

BEER GEEKS IN

BRITAIN

A Beer Lover's Adventure in England

June 4 — 11, 2017

Hosted by Founders Brewing + Onward Travel



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The UK is arguably the birthplace of modern beer. The Brits invented stouts, brown ales, IPAs, porters and many other beloved styles - then they perfected where and how to drink 'em.

You're invited to join Dave Engbers of Founders Brewing and Onward Travel as we explore beer in Britain together - from historic pubs to the brightest new brewers of today, London Bridge to the rolling hills of the country's most beloved national park.

The beer scene in England has traditionally been dominated by fermented cask beer, colloquially referred to as "real ale." Drinking a real ale in the pub is such an integral part of British life that a now infamous advocacy group, CAMRA, was founded in the early 70's and they've been fighting ever since to preserve real ales and the pubs that serve them.

Today, beer drinkers are once again behind the quality production championed by CAMRA, and there's an exciting local craft beer revolution winning the war for English tastes as brewers young and old push the limits of their work into uncharted, creative realms while still honoring the fabled traditions of days past.

We've planned a seven-night beer soaked adventure; a one-of-a-kind opportunity to experience one of the world's richest beer traditions and explore England with a brew in hand and Founders experts along for the ride. Let's go!



Imagine yourself...

On a crawl of London's historic pubs.

Soaking up the views and the great real ales of The Peak District.

Enjoying a Sunday Roast alongside a fresh pint (or two).

Welcome to London!

DAY 1: SUNDAY JUNE 4, 2017

- Head from the airport straight to a great craft brewery.
- Enjoy a Sunday Roast and get to know your new beer travel buds!

Welcome to London! Your Onward Travel guide, Kat, will be waiting to meet you at London Heathrow Airport today with a professional driver and a packed lunch. Then we are off to our first brewery!

The guys from Weird Beard Brew Co, just west of Central London, will be waiting to introduce our group to the exciting UK craft beer scene. Though just established in 2013, their experimental, heavily hopped range has been very well received and the brewery's fun attitude makes Weird Beard a perfect place to kick off our trip!

Then we'll head into the heart of London to check in at The Mad Hatter, a Fuller's pub hotel and our home in the heart of the vibrant South Bank neighborhood for the next three nights. After check-in we'll pop across the Thames river for a full on Sunday Roast, and a pint or two of course, at Hack & Hop, one of the city's best craft beer bars.

Meals Lunch, Dinner

City Pub Crawl

DAY 2: MONDAY JUNE 5, 2017

- Explore one of Europe's most alluring markets.
- Embark upon a historic pub tour.

Start your day with a made to order hot breakfast at the hotel as you will each morning of the trip (Full English anyone?), and spend this first morning as you wish!

The public house, or pub, is an integral part of British life and for many Brits where you drink the beer matters almost as much as what you're drinking. So today we'll set out to get to know Britain's capital better on a local pub walk. We'll visit six different pubs in The City, London's historic financial district, each one different from the others... it'll be a great introduction to London! We'll sample a real British ale at each of them and grab a bite to eat as we become peckish.

Meals Breakfast, Dinner

Capital Craft Brewers

DAY 3: TUESDAY JUNE 6, 2017

- Grab lunch at one of the world's most wonderful markets.
- Explore the "Bermondsey Beer Mile."

Today we'll meet just before lunch to walk over to one of the world's most exciting culinary centers: Borough Market. Stroll through the lively market and pick up something good to eat for lunch.

Then we'll continue our journey east to the strip of Druid Street known as the Bermondsey Beer Mile, the city's brewery quarter during the Victorian era that these days is returning to culinary prominence. This afternoon we'll visit two of the neighborhood's best modern brewers: Brew By Numbers and Anspach & Hobday. Though coming from different backgrounds and philosophies, they are both excellent representations of London's dynamic and thoughtful craft beer scene. The brewery founders and their teams will meet us to tell us the stories of their breweries and lead us in tasting the beers.

Our final destination today, a little farther east in South London, is Meantime, the fastest growing brewery in the UK. Let's take a tour of Meantime's £7 million brewery complex, where their spectacularly popular line is produced - including a number of beers that have made various "best in the world" lists. After the tour and tasting, we'll enjoy dinner (and try more beers!) together in the brewery's onsite restaurant and pub where you can enjoy the unfiltered, unpasteurized brewery-fresh beer served from a horizontal tank.

Meals Breakfast, Dinner



A glimpse of the selection at Utobeer, purveyors of craft beer in Borough Market since 1999, this little shop boasts one of the city's best inventories.

To the North

DAY 4: WEDNESDAY JUNE 7, 2017

- Drink some of the country's most outstanding style-driven beers.
- Enjoy the sights of the Peak District and its quaint villages.

After breakfast today we'll bring a packed lunch and hop on a train headed north to Manchester, the country's second most populous city and home to Cloudwater Brew Co, a very young brewery that is hugely successful. They continue to refine their DIPA and create new versions, and the beer geeks can't get enough. Today we'll explore Cloudwater's modern, seasonal approach to brewing.

Our driver will pick us up to take us an hour east the heart of the beloved Peak District. We'll spend the next two nights in a pair of neighboring country pub hotels in the hamlet of Castleton where we'll be surrounded by the natural beauty of Britain's oldest national park. Expect rolling foothills, stately homes, ancient stone villages, gorges, castle ruins, lakes and wild moorland. It's a perfect place to get out and stretch your legs on a long walk and get some lovely fresh air!

Tonight we'll enjoy a hearty and festive pub dinner together.

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



A typical view in The Peak District, one of the UK's favorite destinations.

Soak Up the Peak District

DAY 5: THURSDAY JUNE 8, 2017

- Take a morning hike in the Peaks.
- Visit the charming town of Buxton and its revered brewery.

This morning is yours to go on a long hike, visit one of the nearby caverns (this is an old mining region), or relax with a good book and a great view. Late morning we'll make our way through the Peaks to the spa town of Buxton, often considered the regional cultural capital, and home to an eponymous brewery. Before meeting with the brewers, we'll grab lunch in the Buxton Tap House, where they've installed a smoker in their kitchen to turn out all kinds of tasty bar food that accompanies a nice pint perfectly.

Buxton Brewery is known for experimentation, assertive flavors and a range of strong, hoppier beers. After we learn about the process at Buxton and taste some of their beers, we'll swing by Solomon's Tower, the fortified Victorian tower structure just outside of town represented in Buxton's logo.

Dinner tonight is on your own at your choice of the little pub restaurants lining the main street in Castleton.

Meals Breakfast, Lunch

More Vistas, More Beer!

DAY 6: FRIDAY JUNE 9, 2017

- Visit craft beer trailblazers Thornbridge, makers of famous Jaipur.
- Spend a Friday night out and about in London.

It's our last day in the Peak District, so we'll leave mid-morning for a drive through the park, soaking in its gorgeous vistas on our way to soak up some of its delicious beer. Our destination this morning is Thornbridge, a real leader in Britain's beer revolution. Their most famous beer is the award winning Jaipur, widely considered the benchmark for modern British IPA. Their classic styles are very successful, though they still maintain a keen sense of exploration. The brewery is located in the adorable town of Bakewell, in the heart of the Peak District.

After our visit to Thornbridge, we'll drive out of the Peaks, stopping for a picturesque late lunch along the way. Then it's the train back to London where we'll check in at the Brook Green Hotel, a comfortable hotel attached to a trendy gastropub in West London. Enjoy this Friday evening in London as you like.

Meals Breakfast, Lunch

Saturday in London

DAY 7: JUNE 10, 2017

- Enjoy Saturday in London as you wish... so many options!
- Recall the adventures of the week over a farewell dinner together.

Your last day in London is yours to spend however you wish! Whether you want to check out one of the city's amazing art museums, grab some "tins" (aka can beer) and relax in the park as the locals do, go up in the London Eye or London Tower, tour Fuller's Brewery, do some shopping, or head up to Beavertown's Saturday open tap... Onward Travel will provide you with a city guide before the trip and it will be especially useful today!

In the early evening we'll reconvene at the hotel to head just up the road to Brewdog's Shepherd's Bush outpost. With over 40 beers on tap, it's one of the city's most extensive selections. We'll enjoy dinner and pints, laughs and stories, as we toast the wonderful week we've spent exploring England together!

Meals Breakfast, Dinner



The Full English Breakfast in all its glory: you'll be a connoisseur by the week's end!

Goodbye, and Cheers!

DAY 8: SUNDAY JUNE 11, 2017

- Head home with wonderful memories!

After breakfast, take the tube to the airport for your flight home. Safe travels!

Meals Breakfast



The pub at Brook Green Hotel, where we'll be spending our last two nights in London.

TRIP INFORMATION

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BEGINS	London Heathrow Airport, midday on June 4, 2017
ENDS	Brook Green Hotel, morning on June 11, 2017
MOBILITY	This tour includes walking for 30+ minutes at a time, plus stairs, train travel with baggage, public transportation (the Tube!) and cobblestones. If you have limited mobility, we can accommodate you, but it is essential to let us know at the time of registration. Travelers may always opt out of activities they deem too physically challenging but refunds will not be provided.
TRIP LENGTH	8 days, 7 nights
LODGING	<p>Unique lodging with a British sense of place (+ access to good beer!) has been selected for <i>Beer Geeks in Britain</i>.</p> <p><i>The Mad Hatter Hotel, London</i> 3 Nights A quirky, modern hotel set within a historic pub in the heart of London's vibrant South Bank neighborhood.</p> <p><i>The Bulls Head Hotel</i> or <i>Ye Olde Nag's Head Inn, Castleton</i> 2 Nights Nestled in the picturesque Peak District, these country pub hotels are neighbors.</p> <p><i>Brook Green Hotel, London</i> 2 Nights A trendy hotel in West London's Hammersmith neighborhood atop a classic Young's pub.</p>
TOUR DATES & PRICE	<p>June 4 – 11, 2017</p> <p>Double Occupancy \$2,775 per traveler</p> <p>Single Supplement \$560 additional</p> <p>Contact Onward if you are interested in a room upgrade. Please note that air travel is not included and a current passport is required for travel to The UK.</p>

A NOTE ABOUT AIR TRAVEL:

In most cases travelers will arrive at London Heathrow Airport, though other London airports are an option. Please confirm with Onward Travel that the tour is a "go" before booking non-refundable airfare, and allow us to approve your itinerary before booking. Contact Onward Travel for complimentary assistance finding your flight! We are happy to help.

Trip price includes the following:

- Arrival airport pick-up and ground transportation to/from all scheduled activities.
- Seven nights accommodations at unique British pub hotels.
- Most meals: daily breakfasts, four lunches, and five dinners. We have fantastic local dining experiences planned, beer included, of course!
- An Onward Travel guide at your service and Founders representatives to share their knowledge.
- Activities, tastings, tours, and more as detailed in the itinerary.

Visit onwardtravel.co to complete the registration form and submit payment. \$1000 deposit due upon booking, balance due by March 4, 2017. Payment plans are available.

Get in Touch!

Contact Kat with questions or special requests.
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About Onward Travel

Onward Travel is a boutique travel planning company that carefully crafts itineraries to create an authentic, engaging trip that exposes the destination and roots travelers to the place. Onward was founded by two sisters, inspired by their family's cooking school on a farm in Bucks County, PA that has offered culinary-focused travel to customers for over two decades. This is Onward's second beer soaked trip with Founders Brewing.

England in June

June is a very nice time to visit England. Expect temperatures in the 60s to low 70s, and mostly sunny days though rain at this time of year is not uncommon, especially in the form of a light mist. Generally, though, June is one of the loveliest times to be out and about in London and the UK! Plan to bring layers and prepare for possible rain. Onward Travel will provide packing notes in advance of the trip.

Miscellaneous Travel Information

- Passports are required for American citizens travelling to The UK. Visas are not required. Note your passport should be valid for at least six months beyond the date of travel.
- England's currency is the pound. To determine the current exchange rate, Google "USD to GBP."
- Travel Protection: Onward Travel recommends that you purchase a travel protection plan to help protect you and your travel investment against the unexpected. Travel protection plans include coverage for Trip Cancellation, Trip Interruption, Emergency Medical and Emergency Evacuation/Repatriation, Trip Delay, Baggage Delay and more. For more information on the recommended plans or to enroll, contact Travelex Insurance Services at 800-228-9792 and reference location number 32-0704. For a summary of plan details on benefits, coverages, limitations and exclusions, please refer to the applicable Description of Coverage. Travel Insurance is underwritten by

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