

The Ever Fantastic Bruges Beer Fest Weekend

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Hi,

The ever fantastic Bruges Beer Fest weekend was again a truly enjoyable beery experience.

This beer fest was held for the 10th. time. A jubilee edition this is.

It's become a tradition already that there are some remarkable side-activities going on during that weekend.

First, we get in the beery mood with organizing on Friday evening, one day before the weekend, that splendid International pre-BBF Beer Swap.

This is held here in Bruges at famous beer shop/pub De Bierboom, with massive thanks to Rudy and Christin for cooperating.

Friday evening 3 Feb. 2017 - starting from 7.30pm onwards.

The spirit: PLEASE BRING INTERESTING AND RARE (local to you if possible) BEERS TO THE EXCHANGE, not 6 bottles from a supermarket.

Same with the food: LOCAL DELICACIES you are proud to offer from your area, not stuff from a supermarket. Showcase your part of your region.

One condition: One needs to bring beer and local delicacy food !

About 60 people is about the maximum..... but we already know that 60+ is more than doable.

Pictures previous editions:

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<http://www.belgianbeerboard.com/fotoreportages/BeerSwap2013/>

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<http://www.belgianbeerboard.com/fotoreportages/BeerSwap2014/>

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<http://www.belgianbeerboard.com/fotoreportages/BeerSwap2015/>

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<http://www.belgianbeerboard.com/fotoreportages/BeerSwap2016/>

This is the 5th. edition already.

This really is THE perfect event to start the beer fest with.

Also, because the beers that are available are mostly from international nature, and are beers that simply are not available during the Bruges beer fest.

It completes things in such a great way.

Also very nice to actually meet people from other countries. This year, we even got friendly company from Russia !

It's clear that BEER transcends politics in such a great manner. lovely !

Here's an impression of the 5th. Beer Swap.

Oh my, did we had some great fun that evening. I even stayed till 4am. Imagine !!

Another side activity that I think is worth doing, is that interesting Vintage Tasting.

This always happens on Sunday noon time.

Ancient Belgian beers ! That's what we try to offer !

As usual, this is a free event. But bringing old beers to share is ofcourse more than welcome, as we need to get successive editions.

Runing out of vintage beers is not at all what we want.

It's good that I still have a load of old beers at home, and the ones I got more from the same, I kept them at home for next edition(s).

This 6th edition Vintage Tasting is organized by our website.

The tasting took place inside the Provincial Palace (Provinciaal Hof) - second floor.

This was truely a most wonderful location ! So suitable for doing this tasting, as it exhales ancient times.

I really couldn't dream of a better place. With upper thanks to BAB for offering that room !

Here are the pictures previous editions:

- The ever first Vintage Tasting: <http://www.belgianbeerboard.com/fotoreportages/vintagetastingatbbf2010/>
- The 2nd. Vintage Tasting: <http://belgianbeerboard.com/fotoreportages/vintagetasting2012/>
- The 3th. Vintage Tasting: <http://www.belgianbeerboard.com/fotoreportages/vintagetasting2013/>
- The 4th. Vintage Tasting: <http://www.belgianbeerboard.com/fotoreportages/VintageTasting2014/>
- The 5th. Vintage Tasting: <http://www.belgianbeerboard.com/fotoreportages/VintageTasting2015/>

And here is the latest slide show

Special thanks to Wacho and Vacas for assisting me ! This really is so highly appreciated, and makes doing this event such a joy !

No doubts, this simply needs to be done again next year !

Ofcourse, both events are nicely complementing the Bruges Beer Fest.

International and vintage beers, and in the mean time going for the beers at the beer fest.

No doubts that this makes the weekend that bit tougher, but afterwards it's really a great satisfaction too.

The 10th. Bruges Beer Fest has never been that big as before.

The Beurshalle was not an option anymore, because it will be demolished soon.

Going back to the ever wonderful Belfry tower was the only solution really.

Installing a big tent on the market square coped with previous editions to be too crowded, and as such, exceeding security levels.

That tent was simply a need, and made the fest twice as bigger concerning space.

Notice that the Provincial Palace was also used to make it even bigger.

But still, what a crowd we had !!!!

Here are the pictures from previous editions:

- <http://www.belgianbeerboard.com/fotoreportages/bbf07>
- <http://www.belgianbeerboard.com/fotoreportages/brugsbierfestival08>
- <http://www.belgianbeerboard.com/fotoreportages/brugsbierfestival09>
- <http://www.belgianbeerboard.com/fotoreportages/bbf2010>
- <http://www.belgianbeerboard.com/fotoreportages/brugsbierfestival2012>
- <http://www.belgianbeerboard.com/fotoreportages/brugsbierfestival2013>
- <http://www.belgianbeerboard.com/fotoreportages/brugsbierfestival2014>
- <http://www.belgianbeerboard.com/fotoreportages/brugsbierfestival2015>
- <http://www.belgianbeerboard.com/fotoreportages/BrugesBeerFest2016>

And here is the most recent pictorial impression.

Enjoy the shots !

Hope to see many faces back next year !

Cheers,

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