



# THE GREAT BELGIAN CHRISTMAS BEER TOUR

December 10 – 17, 2018

## 24<sup>th</sup> Belgian Christmas Beer Festival

*"...The Essen Kerstbierfest is an absolute Do-Not-Miss. Cheers!!"* Chuck Cook



***"THE WORLD'S TOP CHRISTMAS BEER FEST"***

**Join Beer Geeks & Brewers from all across the USA**

For Beer Touring & Christmas Shopping, **6 Nights in Gent, Bruges & Antwerp,**  
**5 Breweries Tours & Tasting 3 Christmas Markets and 3 Ultimate Pub Crawls.**

**Introductory price**      Just **\$1695** Land Only



# VISIT ST BERNARDUS & WESTVLETEREN

## 2018 GREAT BELGIAN CHRISTMAS BEER TOUR

### GENT, BRUGES & ANTWERP

December

**Monday 10**

**Depart USA for your overnight flight to Brussels**



Join Friends and Beer Geeks nationwide as Ciao! Travel celebrates 12 years of Great Belgian Beer Tours on the 2017 Great Belgian Christmas Beer Tour to Gent, Bruges, Antwerp and the 21<sup>st</sup> Belgian Christmas Beer Festival featuring more than 180 Christmas, Trappist, Lambic, Gueuze and Old Ales.

**Tues 11**

**Arrive Brussels, Gent Pub Crawl, Christmas Market**



Arrive Brussels and train to Gent and our centrally located hotel The Ghent River.

In Gent there's time to explore the 16<sup>th</sup> century old city, canals and Gravensteen – The Count's Castle

This evening shop at **Gent's Christmas Market** or Explore Gent's Beer Cafes like the Waterhuis, Bicycle Bar, Dulle Griet and more on the **GBCBT Gent Ultimate Pub Crawl**

**Wednesday 12**

**Westlveteren, 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 chocolaty 8 and surely the world's best ice cream sundae with crunchy beer malt.



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. Then we motor on to Beautiful Bruges "Venice of The North" and our hotel just steps away from the famous de Garre beer café, de Struise Brewery tap room and the Markt where the lovely Bruges Christmas Market stalls offer gifts, great snacks and warm drinks, including GluhKriek a warmed cherry Lambic beer w/cinnamon



# VISIT CANTILLON, 3 FONTEINEN & BRUGES

## 2018 GREAT BELGIAN CHRISTMAS BEER TOUR

### GENT, BRUGES & ANTWERP

December

**Thursday 13**

**Bruges, de Halve Maan Brewery, Bruges Pub Crawl**



The morning is yours to explore Bruges ,

Enjoy a tour and tasting at De Halve Maan Brewery

Bruges Ultimate Pub Crawl, Part 2 - Café Rose Red, Le Trappiste, Cambrinus and more.

Dine tonight at the superb Ribs n' Beer a fantastic BBQ ribs (a Flemish Specialty) restaurant with a great beer list

Explore more Bruges pubs and the beautiful 16<sup>th</sup> c village

Last minute shopping at Bruges' famous Christmas Market.

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**Friday 14**

**Cantillon, 3 Fonteinen Lambic O Droom, Antwerp**



The GBCBT 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 Lambics

Afterwards the GBCBT coach motors on to visit 3 Fonteinen's new Lambic O Droom for a tour and tasting of Armand Delbelders superb Lambics and Gueze.

We'll then motor north to our Antwerp hotels where, after settling in we'll have several options.

Choose from Antwerp's many superb restaurants, The GBCBT Antwerp Ultimate Pub Crawl, The Antwerp Christmas Market and for a lucky few who manage to squeeze in, a visit to Kulminator where vintage Belgian beers range back 30 years!





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*GENT, BRUGES & ANTWERP*

**Saturday 15**

**Antwerp, Christmas Beer Festival, Antwerp Pubs**



This morning we'll train from Gent to Antwerp, where our GBCBT hotels are located all near the city's central train station.

**23<sup>rd</sup> BELGIAN CHRISTMAS BEER FESTIVAL** where we'll sample some of the more than 180+ beers!

**ANTWERP CHRISTMAS MARKET**

GBCBT Ultimate Antwerp Pub Crawl for Craft and Vintage Belgian Beers



**Sunday 16**

**Antwerp, Christmas Market, Kerstbierfest option**



Explore Antwerp's pubs and museums

**ANTWERP CHRISTMAS MARKET**

Explore more of Antwerp's Pubs on the GBBCBT Antwerp Ultimate Pub Crawl

**"The WORLD's TOP CHRISTMAS BEER FEST is in Belgium.** Want to explore more Christmas Beers? Opt for a second day at The 23<sup>rd</sup> Essen Kerstbierfest (Christmas

Beer Festival) is an absolute Do-Not-Miss. Cheers!!" Beer Writer Chuck Cook

**Monday 17**

**Train to Brussels Airport and flight home**



Catch the direct train to Brussels National Airport for your flight home. Arrive Home today.

***Or Travel on to AMSTERDAM  
to Explore the Dutch Craft Beer Explosion***



# ADD LONDON & AMSTERDAM 2018 GREAT BELGIAN CHRISTMAS BEER TOUR

## THE PRE - GBCBT LONDON ADD-ON PACKAGE

- Sunday 09**      **ARRIVE LONDON, SIGHTSEEING, LONDON PUB CRAWL**
- Monday 10**    **FULLERS BREWERY VISIT , LONDON PUB CRAWL**
- Tuesday 11**    **EUROSTAR TRAIN TO JOIN THE GBCBT IN BELGIUM**



2 Nights Superior First Class Millennium Gloucester Hotel, Daily Full English Breakfast, Tour and Tasting at Fullers London Griffin Brewery, GBCBT London Pub Crawl      \$349  
Eurostar one way fare London to Brussels      \$89  
Price is per person, based on double occupancy

## THE POST - GBCBT AMSTERDAM ADD-ON PACKAGE

- Monday 17**      **HI-SPEED TRAIN TO AMSTERDAM, SIGHTS, PUB CRAWL**
- Tuesday 18**    **AMSTERDAM BREWERY VISITS, AMSTERDAM PUB CRAWL**
- Wednesday 19** **TRAIN TO SCHIPHOL AIRPORT and FLIGHT HOME**



2 Nights Superior First Class Hampshire American hotel, Daily Full Dutch Breakfast, Tour and Tasting at JopenKerk Brewery, Amsterdam Pub Crawl      \$295  
Thalys one-way fare Antwerp to Amsterdam      \$49  
Price is per person, based on double occupancy



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**2018 GREAT BELGIAN**  
**CHRISTMAS BEER TOUR**

**GENT, BRUGES & ANTWERP**

**December 10 - 17, 2018**

**1 Night Gent, 2 Nights Bruges & 3 Nights Antwerp**

**YOUR 2017 GBCBT Land Only package includes:**

Tour Begins December 11 in Gent, and ends the 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018

1 night Ghent River Superior First class hotel in Gent

2 nights Oud Huis Peelaert Superior First Class hotel in Bruges, Belgium

3 nights Lindner Superior First class hotel accommodations in Antwerp, Belgium

Daily Full Belgian Buffet Breakfast

**GENT, BRUGES & ANTWERP CHRISTMAS MARKETS**

Visit Westvleteren's "In de Vrede" café for lunch (no-host)

Tour and Tasting at **St Bernardus, Cantillon & De Halve Maan** breweries

Tour and Tasting at the **New 3 Fonteinen Lambic-O-Droom**

**The 24<sup>th</sup> Belgian Christmas Beer Festival** Saturday (Sunday option)

Airport train transfers to Gent & Antwerp-Brussels Airport

**GBCBT Ultimate Gent, Bruges and Antwerp Pub Crawl guide**

GBCBT Luxury motor coach from Gent to Bruges and Bruges to Antwerp

Official GBCBT logo long sleeve T-shirt

Ciao! Travel deluxe ticket wallet and luggage tags

Tour Host Bill Snider – "The Embeericist"

**HURRY! LIMITED ROOMS AT SALE PRICE**

**6 Night GBCBT LAND ONLY PACKAGE**

<b>Superior 1<sup>st</sup> Class Hotels</b>	<b>Regular Price</b>	<b>SALE</b>
Ghent River/Oud Huis Peelaert/Lindner	<del>\$1895</del>	<b>\$1695</b>

**[CLICK HERE TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION](#)**



**2018 Lowest Current Sale Airfares for reference**

New York	\$599	Chicago	\$489	Austin	\$939
San Francisco	\$849	Los Angeles	\$849	San Diego	\$969

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. For single traveler prices add the Single Supplement: \$319 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. All airline and government taxes and fuel surcharges are included in the above prices. A shipping and handling fee of \$19.95 per person will be added to your invoice Documents are sent two weeks prior to departure.

Above sale airfares are subject to change and availability until reserved and ticketed. Other departure dates and destinations are available at additional cost. Transfers are provided for scheduled tour departure dates only. The 2018 Great Belgium Christmas Beer Tour & Ultimate Pub Crawl is offered subject to the terms and conditions published herein. This is a preliminary program and is subject to change.

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# The 2018 Great British & Belgian Christmas Beer Tour

## Terms & Conditions

**Payment:** A deposit of \$450 per person is due with your reservation. Payment may be made by Check, Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express credit card. On receipt of payment you will be sent a statement showing your payment and confirmation of your booking. Payment in full is due by November 01, 2018. Package vouchers and flight documents will be sent to you two weeks prior to departure. **Payment in full guarantees your tour price.**

**Please read** the following terms and conditions for this tour, they limit Ciao! Travel's liability as the Operator of this tour and that of our agents, carriers and suppliers who are providing your tour arrangements. In addition, they outline the conditions under which your tour will operate. Your deposit, signature on the registration form and acceptance of final tour documents represent your acceptance of the terms and conditions as follows.

**Tour Prices:** Package prices are quoted in U.S. Dollars. Air fares and tour prices are in effect as of November 25, 2017 and are subject to change without notice due to fluctuations in air fares, ground rates, and currency rates. Payment in full guarantees your tour price.

**Cancellations:** Up to 60 days prior to U.S. departure: \$650 administrative fee. 59-30 days prior to U.S. departure: 60% of total package. 29 days and under and no-shows: 100% cancellation penalty. In addition, rail tickets, optional tours and transfers are wholly non-refundable. No refund will be made on unused land arrangements once the trip has started. Cancellations must be received in writing by letter, fax or email. All original documents must be returned to Ciao! Travel in order to process any refund.

**Changes to Land Arrangements:** A handling fee of \$50 per adult will be charged by Ciao! Travel for all passenger initiated changes made after receipt of deposit. Additional changes made after full payment has been received or documents have been issued will incur a \$50 fee per adult, per change (IF changes are possible at time of request) to cover costs necessary extra costs, eg phone/fax/bank.

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**Tour Prices Do Not Include:** Transfers and meals except where stated in brochure under "Your GBBCBT tour includes:". Passport and Visa fees, airport departure taxes, PFC's, excess baggage charges, travel insurance, liquor, items of a personal nature, laundry, taxi, train or trolley fares, optional sightseeing, and any item not specifically listed as "included" in tour offer.

**Air Travel:** "Complete tour packages" include round trip transatlantic air travel in economy class. On complete tour packages the first night is spent in transatlantic flight. Complete tour prices are based on non-refundable, non-changeable Apex or bulk fares. Carriers are subject to change.

**Hotel Accommodations:** All hotels are as described in tour itinerary. If Ciao! Travel must change any hotel, its substitute will be of equal or greater quality. European hotel rooms are often smaller than their equivalent USA rooms. Rooms are "run of the house", unless stated otherwise on invoice and voucher, and are assigned at the sole discretion of the hotel. Ciao! Travel will do our utmost to accommodate any special requests, however neither the hotel nor Ciao! Travel can guarantee your request.

**Baggage:** Passengers are allowed one piece of baggage on the airline not to exceed a weight of 50 lbs. each or maximum total dimensions of 106 inches. For Intra-Europe flights bags must not exceed 44 pounds. Many airlines restrict carry-on luggage to one piece that will fit under the seat. Please check with your airline before packing.

**Insurance:** Ciao! Travel strongly recommends that you purchase Trip Cancellation and Interruption, Baggage, and Health insurance to safeguard your vacation. Ask for a brochure when booking.

**Travel Documents.** It is the responsibility of all passengers to be in the possession of a valid passport (valid for at least 6 months from scheduled departure from Europe). The United Kingdom, Belgium, Holland and France do not presently require a visa for U.S. citizens.

**Great Belgian Christmas Beer Tour Liability Waiver:** As a participant on the Great Belgium Beer tour, I fully and clearly understand that I will be consuming alcohol during the tour and I accept full responsibility for my behavior, well-being, and health throughout the tour, which may involve a variety of activities, unfamiliar locations, and modes of travel, including but not limited to: pedestrian travel on busy streets, rail travel, train platforms and stations, hotel stairways, cobblestone streets, public taxis, public busses, trains and trams, brewery tours, bars and pubs, and bus stairs. I further realize that brewery tours may involve beer tasting before or after the tour; and that the tour may involve walking through unfamiliar, narrow and/or steep corridors, gangways, stairways and driveways. I also realize that breweries may be operational during certain visits and that this presents additional hazards including heat and steam, reduced visibility, hot pipes and boiling kettles. I knowingly and willfully accept these risks and take complete and total responsibility for my behavior, well-being and health during the tour. I agree to hold neither Ciao! Travel nor the hosting brewery or facility liable in any way should any harm come to me.

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