

5 of the best SHRINES TO ALCOHOL

What's the story behind your favourite tippie? Find out (and get tipsy) at these museums of booze

Stumbras Museum, Kaunas, Lithuania

A museum dedicated to the history of "alcohol consumption culture in Lithuania" forms part of your tour of Stumbras distillery. Soak up the story through archive photographs and old adverts, before moving on to see spirits and other drinks being made in the modern factory. Finally, hit the shop to stock up on bottles of vodka, brandy and "999 extract".

7 K. Bugos str, tel. +370 3730 8800
stumbras.eu

✂ FLY RYANAIR TO KAUNAS

Museum of Belgian Brewers, Brussels, Belgium

You know you love Belgian beer, but what else do you know about it? At this museum in the capital you can learn more about the cultural, technological and economic history behind Belgian beer. The €5 entry fee includes a glass of the golden stuff in the onsite café.

Brewers' House, 10 Grand Place,
tel. +32 (0)2 511 4987 beerparadise.be

✂ FLY RYANAIR TO BRUSSELS
(CHARLEROI)

Taylor's Port Lodge, Vila Nova de Gaia, Portugal

Explore the Taylor's cellars in Vila Nova de Gaia, across the river from Porto. After your free tour, sign up for a tasting session and learn to tell your tawnies from your late bottled vintages – or try delicious pairings with chocolate or cheese. The sunshine should help your hangover.

250 Rua do Choupelo,
tel. +351 223 742800 taylor.pt

✂ FLY RYANAIR TO PORTO

YOU SAY... "This place was a highlight of my weekend away in Dublin. I knew I loved the drink, but its history is a lot more interesting than I had realised."

Karl Vestin, Sweden, via email

Musée du Vin, Paris, France

Once part of a monastery, these medieval cellars in Paris's 16th arrondissement are now devoted to the worship of wine. Bone up on the history and traditions of France's greatest export with an audio-guided tour, then reward yourself with a complimentary glass.

5 Square Charles Dickens, Rue des Eaux,
tel. +33 (0)1 4525 6326 museedevinparis.com

✂ FLY RYANAIR TO PARIS (BEAUVAIS AND VATRY)

Guinness Storehouse, Dublin, Ireland

Fans of the black stuff head for the Guinness brewery in St James's Gate. Over seven floors, you'll learn what goes into a glass – from malting and roasting to the pouring technique. Your entry ticket includes a pint at the rooftop bar, with stunning views of Dublin.

St James's Gate, tel. +353 (0) 1 408 4800

guinness-storehouse.com
✂ FLY RYANAIR TO DUBLIN