

Microbrewery & Beer Newsletter # 15 TGAC

German beer from the Watzdorfer brewery in Thuringia – a quality experience:

Nestled in the valley below the castle ruin Greifenstein, Watzdorfer brews quality beer since 1411. Back then, the family “von Watzdorf” exercised their right of beer brewing at their open-air “boiling court” and mill. Today in Watzdorf, the beer is brewed with the use of real Thuringian highland barley out of controlled-integrated agriculture. The confer of the marks of quality “CMA” and “original Thuringian quality” is the demand and obligation for the Watzdorfer brewery. Their beer products are: Pils, Export, Black beer and Bock. On the premise of the brewery there is also a brewery museum and a beer tavern. In old fashioned atmosphere you can not only taste Watzdorfer beer, the large panoramic window allows a direct view in the Sudhaus (mash house). In the museum you can dive into the fascinating history of the “art of beer brewing” and experience the contrast between historic and modern brew techniques. But of course, the Watzdorf region has much more to offer for its guests. Watzdorf in the state of Thuringia is part of the so-called “Land of Olitaeten” . You won’t find the word Olitaeten in a dictionary, not even a modern German one! But an old encyclopedia defines them as all kind of oils, essences and fragrances produced in the Thuringian Forest in the 19th century and before. Trade was growing especially in the 17th and 18th century. For hundreds of years Olitaeten traders went on their journeys and brought prosperity and prestige to the impoverished forest region. And what does almost every traveler enjoy ? – A fresh beer in a local tavern or guesthouse!

We plan, organize and escort “Cultural Beer Tours” to Germany on request for small groups and individuals. Since we are specialized in special interest custom tours, a “group” with us starts with a party or only 4 people! I am sure you know 3 (or more) people who would love to join you on a tailor-made beer tour – when and where YOU want to go! Just contact us and we plan the trip together with you – step by step.

Watzdorfer Brewery <http://www.watzdorfer.de>

Land of Olitaeten: <http://www.olitaetenland.de>

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