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10 Noteworthy Breweries

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- **#10 Brooklyn Brewery**
 Brooklyn, N.Y.
 718-486-7422
www.brooklynbrewery.com
 Brews include Brooklyn Lager (a best-seller for Brooklyn Brewery), Brooklyn Weisse (Bavarian-style wheat beer), Brooklyn India Pale Ale and Brooklyn Pilsner.
- **#9 The Pike Pub And Brewery**
 Seattle, Wash.
 206-622-6044
www.merchantduvin.com
 Brews include Pike Brewery India Pale Ale (IPA) (heavy on the hops), Gold Medal Winner at the World Beer Championships, Pike Brewery Pike Kilt Lifter Scotch Ale, Pike's Naughty Nellie's Ale, Pike's Pale Ale, Pike's XXXXX Stout (seasonal selection and Pike's Sampler Platter of six beer samples).
- **#8 Widmer Brothers Brewing Company**
 Portland, Ore.
 503-281-2437
www.widmer.com
 A special brewing yeast from Bavaria is a key ingredient in the beers, which are distributed in 35 states including Alaska and Hawaii. Brews include Widmer Brothers Hefeweizen Wheat Beer, Widmer Brothers Winternacht (offered Oct.-Jan.) and Widmer Brothers Spring Run IPA (offered only spring and summer).
- **#7 New Belgium Brewing**
 Fort Collins, Colo.
 888-622-4044
www.newbelgium.com
 Now available in 14 states west of the Mississippi, this brewery began in Lebesch's basement. Guided tours are Mon.-Sat. Brews include Fat Tire Amber Ale, Sunshine Wheat, Blue Paddle Pilsener and The Abbey Belgian Style Ale (a complex double ale).
- **#6 Uinta Brewing Company**
 Salt Lake City, Utah
 801-467-0909
www.uintabrewing.com
 Billed as "Utah's local brewery," it's 100 percent wind-powered. Brews include Uinta Cutthroat Pale Ale (Utah's best-selling craft-brewed beer), Uinta King's Peak Porter, Uinta Bristlecone Brown Ale, Uinta Club Pils Pilsener and Uinta Golden Spike Hefeweizen.
- **#5 Brandywine Brewery**
 Greenville, Dele.
 302-655-8000
www.brandywinebrewing.com
 Five-course gourmet beer dinner (each course is matched with a beer); Diamond State Amber Ale, \$4 per pint glass Diamond State Amber is Brandywine's signature beer and best seller. The brewery offers a free self-guided tour.
- **#4 New Glarus Brewing**
 New Glarus, Wis.
 608-527-5850
www.newglarusbrewing.com



The Brooklyn Brewery has been a leader in the introduction and marketing of good beer in metropolitan New York and a supporter of Brooklyn's new cultural renaissance.

Visitors welcome every day but Sunday. Brews include New Glarus Edel-Pils Pilsner (a lager-style beer), New Glarus Cabin Fever, New Glarus Spotted Cow Ale (the brewery's best seller), New Glarus Dan's Best Bitter, New Glarus Fat Squirrel Nut Brown Ale, New Glarus Native Ale, New Glarus Hearty, Hop India Pale Ale, New Glarus Coffee Stout, New Glarus Raspberry Tart (Wisconsin framboise ale and one of the brewery's most notable offerings), New Glarus Wisconsin Belgian Red (Wisconsin cherry ale that gets its flavor from local Door County cherries), New Glarus Solstice.

Resource:

Association of Brewers
Boulder, Colo.
888-822-6273
www.beertown.org

• #3 Brewery Vacation

- Ecotour Portland Microbrewery Tour
Eco Tours of Oregon Day Tours
Portland, Ore.
503-245-1428
www.ecotours-of-oregon.com
A package price includes door-to-door transportation, driver/guide and tastings.
- General Lafayette Inn & Brewery
Lafayette Hill, Penn.
800-251-0181
www.generallafayetteinn.com
Signature brews available at the restaurant adjoining an inn — with a brewery on site!
- Magic Happens Travel & Cruises
Cary, N.C.
800-824-4968 or 919-678-9800
travel@magichappens.com, www.magichappens.com
Offering two "brew cruises" in 2004: A 7-night Hubbard Glacier Alaska Cruise on July 30th departing from Seattle on Celebrity Cruises and a 7-night Fall Foliage Cruise through New England and Canada on Sep. 11th departing from Boston on Royal Caribbean Cruises.

• #2 Rogue Ales

Newport, Ore.
541-867-3660
www.rogue.com

Brews 70,000 kegs a year and its ales are renowned for their exclusive coastal waters and Pacman proprietary yeast. They're made without preservatives, additives or chemicals. Brews include Rogue Imperial Stout, Rogue Hazelnut Brown Nectar, Rogue Dead Guy Ale (the brewery's best-seller) and Rogue Younger's Special Bitter.

• #1 Angel City Brewing

Los Angeles, Calif.
310-390-5104
www.angelcitybrewing.com

Founder Michael Bowe started out as a home brewer in 1990. Angel City Ale, the brewery's top-selling beer, is available in pints and kegs and also at Southern California restaurants and bars such as Traxx in Los Angeles and The Park Bar and Grill in Burbank.

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