



Belgium & Germany: Beers & Culinary Traditions

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
- Grand-Place in Brussels
- Rhine River cruise
- Rhine Valley wine tasting
- 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

10-22

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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: Rudesheim am Rhein & Rhine River cruise

Included meals: breakfast, wine tasting, dinner

Pay a visit to the picturesque village of Rudesheim 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 Rudesheim 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

Make several stops as you travel to Munich today.

- Join a local guide for a tour a Bavarian hops farm in the Hallertau region
- Learn about the cultivation of hops and the protected areas where they grow
- Enjoy tastings of beer, hops-infused tea, lemonade, and a Bavarian pastry
- Continue on to Kuchlbauer Brewery, which some say is the most beautiful brewery in the world
- 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.

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

- Enjoy free time for lunch
- 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

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.

Flight Home

Day 15: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

+ 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.

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

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 | 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

\$40/\$50* (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