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TripAdvisor Serves Up Top 10 American Brewery Tours

NEWTON, Mass., Oct. 3, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- [TripAdvisor®](#), the world's largest travel site*, has revealed the top 10 brewery tours in the U.S., according to the TripAdvisor Popularity Index™. These tours show lager lovers how the beverages are crafted and provide tasty samples from some of the country's top breweries.

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1. [New Belgium Brewing](#) — Fort Collins, Colorado

Located 65 miles north of Denver, this sustainable wind powered brewery was the first of its kind in the United States. Beer lovers can enjoy one of their frothy beverages at the Liquid Center tasting room or take the 90-minute Tour de New Belgium where travelers will have the chance to learn about the brewing process and sip on some suds. Complimentary tours operate Tuesday through Saturday.

2. [Allagash Brewery](#) — Portland, Maine

Since 1995, this New England brewery has crafted Belgian inspired ales often using the finest wheat rather than barley, combined with a unique blend of spices. Thirsty travelers can take a free, hour long tour of this coastal brew house while enjoying a refreshing taste of their seasonal specialties or year-round brews. Free tours operate Monday through Saturday.

3. [Anheuser Busch Brewery Tour](#) — Saint Louis, Missouri

During this hour-long tour, travelers will see and learn about the iconic Clydesdale horses and explore the architecture and history of the oldest Anheuser-Busch brewery. Hop fanatics interested in learning more about the brewing process can check out the acclaimed Beermaster Tour. Complimentary tours operate seven days a week.

4. [Samuel Adams Brewery](#) — Boston, Massachusetts

Located in the Hub, hop-enthusiasts will learn about the brewing process from start to finish during this 60-minute tour. Guests will also taste the special malts used to brew the beer and smell the aroma of the Hallertau hops. Free tours operate Monday through Saturday; a \$2 donation is suggested to benefit local charities.

5. [Sierra Nevada Brewing Company](#) — Chico, California

Known for its flagship pale ale, this northern California brewery offers a 90-minute tour offering travelers the inside scoop on how the ales and lagers are crafted using select malted barley, whole hop flowers, brewer's yeast and pure water. Complimentary tours operate seven days a week.

6. [Heizelmannchen Brewery](#) — Sylva, North Carolina

Travelers visiting the Great Smoky Mountains can enjoy tasty beverages at this microbrewery run by a German-born "brewmeister". Guests are encouraged to stop in for a tour where they will sample a variety of Deutschland-style beers and non-alcoholic sodas including sweet and tasty root beer and red autumn birch beer. Free tours operate Monday through Saturday.

7. [New South Brewing](#) — Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

This Myrtle Beach microbrewery offers travelers a tour through the entire brewing process and the chance to taste four frothy samples. Once a draught-only brew house, this beachside brewery now allows guests to purchase a six-pack of their favorite batch. Complimentary tours operate Tuesdays and Thursdays.

8. [Boulevard Brewing Company](#) — Kansas City, Missouri

With its 150-barrel brew house, this Kansas City company is the largest specialty brewer in the Midwest. During the 45-minute tour, beer lovers will learn about the brewery's unique history and crafting processes and will finish the tour in the Tasting Room where they'll sip some hoppy creations. Free tours operate seven days a week; the "Unfiltered Tour" is \$20 and offered on Saturdays.

9. [D.G. Yuengling and Son Brewery](#) — Pottsville, Pennsylvania

Known as America's oldest brewery, this Schuylkill County establishment has been brewing since 1829. Travelers can step back in time as they explore the hand-dug fermentation caves used to store beer before modern refrigeration. Thirsty travelers can also savor some samples in the basement tavern built under the former Pottsville city hall. Complimentary tours operate Monday through Saturday.

10. [Jacob Leinenkugel Brewing Co.](#) — Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin

This Wisconsin brewery blends tradition with innovation to create a fascinating tour where travelers learn about five generations of the Leinenkugel family history while they're guided through the bottling factory. To cap things off, travelers can quench their thirst with complimentary samples of award-winning beers at the recently opened Leinie Lodge. Free tours operate seven days a week.

"TripAdvisor travelers have toured, tasted and spoken — these outstanding brewery tours also happen to be free and are sure to serve up hopping good experiences," said Brooke Ferencsik, director of communications at TripAdvisor.

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