

## 5 best craft breweries to visit in Canada

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Craft breweries and brew pubs are going strong in Canada with mapped beer routes now popping up for suds aficionados.

1. Church Key Brewing Co., Ont.: The quaint town of Campbellford on the banks of the Trent Severn Waterway is home to this little brewery nestled in a Methodist Church built in 1878. In January of this year they poured their one-millionth pint of distinctive craft brews, including Holy Smoke Scotch Ale, Cranberry Maple Wheat and Decadent Chocolate Porter. [www.churchkeybrewing.com](http://www.churchkeybrewing.com)

2. Granite Brewing Co., Ont.: In midtown Toronto, this brewpub serves tasty food and great beers such as Peculiar Strong Ale and dry hopped, cask conditioned Best Bitter Special. In summer the back patio is a peaceful, green retreat from city bustle. [www.granitebrewery.ca](http://www.granitebrewery.ca)

3. Granville Island Brewing Co., B.C.: Canada's first microbrewery is still going strong. Located on Vancouver's picturesque and popular Granville Island, home of many markets and shops, its all-natural brews are preservative free. [www.gib.ca](http://www.gib.ca)

4. Vancouver Island Brewing, B.C.: The Island's first craft brewery has won numerous awards since it began in 1984. Still locally owned, it's now one of B.C.'s largest independent microbreweries. [www.vanislandbrewery.com](http://www.vanislandbrewery.com)

5. Microbrasserie La Diable, Que.: In the heart of hopping Tremblant Village, this brewpub with outdoor terraces in summer and the warmth of a fireplace in winter, draws in the crowds for sausages matched with the six house-made beers kept on tap. [www.tremblant.com](http://www.tremblant.com)

-- Margaret Swaine, who has the guts to have spent years writing on and sampling the brews of the world.