

Beer World: Cork

INSTEAD OF just going to the same old pubs every weekend why not try something different?

Cork city has a lot of old and interesting pubs, too many to list here, and don't judge by appearances as what looks like a small bar can often go back a long way inside. The bad news is that I found no real ale in any of these pubs. Murphy's and Beamish are on sale everywhere, but most pubs seem to serve it far too cold.

There is some good news though, Cork's only brewery The Franciscan Well (www.franciscanwellbrewery.com) brews an impressive range of different styles of beer: bitter, lager, stout, weiss, Kölsch etc, and has a good sized beer garden to drink them in.

I have found breweries with this same range in both Oslo and Copenhagen, per-

THE SCRAPPING of BMBaby flights from Teesside (sorry DTV) Airport has reduced the options for short beer breaks from here. But it hasn't ended them. Roving reporter ADRIAN BELL kicks off our mini travel feature with tips on Ireland's second city..

haps they all buy the same brewing kit and recipes? It is still good beer though!

Sights to see include Cork City gaol (www.corkcitygaol.com), and there are regular buses (€5.10 return) to Blarney Castle (www.blarneycastle.ie) if you really must kiss the Stone. More attractions can be found on www.cork-guide.ie.

Flights can be booked from Newcastle with www.jet2.com for about £35, and there are regular buses from the airport to the city for €6.30 return. Bed and (full Irish) breakfast accommodation can be booked with www.goireland.com from £30 a night single or £45 double.

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