

TOM NICKEL ON THE TRAIL OF BELGIAN ALES

Traveling in Belgium Notes

AT "SOME LIKE IT HOPPY" – NATIONAL HOMEBREWERS CONFERENCE

Saturday June 18, 2011

BREWERIES

HET ANKER	MECHELEN, BELGIUM	http://www.hetanker.be/
MAHLEUR	BUGGENHOUT, BELGIUM	http://www.malheur.be/
LA TRAPPE	KONINGSHOEVEN, HOLLAND	http://www.latrappe.nl/

FAVORITE BEER CAFES & RESTAURANTS

ANTWERP

KULMINATOR	32 Vleminckveld,	beeradvocate.com/beer/profile/1232
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BRUSSELS

DELIRIUM CAFE	4a Impasse de la Fidélité,	http://www.deliriumcafe.be/
BIERCIRCUS	57 Onderrichtsstraat	http://www.biercircus.be/
FLORIS (Absinthe)	12 Impasse de la Fidélité	http://www.floris-bar.be/
MOEDER LAMBIC	68 Rue de Savoie	http://www.moederlambic.eu/
RESTOBIERES	32 Vossenstraat	http://www.restobieres.com/
't SPINNEKOPKE	1P lace du Jardin des Fleurs	http://www.spinnekopke.be/

BRUGES

De GARRE	1 De Garre	beeradvocate.com/beer/profile/1235
't BRUGS BEERTJE	5 Kemelstraat	http://www.brugsbeertje.be/

GHENT

TRAPPISTENHUIS	164 Brabantdam	http://www.trappistenhuis.be/
VELOOTJE	2-4 Kalversteeg (BICYCLE BAR)	http://beeradvocate.com/beer/profile/7457
WATERHUIS	9 Groentemarkt	http://www.waterhuis-aan-de-bierkant.be/

MECHELEN

DEN STILLEN GENIETER	9 Nauwstraat	http://beeradvocate.com/beer/profile/1242/
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AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND

AREDSNEST	90 Herengracht	http://www.arendsnest.nl/
BIER TEMPLE	250 Nieuwezijds Voorburgwal	http://www.beertemple.nl/
CAFÉ BELGIQUE	2 Gravenstraat	http://www.cafe-belgique.nl/
CAFÉ GOLLEM	4 Raamsteeg	http://www.cafegollem.nl/
DE BEKEERDE SUSTER	6-8 Kloveniersburgwal	http://www.debekeerdesuster.nl/
DE PRAEL BREWERY	30-A Oudezijds Voorburgwal	http://www.deprael.nl/
DE WILDEMAN	3 Kolksteeg	http://www.dewildeman.nl/
HET ELFDE GEBOUD	5 Zeedijk	beeradvocate.com/beer/profile/9478 BREWERY

RECOMMENDED BEER STORES

BRUGES

BIER TEMPLEL	7 Philip Stockstraat (Beer Temple)	www.biertempel.be/
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AMSTERDAM

GEKRAAKTE KETEL	3 Raamsteeg (Cracked Kettle)	www.crackedkettle.nl/store/
BIERKONIG	125 Paleisstraat (Beer King)	www.bierkoning.nl/

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BELGAN BEER FESTIVALS

2011 SEPTEMBER

POPERINGE BEER and HOP FESTIVAL September 16-18 <http://www.hoppefeesten.be/>

2011 DECEMBER

17th ESSEN CHRISTMAS BEER FESTIVAL December 17-18 <http://www.kerstbierfestival.be/ENG/index.htm>

2012 MARCH

NACHT DE GROTE DORST March 02 <http://www.dorst.be/ngd/en/index.asp>

ALVINNE – CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL March 03-04 <http://alvinne.wordpress.com/acbf>

CANTILLON OPEN BREWING DAY March 03 http://www.cantillon.be/br/3_1

2012 APRIL

ZYTHOS 24 HOURS OF BELGIAN BEER FESTIVAL <http://www.zbf.be/uk/index.htm>

2013 APRIL

TOUR DE GUEZE <http://www.horal.be/en/welcome>

2011-2012 BELGIAN BEER TOURS

DECEMBER 2011 Great British & Belgian Christmas Beer Festival Tour – Dec 12-19, 2011

2 Nights London – Christmas Market, Christmas Power Shopping & Old Ales Pub Crawl, 2 Nights Bruges – Christmas Market & Belgian Trappist breweries Pub Crawl, 2 Nights Antwerp – Christmas Market & The 17th Essen Belgian Christmas Beer Festival with 150 Christmas, Winter and Old Ales.

IN 2012 The Zythos 24 Hours OF Beet Festival will move to Leuven on April 28 & 29, necessitated by the demolition of St Niklass community center. The new venue is the Brabantal - which doubles the Festival's capacity! It is a happy coincidence that it's the same weekend as the Toer de Gueze where all nine of Belgium's Gueze breweries may be visited!

Davey and Glenn have confirmed that the incredible Alvinne Craft Beer Festival will remain on the first weekend of March, Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th, to coincide with the Nacht de Grote Dorst Gueze & Lambic Festival on Friday March 2.

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2012 Great Belgian Beer Tour & Ultimate Pub Crawl – GBBT 1: February 27 – March 05

Six nights in Ghent, featuring The Alvinne Craft Beer Festival, The night of the Great Thirst Gueze & Lambic Festival At the "Pub with Insurance Against the Great Thirst" and GBBT Coach visits to breweries like Bosteels for Kwak, Triple Karmaliet and Deus, Rodenbach, Malheur, Het Anker for Gouden Carolus, de Glazen Toren, and a number of Trappist Breweries La Trappe, Achel, Rochefort, Chimay and Westvleteren's In de Vrede cafe.

APRIL 2012 Great Belgian Beer Tour & Ultimate Pub Crawl – GBBT 2: April 23 – 30

Four nights in Ghent, and two in Leuven featuring The Zythos 24 Hours of Belgian Beer Festival, and visits to Walloonian (South-Eastern Belgian) breweries to be announced.

DECEMBER 2012 Great British & Belgian Christmas Beer Festival Tour – GBBT 3: December 11-18

2 Nights London – Christmas Market, Christmas Power Shopping & Old Ales Pub Crawl, 2 Nights Bruges – Christmas Market & Belgian Trappists Pub Crawl, 2 Nights Antwerp – Christmas Market & The 17th Essen Belgian Christmas Beer Festival with 150 Christmas, Winter and Old Ales & much more!

For complete Great Belgian Beer Tour information please contact Bill at Ciao! Travel:
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