

**Microbrewery & Beer Newsletter # 16 TGAC**

**Tradition and Culture of German Beer – Monastery Brewery Scheyern, Bavaria:** Since 1119, the monks at the Benedictine monastery in Scheyern have brewed their own beer. These days the beer is brewed in a completely remodeled modern brewhouse but still following old traditions and recipes. Their beer is brewed mostly for local consumption in the monastery tavern or in other local pubs. The Scheyern beers are: Hell (mildly hopped, smooth, aromatic), Dunkel (100% dark roasted malt), Weissbier (naturally cloudy, unfiltered, refreshing), Hopfazupfabier (fine Maerzen beer brewed during hops harvest season), Doppelbock (malty, hoppy, aromatic, dark, riped for several month for its unique taste) and Premium Pils (fine tart hops note). Nestled in the heart of Bavaria, the Benedictine Monastery Scheyern is located in the scenic hill country of “Hallertau” just south of Pfaffenhofen. In 1119, the royal Wittelsbach family relinquished their fortress to the Black Monks who right away started brewing beer along with farming and butchering. The Scheyern monastery, sanctified to the Holy Cross and Mary’s Assumption, is one of the oldest Benedictine monasteries in Bavaria with over 800 years old buildings. Visitors are free to stroll the premise and visit the cloistered courtyard, the basilica and the chapel with the tombs of the Wittelsbach family. And when you have finished your independent or guided tour through this impressive historian place, you are welcome to savor the monastery brewery’s beer right there, in the “Klosterstube” (“monastery parlor”) or in the beer garden. There the beers are served fresh for the real and original taste. The “Hallertau” area is also the world’s largest region of hops growing – one more reason to visit this special place!

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.

Monstery Brewery Scheyern <http://www.klosterbrauerei-scheyern.de>

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