

BELGIAN BEER WEEKEND – VENICE 2026

18–20 April 2026 | Venice, Italy

Celebrating the Art, Culture and Heritage of Belgian Beer

OFFICIAL EVENT PROGRAMME

SATURDAY, 18 APRIL INAUGURATION

19:00 Opening Ceremony

- Official speech by the organizers (optional)
- Ribbon-cutting and public opening (institutional guest)
- Start of tastings and guest welcome

A luminous evening to open the most Belgian weekend of the year, immersed in Venetian magic.

24:00 Closing

SUNDAY, 19 APRIL

TRADITION&CONFRATERNITIES

10.00 Public opening

13:00 – 14:00 B2C Meeting - The Director Italy of VisitFlanders

16:00 – 18:00

Procession of the Confraternities Through the Brewers' Stations

The Knighthood of the Belgian Brewers' Paddle and the Italian Confraternity of Trappist Beer (together with other Italian traditional beer confraternities – TBD) will embark on a ceremonial walk through the exhibition area, visiting each participating brewery's station. A symbolic journey of recognition, where tradition meets craft, and each brewer is honored with a personal salute from the guilds.

18:00 – 19:00

Official Addresses

Formal remarks by:

- The CEO of the Belgian Brewers Federation – The Mayor of Venice (or his representative) – The Ambassador of Belgium to Italy – The Metropolitan Secretary of CNA Veneto – The Secretary General of the Belgian-Italian Chamber of Commerce – The Director Italy of VisitFlanders

Each speaker will be given a brief, dignified moment to reflect on the cultural significance of Belgian brewing and its enduring ties to Venice.

19:00 – 20:00 Institutional Gathering at Teson Grande

An exclusive gathering of institutional figures, brewing dignitaries, and participating brewers. The CEO of the Belgian Brewers Federation, the Grandmaster of the Knighthood, the members of the high council of the Knighthood, the future Knights, and the representatives of the Belgian breweries will meet in a formal setting to exchange greetings, share insights, and celebrate the spirit of collaboration. A moment of quiet prestige, where policy meets passion

20:00 – 22:00

Ceremonial Dinner at Teson Piccolo

By invitation only

All participants return to Teson Piccolo, reconfigured for an elegant evening buffet, to celebrate the day's milestones in an intimate, convivial atmosphere.

Attendees include:

- All participating Belgian brewers
- The new Knights of Beer (2026)
- Past Knights of Beer from previous editions of Belgian Beer Weekend
- Official representatives of the Confraternities and institutional partners

*This is not a public event, it is a sacred closing of the day's rituals, reserved for those who carry forward the legacy of Belgian brewing in its most authentic form. **Closing.***

MONDAY, 20 APRIL

INSTITUTIONAL DAY

10:00 - 11.30

Public opening and

Official Addresses

Opening remarks by:

- The Mayor of Venice
- The Ambassador of Belgium to Italy
- The CEO of the Belgian Brewers Federation
- The Metropolitan Secretary of CNA Veneto
- The Secretary General of the Belgian-Italian Chamber of Commerce
- The Director Italy of VISITFLANDERS
- The Grandmaster of the Knighthood of the Belgian Brewers' Paddle

ENTHRONEMENT CEREMONY NEW KNIGHTS

Each speaker will be allotted 5–10 minutes, with a total duration of two hours.

The session will conclude with a brief group photo and formal closing.

11:30 - 12.00

Procession of the New Knights

A ceremonial walk through the historic heart of Venice, led by the newly enthroned Knights of Beer, accompanied by the Knighthood of the Belgian Brewers' Paddle, members of the Italian brewing confraternities. A symbolic gesture of tradition, unity, and shared heritage.

12:00 - 13.00

Honorable visit of the breweries

A ceremonial walk through the exhibition area, visiting each participating brewery's station. A symbolic journey of recognition, where tradition meets craft, and each brewer is honored with a personal salute from the Knighthood.

13:00 – 14:30

Exclusive Invited Lunch

An intimate, invitation-only luncheon for participating brewers, institutional representatives, and honored guests. A private moment for networking, reflection, and celebration in the spirit of collaboration.

16:00

Activity to be defined

20:00

Closing