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Top 10 fall beer festivals

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The weather's cooler and the road's less traveled in the fall, which means it's a perfect time to plan a Road Trip for Beer. Most breweries have released their fall seasonals by now, and the winter ales soon will appear. But because many of the 1,600 small breweries and brewpubs in the United States distribute their products in very limited local regions, a beer lover often must travel to find the next great beer

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experience.

But why limit yourself to one brewery? Your best bet is to plan your vacation around one these great festivals, where you'll be able to taste a variety of releases from a region's beer makers.

And, yes, there are actually 11 festivals listed here; it was too hard to narrow it down to just 10, so you have a bonus. The list is in chronological order. Click on the links for more information.

As always, drive carefully and drink responsibly.

Nov. 5-14, 2010: [San Diego Beer Week](#), San Diego, California. The San Diego region has made a name for itself as a growing hot spot for craft beer. SDBW 2010 will feature beer dinners, festivals, rare bottle tastings, cheese pairings, brewery tours, classes and more during the 10-day celebration. Last year, more than 300 different events took place during the week, and organizers expect even more this year.