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link="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=523vYM-_dQ8"[/vc_column][vc_row][vc_row type="in_container" full_screen_row_position="middle" scene_position="center" text_color="dark" text_align="left" overlay_strength="0.3" shape_divider_position="bottom"][vc_column column_padding="no-extra-padding" column_padding_position="all" background_color_opacity="1" background_hover_color_opacity="1" column_shadow="none" column_border_radius="none" width="1/1" tablet_text_alignment="default" phone_text_alignment="default" column_border_width="none" column_border_style="solid"][vc_column_text]Regnier's Beer Tours founded by Regnier De Muynck and based in Bruges Belgium offers VIP access to the many of the world-class breweries in the Benelux region. Regnier's Beer Tours can easily be included in the Play Harder Tours travel packages, which always include airfare and hotel accommodations for maximum savings. Together you'll visit the best breweries, mingle with locals while exploring the art, and architecture while dining on the delicious food from the region.[/vc_column_text][vc_column][vc_row][vc_row type="in_container" full_screen_row_position="middle" scene_position="center" text_color="dark" text_align="left" overlay_strength="0.3" shape_divider_position="bottom"][vc_column column_padding="no-extra-padding" column_padding_position="all" background_color_opacity="1" background_hover_color_opacity="1" column_shadow="none" column_border_radius="none" width="1/1" tablet_text_alignment="default" phone_text_alignment="default" column_border_width="none" column_border_style="solid"][vc_column_text]Culture Trip, in a 2016 article by Joacim Nielson titled ["The 10 Ultimate Craft Breweries in Belgium"](#) recommends 10 can't miss breweries, several are listed below plus a suggestion of our own.[/vc_column_text][vc_column][vc_row][vc_row type="in_container" full_screen_row_position="middle" scene_position="center" text_color="dark" text_align="left" overlay_strength="0.3" shape_divider_position="bottom"][vc_column column_padding="no-extra-padding" column_padding_position="all" background_color_opacity="1" background_hover_color_opacity="1" column_shadow="none" column_border_radius="none" width="2/3" tablet_text_alignment="default" phone_text_alignment="default" column_border_width="none" column_border_style="solid"][vc_column_text][Chimay Brewery](#) at the Scourmont Abbey: Chimay is an authentic Trappist ale. That means that it is brewed within the walls of a Trappist monastery under the supervision and responsibility of the monastic community, which is involved in the entire process of making and selling the ale. The bulk of the revenue that this activity generates is used to finance social services and cover the community's needs.[/vc_column_text][vc_column][vc_column column_padding="no-extra-padding"

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Vander Ghinste is a family brewery that brews quality beers according to authentic recipes, in the traditional way but with the application of the most modern techniques. Brewery visits are possible Monday through Saturday at 10 AM or 2 PM.

Brewery tours last about 2 1/2 hours and include:

- Welcome by the guide
- Tour around the brewery with a visit to the brewery tower
- Tasting of our beers
- Gift bag for every visitor

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[Westmalle Trappist Brewery](#): Within the walls of Westmalle Trappist abbey, three types of beer are brewed, Westmalle Tripel, Westmalle Dubbel, Westmalle Extra. Westmalle Tripel and Dubbel are sold by stores and served in cafés and restaurants in Belgium and the Netherlands. You will also find them in

selected outlets around the world. Westmalle Extra is only brewed twice a year and is produced for the monks' own use. The monks and their guests consume it with their midday meal.

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[vc_column_text][Abbaye d'Orval](#): Orval Abbey is a Cistercian monastery founded in 1132 in the Gaume region of Belgium and is located in Villers-Devant-Orval, part of Florenville in the province of Luxembourg. The abbey is well known for its history and spiritual life but also for its local production of the Trappist beer Orval and a specific cheese.

Located within the confines of the Abbey, the Orval Brewery was created in 1931 to finance the enormous reconstruction works of Orval. It has hired lay workers from the outset, including the original master brewer, Martin Pappenheimer, who invented the recipe.

The brewer's commercial policy is adapted to the values of the monastic community.

Income from Royalties generated from the brand name goes to social welfare works and the maintenance of the buildings.

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Cantillon is a family brewery where Lambic, Gueuze, Faro, and Kriek are made and where nothing has changed since 1900 when it was founded. Red copper containers, barrels, some of them more than 100 years old, and walls of bottles constitute the scenery for your visit.

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The Beer-Centric Traveler writes for Play Harder Tours... Please email **Bill@playhardertours.com** and start your travel planning today! For a complete list of recommendations please email with "Belgium Beer Tourism" on the subject line. I'd love to hear your suggestions too. [/vc_column_text] [/vc_column] [/vc_row]