

Beer Tours UK - Tour Schedule for five day (four nights) tour

Tour of craft breweries and outstanding pubs in Cheshire, North Wales and ,
Liverpool. Tour Date: **Dates to be fixed.**

Day 1 (Tues): 12noon-1pm collection from Chester Railway Station or Manchester/Liverpool airports and travel to the Cock o Barton rural inn for check in (approx. 2pm) followed by welcome beer and light lunch (**included**).

Approx 4.00pm: Depart for a visit to the award winning Big Hand Brewery in North Wales for tour and talk with complimentary beer sampling. 6.45pm: Travel on to visit a top Campaign for Real Ale North Wales brew pub for brief talk on their brewing followed by cold buffet style meal (**included**). Approx 9.30 Depart to return to hotel (approx. 30 minutes).

Day 2 (Wed): *This will be a long day.* 9-15am: We depart the hotel for a trip to the town of Conwy, which stands imperiously overlooking the dramatic North Wales coast. We will visit the long established Conwy Brewery for a tour and tasting session of their excellent cask ales. We will then move on to explore the picturesque historic town – visit the imposing castle (payable locally) built by the conquering Normans to contain the querulous Welsh or simply stroll through the historic streets down to the quayside. Afterwards we will take refreshment at the outstanding Albion pub, which sits just by the wall gate. It was rescued from closure by a consortium of four local brewers, including Conwy, several years ago and has thrived ever since.



Afterwards we will set off on a slow sojourn through the Welsh Hills to return to Cheshire. North Wales has a splendid selection of heritage pubs and we will certainly inspect the contents of some of them, with a chance for evening meal en-route (**not included**). We will return to hotel for approximately 10.30pm.

Day 3 (Thurs): 9.30am Travel to Chester. An opportunity to explore the city with a professional guided walk (*optional - this can be arranged in advance and is payable direct to the tour guide*) or simply have free time to shop or stroll along the Roman Wall and visit the imposing cathedral, founded by Benedictine monks.

At 12-30pm we start a tour of some of the city's excellent cask ale pubs - including a brewery tap in a former Jacobean Banqueting Hall. There will be a lunch opportunity along the way (**not included**).



3.00pm: Leave Chester to travel to the Stonehouse Brewery near Oswestry. Along the way we will visit the dramatic Pontcysyllte Aqueduct – a World Heritage site and travel through the scenic Welsh town of Llangollen – home to the famous annual International Eisteddfod.



5.0pm. Visit the Stonehouse Brewery & Distillery; this will include a tour of the brewery and a look at the distillery with tastings. Light snack food will be served (**included**). Approximately 7.00pm leave Stonehouse and visit other pubs along the return journey with an opportunity for evening meal (**not included**)

Day 4 (Fri): 9-15am: Depart for trip to Liverpool (*European Capital of Culture 2008*). This will be a full day; on arrival (approx 10am) there will be approximately 1.5 hours free time on the stunning revitalised dock front of the Mersey, where you will find the Beatles Story Museum and other attractions (**fees payable direct**) and/or take a shopping trip around Liverpool One, we will also guide you to the city's spectacular Anglican cathedral. There is much to see and visit in Liverpool and we will take in what we can in the time. The programme can be adapted to suit special requests, but our tours offer some points of interest off the regular tourist menu.

12noon: We will visit a selection of the city's fascinating and historic pubs including the must see Philharmonic, a truly amazing Victorian edifice, and the the Roscoe Head beer house, which has been in every edition of the Camra Good Beer Guide. There will be an opportunity for lunch along the way (**not included**).

Approximately 3-00pm: Take the famous Mersey Ferry (**included**) and head to the award winning Peerless Brewing Co in Birkenhead for a 'meet the brewer' brewery tour and tasting of the top range of beers as voted by the Society of Independent Brewers. Approximately 6-00pm, leave Peerless to return to Cock o Barton hotel for 7.30pm. Tables will be reserved for dinner at 8-30pm at the Cock o Barton (**not included**)



Day 5 (Sat): Travel to Manchester Airport – time to be arranged.

Price (pounds sterling): Prices depend on the size of the group and will be advised on enquiry based upon double or twin room occupancy. Single supplements may apply. The price includes a 'welcome' light lunch and buffet supper, all mini-bus, rail and ferry transport, four nights' accommodation in Cheshire with full English breakfast, brewery visits with generous sampling and snacks.

Terms & Conditions: Tour schedules are subject to change due to circumstances beyond the control of Beer Tours UK. A 20 per cent deposit is required on booking confirmation and full payment required 8 weeks before tour date. The preferred method of payment is by direct bank transfer in pounds sterling. Payment through PayPal is available but subject to an additional 5% to cover all charges. Please note that tours are not necessarily exclusive and two or more parties may be included on the same tour depending on numbers. Full T&Cs will be sent before booking is finalised.