

The history of beer begins several 1,000 years before Christ. Various technologies and regulations have developed beer to where it is today.



Around **6,000 BC**, written records emerged that the **Sumerians** drank the first beer-like beverage.



The **Egyptians** brewed the first beers from sourdough bread around **4,000 BC**.



Around **800 BC**, monks and merchants brought the knowledge of brewing beer to **Europe**. In 768 AD, hops were used in a beer for the first time.



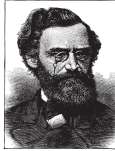
To ensure the quality of beer and the nutrition of the population, the **German Purity Law** was passed in Ingolstadt in **1516**.



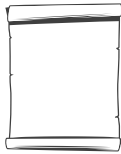
In **1548**, **Baron von Degenberg** received permission to brew wheat beer.



In **1857**, **Louis Pasteur** discovered that yeasts are responsible for the fermentation process in beer. He also developed the pasteurization process in 1864.



In **1871**, **Carl Linde** developed the refrigerating machine.



In the **Bavarian Purity Law**, yeast was mentioned for the first time in **1918**.



The **Vandervelde Law** banned the sale of spirits in cafés & bars in Belgium in **1919**.



Prohibition was introduced in the **USA** in **1920**. This lasted until 1933.



In the **1970s**, the craft beer movement emerged in the **USA**.



In **1978**, U.S. President **Jimmy Carter** passed legislation legalizing home brewing.