

US Beer Styles: American India Pale Ale (IPA)

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The American India Pale Ale differs from the English IPA primarily in that fruit flavors dominate the beer here. American IPAs are very popular in the craft beer movement at the moment.

American India Pale Ale



Yeast Ale
Color yellow to copper
Original wort 1.056 - 1.070
IBU 40-70 IBU

Foodpairing spicy food, steaks, fried

food, gorgonzola

Facts

At the end of the 20th century, the American India Pale Ale was one of the best-known beer styles of the craft beer movement and is now brewed by most breweries.

The movement was started by Anchor Brewery in 1975 with Liberty Ale, which is considered one of the first American IPAs.

Today, American IPAs are primarily divided into West Coast IPA and East Coast IPA (see next section).

American IPAs are characterized by their primarily fruity aroma. Just like the English IPA, the American IPA has a malty body combined with a hoppy note. However, American IPAs are primarily made with American hops, which are known for their strong aroma.



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In comparison: West Coast IPA & East Coast IPA

The origin of American IPAs probably lies on the West Coast of the USA. But the American East Coast has also shaped the beer style and given it its own character.

West Coast IPA	East Coast IPA
IPAs with less focus on the	In these beers, the focus is
malt sweetness and more	more on the sweetness of
on the bitterness of the	the malt combined with
hops combined with simple	refreshing and varied hop
aromas, such as pine or	aromas, such as mango,
lemon.	papaya, etc.