

**BELGIAN STRONG
GOLDEN ALE**

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and Germany to learn more about
beer-making and beer-drinking culture.
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Sour Saint

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hoppy bitterness.

ABV 11%

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SHOULD NOT DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING
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Westvleteren




- * Founded in 1814 by Trappist Monks
- * Located in Vleteren, Belgium
- * In May 1839, the abbey received a brewer's license signed by King Leopold I
- * The purpose of the Saint-Sixtus Abbey brewery is to provide financing for the operation of the abbey and its charity works
- * Trappist style beers

Beer has always been around me, even as a little kid. My family likes to drink beer at every and any occasion—just because, sometimes the weather is too hot, it's been a long day, while cooking, and why not. The only beer my family would drink at the time was Corona Extra, so when I started drinking beer, I started with Corona. It had a subtle flavor with just a bit of sweetness. It was refreshing, just like water.


During my last college year, I took a beer-tasting class, because, well—why not? On the first day of class, we tasted six beers, which, according to the professor, were *bad beers*, *nasty beers* *the worst beers out there*. This list of bad beers included two of my favorite beers at the time—Corona Extra and Heineken. The list also included Bud Light, Budweiser, Miller lite, and Tecate. My first day in this beer-tasting class was an eye-opener to an entire new world, a world that I was missing out on, a world full of colors, flavors, aromas and textures. As weeks passed, I got more interested in learning more about beer. This class was one of those classes that I always was looking forward to even after all-nighters, when my classmates were going home to sleep and I was walking to class thinking of what kind and how many beers are we tasting that day.

Weltenburg



- * Founded in AD620 by Benedictine monks
- * Located in Weltenburg, Germany
- * The abbey houses the oldest monastic brewery in the world, which first started brewing in 1050 and produces the popular dark, almost black, beer known as Kloster Barock Dunkel

Val Dieu




- * Founded in 1216 by Cistercian monks
- * Located in Aubel, Belgium
- * The beer of Val Dieu is synonymous with quality and authenticity. It is the only Belgian abbey beer to be 100% brewed in a living abbey such as the famous Belgian Trappist beers
- * The beer is an authentic abbey beer, produced without adding spices and brewed in accordance with the traditional process of infusion. The secrets of the beer are mainly its water and its yeast.

For Xplore, I would like to explore more in depth the complex beer making process. I want to travel to Belgium and Germany to visit breweries at monasteries to learn more about the craft of making beer and to gain a more nuanced understanding of the cultures around beer-making and beer-drinking. To document my trip, I will take photos and videos and share them on Instagram. For my presentation, in addition to sharing these, I will brew beer that's inspired by everything I learned and experienced during this trip.

Beer is the oldest and most consumed beverage in the world and yet, it is sad how little people know about it. Enjoying beer takes education, experience, and a proper frame of mind. While learning to understand and appreciate beer takes hard work, it is among the most enjoyable things to do in life.

Anderchs



- * Founded in the beginning of the 12th century by Benedictine Monks
- * Located in Munich, Germany
- * The monastery beers are a product of successful combination of Benedictine brewing traditions and ultra-modern brewing technology