

8 MORE GERMAN BEER FESTIVALS TO RIVAL OKTOBERFEST

Bierbörse (multiple cities)

This moving German beer festival has grown quite substantially from its inception over 30 years ago. Originally established as a local summer festival to enjoy beer, the Bierbörse (<http://www.bierboerse.com/>) event travels to 20+ cities, mostly in the Rhineland area such as Cologne, Dusseldorf, and Koblenz but also extending further in the country to Hamburg and Leipzig. Held over a weekend during the Spring or Summer, each city's Bierbörse festivities offers many different beers from all over the world and typically takes place in the centre of the city. 'Bierbörse', which translates into beer stock exchange, may not be as rooted in tradition as some of the other festivals, but it does provide an excellent opportunity to unwind with locals over some less mainstream brews. If you are interested in trying as many of the 100+ beers available, buy a small sample glass to take from booth to booth.

The Bierbörse runs throughout the year, touring through different cities across Germany. Visit their Event Dates (<http://www.bierboerse.com/veranstaltungstermine.htm>) page for 2016 details.