrific beer menu.

Friday 27

Cantillon, 3 Fonteinen Lambic-O-Droom, Brussels



This morning the GBBT luxury motor coach drives us to Cantillon where we'll enjoy a private guided tour followed by a tasting and the opportunity to buy some of the excellent Geuze & Lambics. You never know who'll stop in for a Geuze! We met Allagash's Rob Todd at Cantillon with Jean Van Roy!

Afterwards our coach motors us on to visit 3 Fonteinen's new Lambic-O-Droom for a tour and tasting of Armand Delbelder's superb Lambics and Gueze.

We'll then continue to our Brussels hotel where, after settling in, you'll choose from Brussels' many superb beer centered restaurants; Belga Queen, Nüetnigenough; Restobieres, Chez Leon – happily just around the corner from Delirium alley and the beginning of The GBBT Brussels Ultimate Pub Crawl!





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Saturday 28 Zyθος Belgian Beer Festival, Brussels Pub Crawl

Today we'll train to Leuven for the first 12 hours of The 2018 ZYTHOS - 24 HOURS BELGIAN BEER FESTIVAL! With more than 88 Belgian Brewers serving more than 500 Beers and the best way to taste a large variety of Belgian Beer. The Festival begins at noon and continues on to midnight.



The 2018 Zyθος Belgian Beer Festival will be the 14th edition, created by Zyθος – a group of Belgian Beer Tasters

The Festival program features the list of breweries and beers including details of every single beer and each brewery, as well as a listing of all the beers by style

Take time to talk to the brewers (much easier on Sunday). Enjoy the friendly atmosphere and beer discussions with Belgians, Dutch, English and Beer Geeks from around the world and of course, drink a few beers...

With 88 different Belgian breweries offering 500 different beers in one place you'll enjoy the greatest variety of Belgian beers in one place!



In addition to their regular beers, Brewers offer experimental brews, debut new beers and are interested in how the public, especially us Yanks enjoy their beers The opportunity to meet and chat with Belgian Beer Heros and to hear how they created their classic styles makes Zyθος the best

ZYTHOS is a moveable feast! We suggest several time outs for lunch and to explore the city of Leuven before returning to Brussels by train.

On returning to Brussels tonight, let your GBBT Brussels Ultimate Pub Crawl be your guide to explore the hottest beer cafes



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Sunday 29

Zythos Belgian Beer Festival, Brussels Pub Crawl

After a leisurely morning and late breakfast we'll independently train to Leuven for the second 12 hours of The ZYTHOS - 24 HOURS BELGIAN BEER FESTIVAL! Today the Festival begins at 11:00am



We'll train independently to Leuven station, then catch the free coach to the Brabantial (Zythos festival site). With 88 Belgian breweries and their brewers pouring more than 500 beers, the best approach to Zythos is to gather a group of four or six fellow GBBT'rs to sample beers together to multiply the number of beers you can taste.

There are separate food corners where you can try different pasta dishes, a dish with french fries or a sandwich. There is a stand for cheese plates, fresh drinks and warm drinks all to be found in the food corner. There'll also be pub snacks, like frites with mayo and hamburgers. Happily, Zythos is a smoke-free area. For those who still indulge, there is a smoking area outside.



BEER STUFF TO DO IN LEUVEN.

Leuven is a beer festival all in itself; with more than 50 breweries and 600 cafés GBBT'rs will have the time of their life over Zythos Festival weekend. Leuven will be bubbling as the City of Beer.

Leuven Beer Stories Tour - Infamous stories about the cafés in Leuven, the brewers and their brews. "There are too many inns in Leuven. Whatever they do has to be accompanied by drink," Erasmus wrote. Leuven has long been associated with brewing and drinking beer for centuries. It would be absolutely impossible to die of thirst here.

The Oude Markt is the town's meeting place for Zythos folk. Called the longest bar of Europe de Oude Markt has more than 30 cafes and restaurants. A dozen bars have joined to offer every GBBT'rs beers that aren't available at the ZBF festival. All specialty beers are available Saturday and Sunday or until end of stock. Some are very limited, however, so come early! At last, we train back to Brussels for a last evening at Delirium Café or Moeder Lambic!



ZYTHOS FESTIVAL / AMSTERDAM ADD-ON 2018 GREAT BELGIAN BEER TOUR & ULTIMATE PUB CRAWL

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Monday 30

Flight Home to arrive same day



All good things must end so we can anticipate the next Great Belgian Beer Tour! Your rail ticket will take you from Brussels Centraal station to the airport for your flight home.

OR TRAIN ON TO AMSTERDAM!



Board the Hi-Speed Thalys train for a 2 hour ride to Amsterdam and explore the Exploding Dutch side of the Craft Beer World!

20 years ago, Amsterdam used to be known for just one beer; Heineken. Today Amsterdam sports more than 10 craft beer breweries and there are more than 75 throughout Holland!



Explore Amsterdam! Visit the Anne Frank House, The Rijksmuseum, Van Gogh Museum or the hundreds of Amsterdam's historical sights. Shopping in Amsterdam is hip too, from The Bijenkorf (Bee Hive) department store along the Dam Straat to The Flower Market, Diamond factories and art galleries A'dam has something for everyone.

Begin your Amsterdam Ultimate Brewery crawl with a visit to Het I'J Brewery for a tasting of five of their Dutch Ales – this windmill microbrewery is always a treat with excellent beer and a great group of locals and beer travelers from around the world.

After our visit to Het I'J, Begin your 2018 Amsterdam Ultimate Pub Crawl with a visit to De Wildemann (Check out their Beer Menu app) Then on to BierTemple, Arendsneest, Het Elfde Geboud and our other favorites. Open the GBBT Ultimate Amsterdam Beer Guide and start Exploring! We've highlighted our favorites and you'll no doubt discover new favorites of your own!

Remember to call us for to help book your flights to Brussels, with a return from Amsterdam.



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YOUR 2018 GBBT 2 Includes:

Tour begins on April 24 and ends April 30, 2018

- R/T train transfer from Brussels Airport to Gent, returning from Brussels
- 1 night hotel in Gent, Belgium with daily Belgian buffet breakfast
- 2 nights hotel in Bruges, Belgium with daily Belgian buffet breakfast
- 3 nights hotel in Brussels, Belgium with daily Belgian buffet breakfast
- Zythos 24 Hours of Belgian Beer Festival Starter package; Festival glass and tokens
- Welcome to Belgium - Flemish dinner in Gent
- GBBT Luxury motorcoach for brewery visits and transfers
- Tour and tasting at St Bernardus & Westvleteren In de Vrede brewery café
- Tour and tasting at Cantillon Brewery and Drie (3) Fonteinen Lambik-O-Droom
- Tour and tasting at de Halve Maan Brewery
- Explore Gents' famous beer cafes: Waterhuis, Bicycle Bar, Dulles Griet & more
- Explore Bruges' famous beer cafes: De Garre, Struisse, Bruges Beertje, Trappiste +
- Explore Brussel's beer cafes: Delirium Café, Moeder Lambic, Beer Circus & more
- The GBBT Gent, Bruges and Brussels Ultimate Pub Crawl Guide
- Great Belgian Beer Tour & Ultimate Pub Crawl T-shirt
- Ciao! Travel deluxe ticket wallet, luggage tags and service charges
- Tour Host Bill Snider – "The Embeericist"

HURRY! Only 10 Introductory SALE Price Packages Available

2018 GBBT 2 LAND ONLY PACKAGES

<u>Superior 1st Class Hotels</u>	<u>Regular Price</u>	<u>SALE</u>
Ghent River/Oud Huis Peelaert/Novotel Grand Place	\$1849	\$1699

2017 RoundTrip Airfares for reference including all taxes, surcharges and service fees

New York	\$549	Chicago	\$569	Orlando	\$799
San Francisco	\$1039	Los Angeles	\$849	San Diego	\$1089

Check Google.com/flights for latest fares or call email gbbt@ciaotravel.com

[Please click here to make your 2018 GBBT 2 Reservation](#)

AMSTERDAM Add-On: 2 nights Amsterdam hotel from \$249. Thalys Train from \$69

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. For single traveler prices add the low single supplement of \$359 ***OR we'll be happy to place your name on a list of those wishing to share a room with another traveler and put you in touch.*** Shipping and handling fee of \$19.95 per person will be added to your invoice. Documents are sent two weeks prior to departure. 2018 Airfares available after June 30, 2017 and are subject to availability and change until paid and ticketed.

Flights from all gateway cities and Business or First class airfares are available upon request. Other departure dates are available at additional cost. Transfers are provided for scheduled tour departure dates only. The 2018 Great Belgium Beer Tour 2 & Ultimate Pub Crawl is offered subject to the terms and conditions published herein and at www.ciaotravel.com. This is a preliminary program and is subject to change. CST-2010054-40

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Payment in full guarantees your tour price.

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For Intra-Europe flights bags must not exceed 44 pounds each!

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