

WELCOME TO THE BEER MUSEUM - ALDARA ALUS DARBNĪCA!

Aldara alus darbnīca is the most up-to-date museum of beer in the Baltics and the very first one in Latvia. It is located in the historic neighborhood of Aldaris in the outskirts of Riga, in Sarkandaugava. The beer museum welcomed its first visitors in May 2015, after large-scale reconstruction works and more than 1.5 M euros invested in the restoration of the historic building and creating the exposition of beer.



The interior of the museum accentuates the historic evidences and boasts the authentic brewing hall, which has been kept untouched since 1938. Its copper beer tanks preserved until nowadays represent a very rare exhibit.

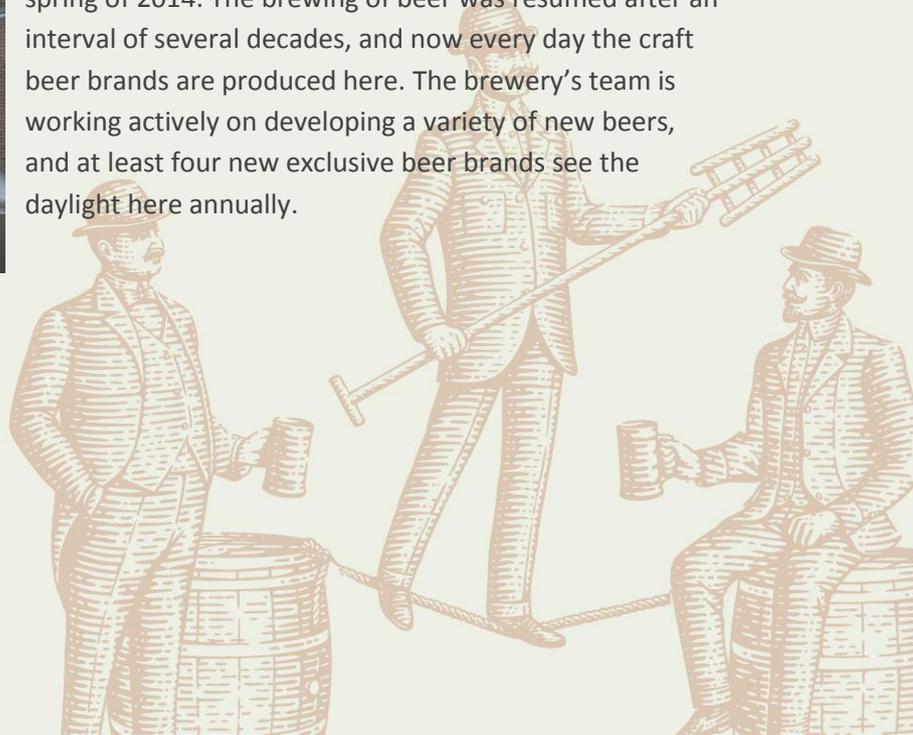
The Beer museum is a good supplement to the brewery located in the other wing of the same historic building, where the most exclusive beers of Aldaris are brewed every day. The museum extends over three floors with a total surface of 800 square meters.

The museum offers its guests to discover the diversity and charm of beers brewed in Latvia and elsewhere, the secrets of brewing, and also to try hand at brewing. It also displays the collection of historic exhibits related to beer and relies on state-of-the-art technologies to better introduce its visitors to the four basic elements of beer – water, hops, malt and yeast.

Brewery



The historic brewery of Aldaris was reopened in the spring of 2014. The brewing of beer was resumed after an interval of several decades, and now every day the craft beer brands are produced here. The brewery's team is working actively on developing a variety of new beers, and at least four new exclusive beer brands see the daylight here annually.



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Old brew house

The old brew house is the heart of the Beer museum, where beer cattle's dating back to the 1938 can be still seen. Modern technologies help us to find out more about the charm of beer's four basic ingredients – water, malt, hops and yeast. The brewery is equipped with the necessary lighting to organize small one-person exhibitions, private concerts and even theatre performances.



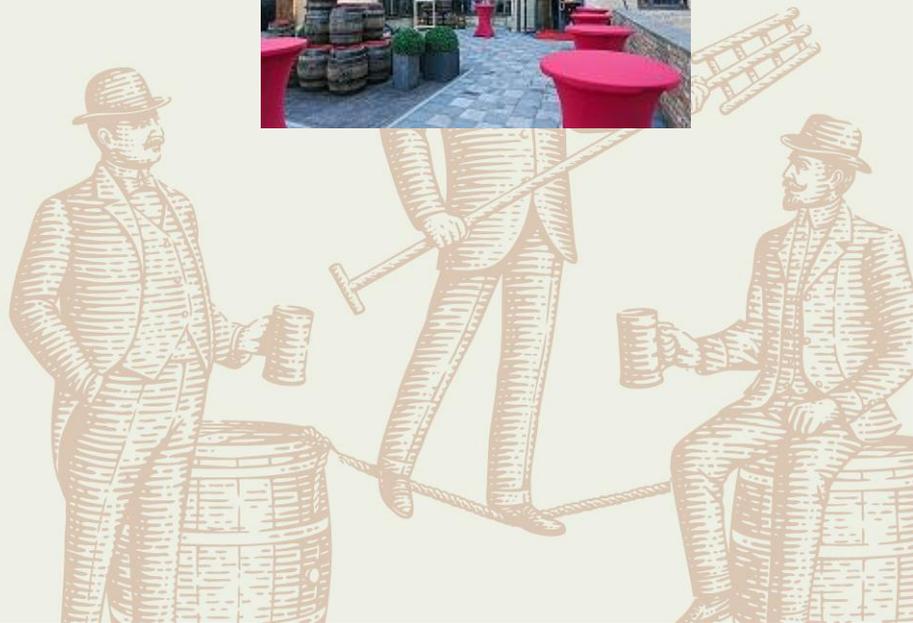
Bar



The beer bar is one of the museum's liveliest premises where one can taste the finest brands of Aldaris beer and find out more about the world's most popular 55 beers being on display in a special glass exposition on one of the walls. The visitors are particularly interested in the special brewing installation which introduces everybody to the secrets of the beer brewing art. It is the place where master classes, as well as special training courses of Aldaris Beer academy for true beer enthusiasts are held.

Beer terrace

In the warm season, visitors of the museum also like sitting on the beer terrace, where one can slowly enjoy the finest beers, as well as the magic of 150-year old architecture.



Laboratory



The laboratory is used by brew masters to test and develop new brands of beer. Every year they create countless samples of new beers, of which at least four are brought into life. When the laboratory is free of testing, it can be used to organise exclusive master classes, where everybody can try hand at brewing his/her individual beer and even create a personalized beer label. After the beer is brewed, it is fermented and aged in the beer cellars of Aldaris. It can be consumed one month after the master class, not earlier. The brewing master class lasts at least four hours, and has to be applied for well in advance.

Cellar

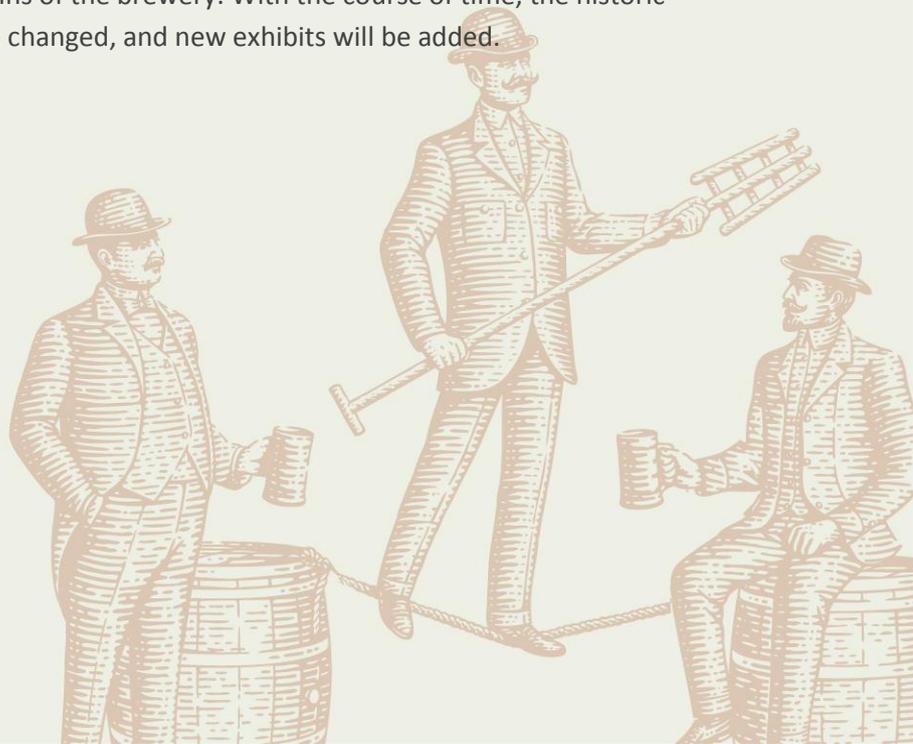
The cellar continues the story of the Beer museum about the variety of the world of beer. Here everybody can discover the secrets of beer's main ingredients, as well as get familiar with several extra beer ingredients, which are added to create an inimitable taste. The guests prefer visiting the cellar in the company of a beer sommelier, who has to be applied for well in advance.



History room



In the history room, one can see the collection of old beer bottles, mugs and labels featuring more than a century old traditions. An old photo made in the neighbourhood of Aldaris back in 1906 tells various myths and legends about beer and the origins of the brewery. With the course of time, the historic exposition will be changed, and new exhibits will be added.



Conference hall

On the first floor of the Beer museum, just above the brewery, there is located a conference hall, which keeps a particular aura. Conference participants can peep at the brewing process through a keyhole, as well as to feel the specific aroma of a brewery. The conference hall windows offer a magnificent view of Aldaris Park and artificial castle ruins. The hall can accommodate up to 300 persons and is provided with state-of-the-art conference equipment.

