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SAN DIEGO

Sun, surf and great beer: of all California's famed cities, San Diego, in the south of the state, rules for beer tourists. It's home to world-class breweries (Ballast Point and Stone Brewing), and has a number of appealing neighborhoods and sightseeing highlights to explore.

ASHEVILLE

The community of North Carolina's Asheville is bonded together by beer. In this out-of-the-way gateway to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the 40 or so breweries (including Burial, see p57) and regular beer festivals are a key (and often family-friendly) part of local life.

PORTLAND, ME

There's a distinctive identity to the hazy, extra-juicy IPAs and pale ales from the northeast USA and Portland, Maine, is the place to go to experience it – they don't let a lot out of the region! With breweries such as Allagash and Bissell Brothers, plus lots to see and do, Portland is a great beer city.

PORTLAND, OR

Portland, Oregon, is fastidious about the finer things in life: bicycles, coffee, granola, food trucks, the great outdoors – and, of course, beer. It has long produced some of the best brews in the US, from the likes of The Commons, but its beer scene keeps evolving. It's a seriously fun place.

DENVER

In clean, green Colorado, it would take you many weeks to exhaust Denver's supply of outstanding breweries. Many are highly inventive (salted caramel porter? Only in Colorado!). And every fall hundreds more brewers arrive for the Great American Beer Festival.