

The British India Pale Ale is practically the mother of all IPAs and, in addition to a long history, got its name primarily from a strong malty body and plenty of hop bitterness.

India Pale Ale



Yeast

Ale

Color

yellow to amber

Original wort

1.050 - 1.075

IBU

40-60

Foodpairing

Chicken, burgers, spicy cuisine, cheddar cheese

Facts

Nowadays, the British India Pale Ale is not so popular compared to when it was created at the end of the 18th century. However, at that time it was not called India Pale Ale, but was just a strong Pale Ale with a lot of hops, which could be sent to the British colony of India without spoiling during the journey. It wasn't until the early 19th century, when such beers were increasingly called India Pale Ale, that this style of beer came into being.

Today, an India Pale Ale still has a good interplay between a malty body and a strong bitterness. This comes primarily from the British bitter hops, which are also classically used for a British IPA.