

CRAFT BEER TOUR with DESTINATION CHINA

BEIJING BEER BONANZA

STOP 1: PANDA BREW PUB

A locally-owned and operated bar, the **Panda Brew Pub** is run by a young Chinese brew master Pan Dinghao who went to university in Canada and learned the art of brewing at the Muskoka Brewery in Ontario Canada. Taking that knowledge and a few years Beijing brewing experience, Panda has grown in size and popularity from being the self-proclaimed "smallest brew pub in Beijing", to the massive, two-story brewery and pub. We'll be serving some bar snacks to start with your first selection of beers.

STOP 2: SLOW BOAT BREW PUB

Making use of Beijing's metro system you will head to the famous bar area, Sanlitun, to hunt for **Slow Boat's** flagship brewpub. After hiding in plain site with its taproom for a long time, the **Slow Boat's Brewpub** found the perfect place to call home. With a roof garden that has a 270-degree view of the surrounding area, including Workers' Stadium and Taikoo Li, this is a great place to continue your investigation and analysis of Beijing's locally brewed beers. All beers are brewed on site using 18 tanks with a current annual capacity of 2,200 barrels or 550,000 pints - so there's little chance of a beer drought here!

On foot your guide will take you for a short stroll along Gongtibi Lu onwards to find one of the latest bar and dining hotspots in Beijing. It's a popular area with an abundance of bar and restaurants including Beijing's best Salsa venue and a cocktail bar venue - Janes and Hooch - that is prominent in many Best Cocktail Bar listings both locally and internationally. But we digress... let's keep on the hop trail!



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STOP 3: JING-A TAPROOM

Jing-A Taproom is the brainchild of Kris and Alex, two North American guys and long-time Beijingers with a passion for great beer. One cold day in January 2012, they decided to homebrew a hop-forward American IPA to celebrate the coming Chinese New Year.

The result, which they named “Hoppy New Year” was surprisingly good, and friends quickly finished off the batch and called for more. The two realized then that the only thing better than drinking full flavored, handcrafted beer is brewing it for others. And so began their dream – to make creative and delicious ales and lagers with only the best ingredients for craft beer fans here in the ‘Jing.

Their flagship bar and restaurant offers more than a dozen beers on tap, including the full range Jing-A’s core beers, their seasonal and experimental brews, and a selection of guest beers and ciders. Jing’A Taproom’s “beer tasting boards” for the opportunity to try a good selection of beers and an opportunity to compare and judge - the guests can refuel with some great food from the menu of delicious pub favourites... many with a beer related twist.

ENJOY THE VIEWS BETWEEN THE BREWS

Destination China’s Craft Beer Tours are planned by walking and using public transport allowing guests to get a real city experience. In Beijing there’s an opportunity to enhance the tour by journeying on vintage motorbikes with sidecar - a great fun way to see the city. We can make the ride between your venues a short 15 minute trip, or a longer 30-45 minute ride taking in some of the local sites.



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