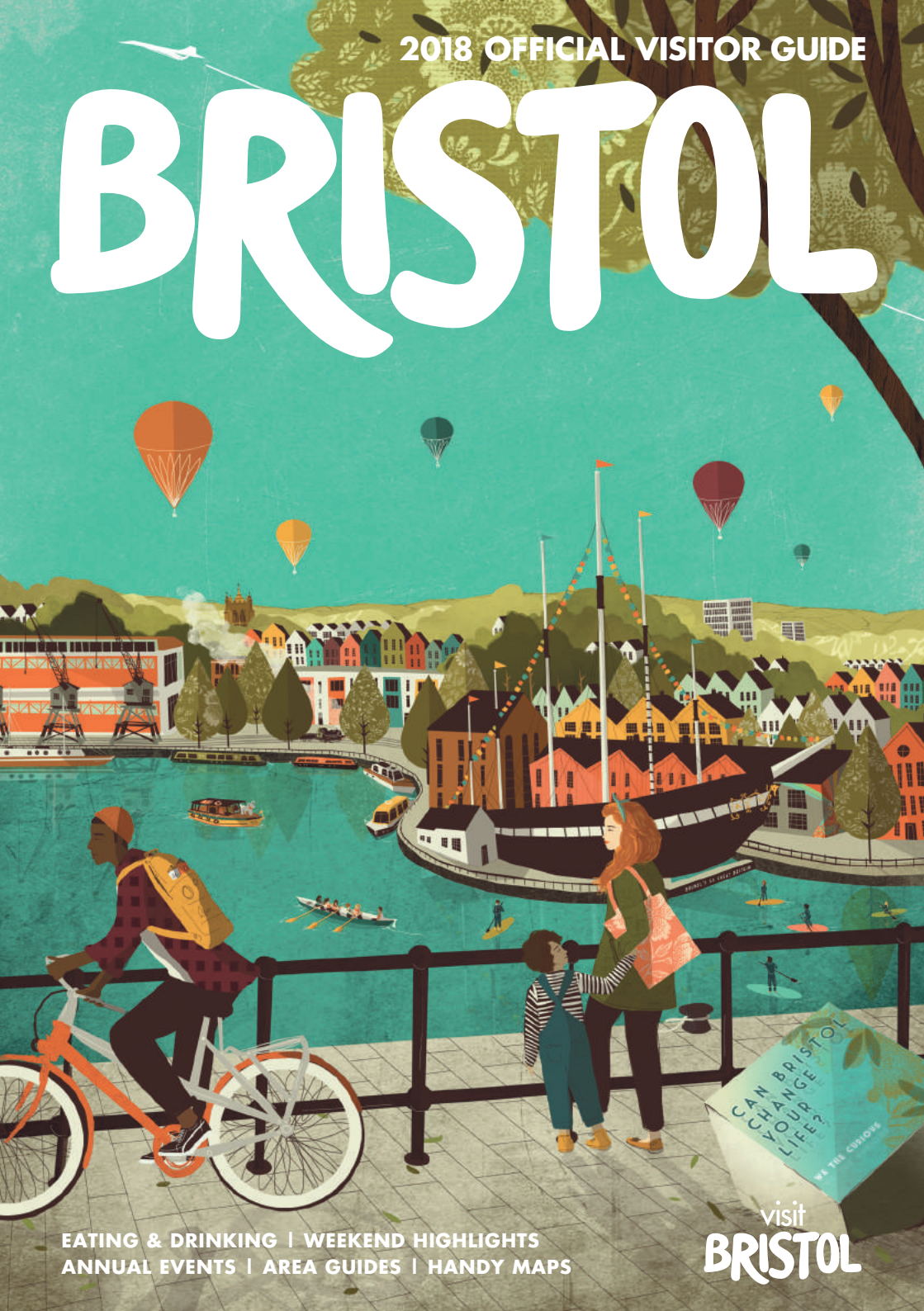


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I am pleased to welcome you to our lively and diverse city.

Bristol is an outward-looking city that's open to all, which is why we attract millions of visitors from all over the world every year to our great range of activities, sights and family-friendly events.

There are many things which make Bristol special: from the people who live here to the place itself, and at the heart of it is our cultural diversity and independent spirit. 91 different languages are spoken in the city and our many vibrant local communities play important roles in defining our identity. Bristol prides itself on being an inclusive place – one which works hard to address the challenges of city life. We are also leading the way with highly productive creative and tech sectors and our many innovative city projects reflect our independent flair and entrepreneurial spirit.

I hope you enjoy your visit.

**Marvin Rees** Mayor of Bristol

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# HAVE A WEEKEND TO REMEMBER...

Follow these suggestions to make the most of what Bristol has to offer



**DAY ONE**

Grab a coffee by the **Harbourside** and visit **M Shed**, a museum telling Bristol's story, before checking out the latest exhibition at **Arnolfini**, one of Europe's leading centres for contemporary arts. Lunch at **Watershed** or **No. 1 Harbourside** – both overlook the water and have outdoor seating.

Walk via Millennium Square or take a ferry to **Brunel's SS Great Britain**, the world's first luxury cruise liner, fully-restored to its Victorian glory. Experience the sights, sounds and smells of the ship and don't miss the chance to Go Aloft or visit the new Being Brunel museum. Wander down historic **King Street** to **Bristol Old Vic**, the UK's longest continuously working theatre.

End a day of exploring with some relaxation. Swim in the outdoor pool, pop in the spa and eat fine food in **The Lido** or try sister restaurant **Glassboat**, which serves up fantastic food and equally fantastic views of the Harbourside.

**DAY TWO**

Head up to Clifton for the **Suspension Bridge** and fascinating Visitor Centre. Then browse the independent shops before having lunch at one of the many great restaurants and cafés in **Clifton Village**.

In the afternoon, meet the wildlife at **Bristol Zoo Gardens** or pop into the **University of Bristol Botanic Garden** and after, head to **Cabot Tower** on Brandon Hill for fantastic city views. Pop into **St George's Bristol** or **Colston Hall** (pictured below) to hear world-class musicians and performers and visit their new exhibition. Then time for a spot of retail therapy in **Bristol's Shopping Quarter** (pictured below), home to **Harvey Nichols**.

Explore the latest dining in **Cargo's** cool container restaurants on the Harbourside before a nightcap at **The Milk Thistle** (pictured right) or **King Street Brew House**, or check out the city's legendary live music scene and top DJ sets in the pubs and clubs.

**DAY THREE**

Start the day exploring the galleries and latest exhibitions at **Bristol Museum and Art Gallery** and the esteemed **Royal West of England Academy** nearby. For lunch, take your pick from the much-loved vendors at **St Nick's Market** in the Old City.

Before you leave, don't miss the amazing street art in various areas of the city, including North Street in Bedminster and Stokes Croft, best discovered on a street art tour. Or end your trip on a high by seeing a real-life **Concorde** at **Aerospace Bristol**. In fact, two nights might not be enough...

**HANDY TRAVEL TIPS**

Maximise your time in the city by following these pointers

**Arrive early.** Make the most of your weekend by checking in on Friday afternoon.

**Get organised.** Book restaurants or tours in advance – popular spots can get very busy.

**Leave the car at home.** Walking, cycling, ferry, bus and local trains are the best ways to get around.

**Be tour savvy.** Take an open-top bus tour and see all the sights in one hit.

**Stay longer.** Here for business? Why not add on time to get out and explore this wonderful city. Here for the weekend? Tag on Sunday for a great value extra night and a lazy Monday morning.

For more ideas plus details of amazing festivals and events year-round, go to [www.visitbristol.co.uk](http://www.visitbristol.co.uk)



# 2018 EVENTS

You'll find a festival or event dedicated to everything from swing to cycling and cricket to crime. For the most up-to-date information on what's happening in Bristol this year, please visit [www.visitbristol.co.uk](http://www.visitbristol.co.uk)

## JANUARY

- Slapstick Festival
- Wildlife Photographer of the Year

## FEBRUARY

- Chinese New Year
- The City of Games
- Wicked

## MARCH

- Bristol Bluegrass Festival
- Bristol International Jazz & Blues Festival
- Bristol Swing Dance Festival
- British Dal Festival
- The Cherry Orchard

## APRIL

- Bristol Folk Festival
- Bespoked Cycle Festival
- Bristol Swing Festival
- Grayson Perry: The Vanity of Small Differences (until June)
- Submerge Festival

## MAY

- Badminton Horse Trials
- Bristol Film Festival: Summer
- Bristol Music Exhibition (until Oct)
- Bristol Walk Fest
- Crimefest
- Dot to Dot Festival
- Foodies Festival
- Great Bristol 10k
- Love Saves The Day

- Mayfest
- Spike Island Open Weekend
- VegFest

## JUNE

- Bristol & Bath Festival of Nature
- Bristol Comedy Garden
- Bristol Food Connections
- Bristol Refugee Festival
- Bristol Sounds
- Bristol Volksfest
- DogFest
- Forest Live
- Grillstock
- IT20 Women's Cricket
- Let's Rock Bristol

## JULY

- Americana Festival
- BBC Woman's Hour Craft Prize
- Bristol Harbour Festival
- Bristol Shakespeare Festival
- Cinema Rediscovered
- Grillstock
- Gromit Unleashed 2
- IT20 England vs India Cricket
- Pride Week
- St Paul's Carnival
- Thai Fest
- Upfest

## AUGUST

- 40th Bristol International Balloon Fiesta
- Bristol Islamic Cultural Fayre
- Gromit Unleashed 2
- Redfest

- Valley Fest

## SEPTEMBER

- Bristol Open Doors Days
- Circus 250 (until Oct)
- Encounters Short Film Festival
- Great Bristol Half Marathon
- The Downs Festival
- The Palace Film Festival
- Touching the Void Premiere
- Tokyo World

## OCTOBER

- Black History Month
- Bristol Film Festival: Autumn
- Bristol Radical Film Festival
- Docks Heritage Weekend
- Simple Things
- Wildscreen Festival
- Wildlife Photographer of the Year (until March)

## NOVEMBER

- Cary Grant Festival
- Christmas Markets and Events begin
- Day of the Dead
- Diaspora Festival
- Longleat Festival of Light

## DECEMBER

- A Christmas Carol
- Bristol Film Festival: Winter
- Bristol Palestine Film Festival
- Christmas markets and events
- Cinderella
- New Year Celebrations



Clockwise from top: Bristol International Balloon Fiesta, Christmas markets, Bristol Summer Series and Bristol Harbour Festival



# NEWS & EVENTS

From world-leading film festivals to city-spanning art installations, find a wealth of activities and events taking place across Bristol throughout the year

## GROMIT UNLEASHED 2

In its third major arts trail with Academy Award®-winning animation studio Aardman, Bristol Children's Hospital Charity, Wallace & Gromit's Grand Appeal, has revealed that three iconic characters will take to the streets of Bristol in the summer of 2018. Gromit will be joined by his pal Wallace and arch nemesis Feathers McGraw, with over 60 sculptures of this much-loved trio set to take the city by storm. All will be designed by established artists and local talent, with some big names due to be unveiled soon. The trail promises to be bigger and better than ever with exciting themes of technology and innovation so watch this space. You have from 2 July until 2 September to find as many of them as you can. The sculptures will raise money for Bristol Children's Hospital and the Special Care Baby Unit at St Michael's Hospital.



Encounters Festival. Below left: Gromit Unleashed 2

## UNESCO CITY OF FILM

Did you know that Bristol is a major production base for film and TV? In fact, it has been named a UNESCO City of Film. It is a popular filming location, thanks to its diverse architecture, support from the Bristol Film Office and the available facilities including

The Bottle Yard Studios – the largest dedicated film and TV studio facility in the West of England. Check out some of the iconic film locations and available tours at [VisitBristol.co.uk](http://VisitBristol.co.uk). The city is also home to a number of film festivals, outdoor screenings and events, including Bristol Slapstick Festival, Cary Grant Festival, Bristol Film Festival, Afrika Eye, Bristol Bad Film Club, Encounters Festival and Wildscreen, one of the industry's most prestigious festivals celebrating the best natural world storytellers from across the globe.



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# THE HARBOURSIDE

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### HISTORY OF THE HARBOUR

Bristol's history as a trading port stretches back to 1051 when it was listed in the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle. By the 14th century, the city was trading with Spain, Portugal and Iceland, and ships were also leaving Bristol to found new colonies in the New World. Bristol's history as part of the triangular slave trade is well documented and features in an exhibition at M Shed, the museum telling the story of Bristol. In 1809 Bristol was transformed by the opening of the Floating Harbour to overcome the challenge of the second highest tidal range in the world. After two centuries as a busy commercial port it has now been transformed into an amazing leisure destination full of visitor attractions, boat trips, water sports, restaurants and bars.

### FANTASTIC ATTRACTIONS

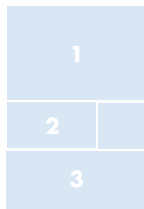
The best way to get to know the Floating Harbour is by boat. A number of companies operate ferry rides and themed cruises on the water, including wildlife spotting trips with local experts. Back on dry land, Millennium Square is a lovely spot where you'll find children paddling in the fountains during the warmer months and free film screenings on Big Screen Bristol. While you're there, pop into We The Curious for a fantastic afternoon of hands-on science experiments and creativity. Alternatively, head to Bristol Aquarium (almost next door) to meet Bolt, the electric eel, tropical rays, seahorses, pufferfish, piranhas and plenty more. The area is rich in museums and galleries, including M Shed, Spike Island and Arnolfini, home to contemporary arts. No visit to Bristol would be complete without visiting one of its famous ships – Brunel's SS Great Britain and The Matthew. Turn to page 14 to find more must-visit destinations on the Harbourside.

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## UNMISSABLE HARBOUR HOTSPOTS

From ferry boat rides to hands-on science experiments, there's plenty of fun to pack into a visit to our historical Harbourside

### 1. BRUNEL'S SS GREAT BRITAIN

Explore Brunel's engineering masterpiece from the top of the ship's rigging to the sumptuous first-class dining saloon. New museum Being Brunel opens in 2018 to celebrate the life and work of the engineer.



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### 3. WE THE CURIOUS

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### 5. UNDERFALL YARD

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### 4. THE MATTHEW

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### 6. M SHED

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## CULTURAL HIGHLIGHTS

### ARCHITECTURE CENTRE

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### ARNOLFINI

An internationally renowned contemporary art gallery with exhibitions, performances, screenings, talks and music.

### BRISTOL HARBOUR FESTIVAL

Music, dance, circus and on-the-water activities at this free festival, which takes place every July. Great markets too.

### CREATE CENTRE

Create Centre and Ecohome promotes environmental awareness with a programme of changing exhibitions, events and activities.

### FERRY TRIPS & TOURS

Ferry companies operate trips and cruises around the Harbourside and beyond. You can take a guided tour on anything from street art to pirates – see page 66.

### M SHED

This social history museum shares the city's amazing past through the objects and stories of the people who have made the place what it is today.

### SPIKE ISLAND

A working art and design studio with its own café, shop and gallery, which hosts a vibrant programme of events.

### WATERSHED

Popular arts cinema and digital creativity centre with a fantastic café and bar serving a variety of breakfast, lunch and evening meals.



### REBECCA HALL HUFFINGTON POST

The city has a relaxed, laid back vibe along the waterfront with the old warehouses converted into restaurants, gastro pubs and the old cranes from the docks all lit up at night, it's quite special.

Bristol's beautiful Floating Harbour. Above (inset): Pero's Bridge







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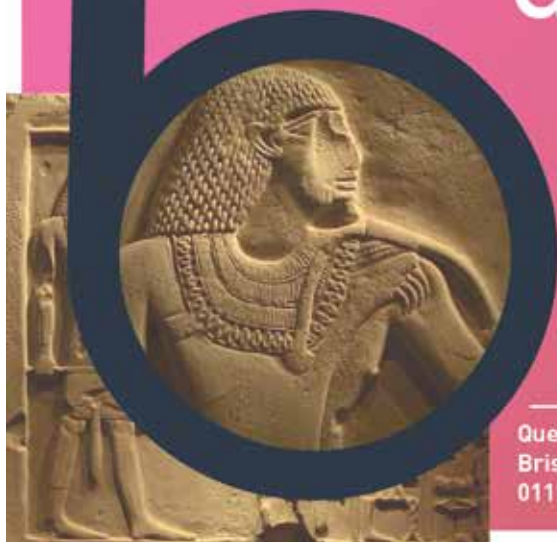
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### THE RIVER GRILLE

Lovely Harbourside views and seasonal dishes.

### THE STABLE

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### STEAK OF THE ART

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### THREE BROTHERS BURGERS

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Glassboat restaurant.  
Above (inset): Cargo





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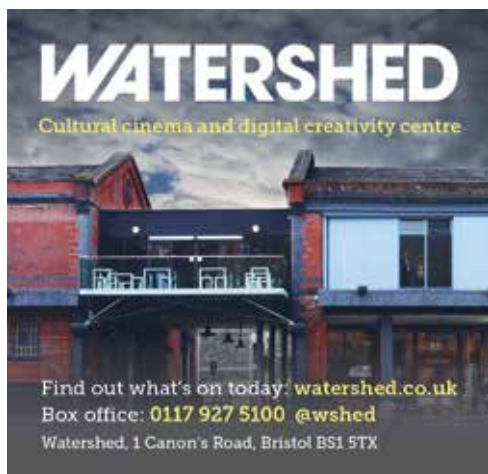


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## BAGS OF CHARACTER & CULTURE IN THE HEART OF BRISTOL

### ARCHITECTURE & ENTERTAINMENT

A few minutes' walk from the Harbourside, the Old City is bursting with character, its cobbled streets and alleyways lined with some of Bristol's oldest buildings. Architecture and entertainment in equal doses are found on King Street and Queen Square. The former is home to a world-class theatre and the craft beer pubs of the 'Beermuda Triangle' while the latter, lined with elegant Regency townhouses, is a peaceful retreat in the heart of the city. Welsh Back, which runs between the two, is a great spot for waterfront dining.

### HIGH-STREET AND HIGH-END SHOPS

Climb the mighty hill of Park Street to explore a variety of independent, high-end and high-street shops, cafés and bars. The road is overlooked by the Wills Memorial Building, home to the University of Bristol. Near the top of Park Street is Cabot Tower, a free local landmark with inspiring city views which sits on Brandon Hill, the oldest park in Bristol. Stroll to the bottom of the road to see Banksy's Well-Hung Lover opposite City Hall. On the other side you'll find College Green, a popular picnic spot for locals, as is Castle Park near Bristol Shopping Quarter. The medieval Christmas Steps lead to creative traders of all stripes. There's a museum, pubs, café, restaurants and various artisan shops.

### VIBRANT NIGHTLIFE

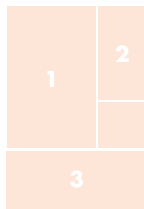
There are a variety of LGBT bars and clubs in the West End gay village off Park Street and Pride Week takes place each July. Beer drinkers are spoiled for choice on King Street and speakeasy-style cocktail bars cater for sophisticated tastes.

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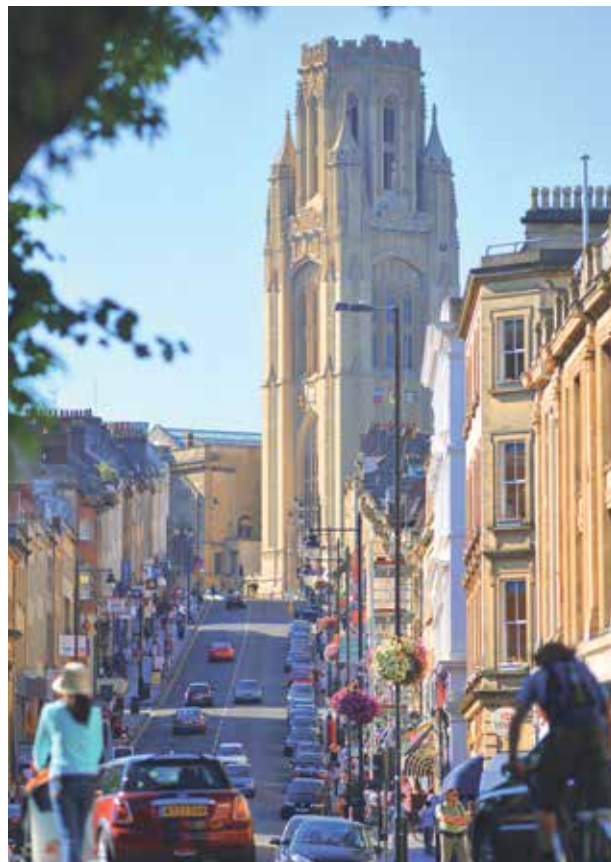


1. The wonderful Wills Memorial Building overlooking Park Street,
2. The cobbled streets of Christmas Steps,
3. Live music at the Old Duke

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## CULTURAL HIGHLIGHTS

### BRISTOL OLD VIC

Located on King Street, this is the oldest continuously working theatre in the country. BOV has just completed a multi-million pound redevelopment.

### BRISTOL CATHEDRAL

This city centre cathedral is a rare example of a 'hall church' and a popular film location – take a Wolf Hall tour.

### BRISTOL HIPPODROME

Cary Grant started his career at this historical theatre, which plays host to West End hits and comedy greats.

### ST MARY REDCLIFFE

This church, a masterpiece of Gothic architecture has been standing for 800 years.

### ST GEORGE'S BRISTOL

An elegant concert hall known for its outstanding acoustics with a varied programme taking in classical to world music sounds.

### COLSTON HALL

The South West's premier concert venue presents a diverse programme of live music and comedy. It begins its multi-million pound transformation in summer 2018 and will host off-site events during this period.

### HISTORIC HOUSES

Glimpse into Bristol's past at fabulous historic houses, including The Georgian House Museum and The Red Lodge Museum.



### THE IDEALIST CITY GUIDE

The city has become a cathedral to the youthful, creative and artistic through its array of live music venues, cafés, collectives and street art.

Colston Hall's impressive foyer. Above (inset): a Harbourside busker







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This pic and above (inset): St Nicholas Markets



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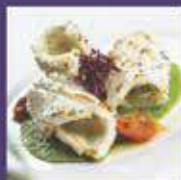
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St John on the Wall was built into the original city walls in the 12th century and features beautiful Jacobean fittings. Visitor interpretation helps uncover its history.



## 3. THE LORD MAYOR'S CHAPEL

The Lord Mayor's Chapel on College Green, directly opposite Bristol Cathedral, is hidden away behind an unassuming entrance.

## 5. BRISTOL CATHEDRAL

A place of worship has been on this site near College Green for over 1,000 years. A popular film location for costume dramas including *Wolf Hall* and *The White Princess*.



## 1. ST JAMES PRIORY

St James Priory is the city's oldest church. Dating back to 1129 it has been used as a place of worship for almost 900 years.

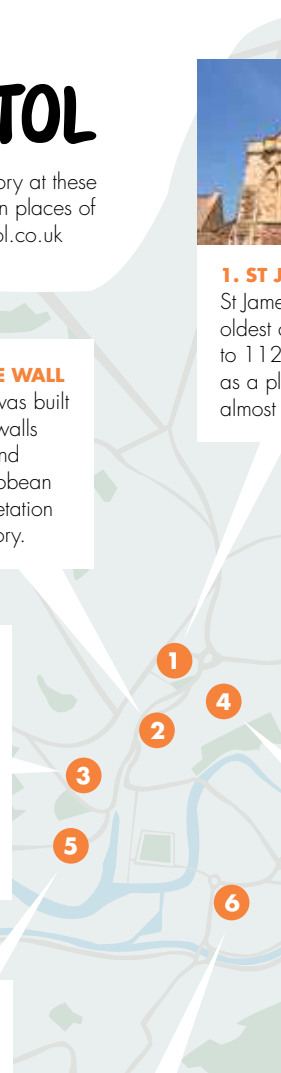


## 4. JOHN WESLEY'S CHAPEL

John Wesley's Chapel 'The New Room' is the oldest Methodist building in the world. It opened a fantastic new multimedia visitor centre in 2017. Further Methodist heritage trails can be found in nearby South Gloucestershire.

## 6. ST MARY REDCLIFFE

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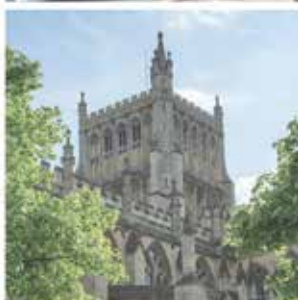
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## 3. THE ARCADE

Step back in time and explore this Grade II-listed Victorian shopping arcade with its boutique shops and cafés.



## 2. QUAKERS FRIARS

High-end shopping around a European-style piazza.



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## 5. THE GALLERIES

Discover over 80 interesting stores plus a great family-friendly Food Court.



## 4. BROADMEAD

This pedestrianised street is your one-stop shop for high-street names like Marks & Spencer and Primark.



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## 6. ST NICHOLAS MARKETS

St Nick's glass-covered market dates back to the 1700s and has over 90 independents. Its other markets on Corn Street and beyond include the Nails Market and St Nicholas Night Market.



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## 7. PARK STREET & THE TRIANGLE

Popular with students for its vintage shops and independent labels.



## 8. HARBOURSIDE MARKET

This community of foodies, makers, musicians, artists and traders meet along the Harbourside every Saturday and Sunday from 10am-4pm to sell clothing, jewellery, books, art and more.





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# OLD MARKET QUARTER

Just a few minutes' walk from Bristol Shopping Quarter is Old Market, an independent and bohemian area that is home to a friendly gay village with vibrant nightlife. Steeped in history, Old Market is a unique and fascinating district, centrally located and well-served by public transport. As its name suggests, it was the main market street for Bristol dating back to Norman times. It is blessed with a rare mix of eclectic buildings that tell many stories. Now it is home to a host of independent businesses including a wide variety of shops, galleries, cafés, bars, restaurants and even Bristol's largest independent department store, Gardiner Haskins. Bristol City Centre has been awarded Purple Flag status, recognising a well-managed night-time economy. Old Market contributes to this in many different ways especially with the diversity of the area. If you want cabaret, live music, world food or a quiet pub, Old Market has it all. For live music, performances and more, try the Trinity Centre (pictured) or the Old Market Assembly, home to a restaurant, café, bakery, bar and The Wardrobe Theatre. Old Market is well known for its strong connections to the LGBT community and popular venues include The Gin Palace and the Old Market Tavern.

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# CLIFTON

## FINE DINING, GEORGIAN BUILDINGS & ONE GURT BIG BRIDGE

### VILLAGE EXPERIENCE

Elegant, leafy and filled with chic boutiques, cosy cafés and Georgian buildings, Clifton is one of Bristol's most beautiful places to visit. The area is home to Clifton Suspension Bridge, a stunning structure designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel and completed in 1864. The bridge is free to walk and cycle across (cars chargeable) and offers magnificent views of the Avon Gorge. The visitor centre on the Leigh Woods side is open daily. Clifton Village is filled with shops and places to eat. The Victorian Clifton Arcade houses an array of bijou stores. The Lido, on Oakfield Place, has been fully restored and offers year-round outdoor swimming, spa treatments and award-winning dining. In Clifton, you'll also find Bristol Zoo Gardens, which is home to 12 acres of gardens and more than 400 species of exotic animals.

### GREEN SPACES

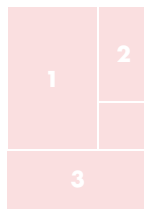
The Downs is a huge area of protected parkland on the northern fringes of Clifton. It's home to the University of Bristol Botanic Garden and hosts various annual events. Just across Clifton Suspension Bridge is Ashton Court, a wonderful location for walking, jogging, golf, cycling and annual events, including the Bristol International Balloon Fiesta. Companies like Bristol Balloons and Bailey Balloons offer flights from here. Take a guided mountain bike ride with Pedal Progression, walk through the trees of Leigh Woods and abseil and climb the Avon Gorge with Adventurous Activity Company. A short stroll away is Clifton Village – recently awarded a Silver Gilt in the Urban Community section of the Britain in Bloom nationals – which boasts an adventure play park for families and picnickers and is just a five-minute walk from the zoo. For some quiet time, try The Mall Gardens – a little oasis in the heart of the village.

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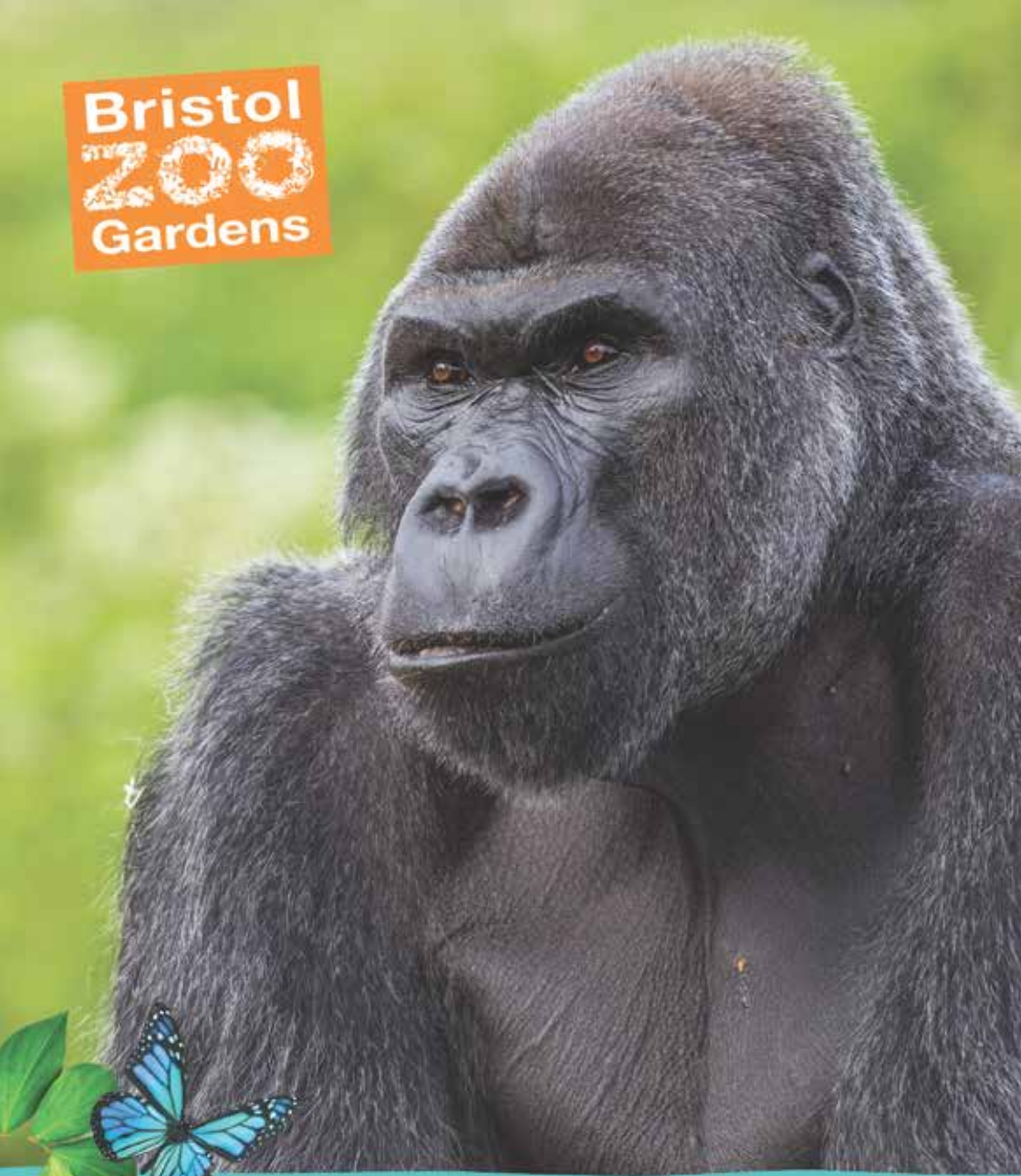
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### THE IVY CLIFTON BRASSERIE

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### THE LIDO

Mediterranean and Middle Eastern-inspired menu.

### NO.4 CLIFTON VILLAGE

Award-winning à la carte at The Rodney Hotel.

### RACKS BAR & KITCHEN

A top spot for Sunday roasts.

### THE RIVER COTTAGE CANTEN

Seasonal, wild food from Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall's talented team.

### SOUK KITCHEN

Middle Eastern dining and delicatessen.

### WHITE LION BAR

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Pinkman's Bakery on Park Street.  
Above (inset): Eat A Pitta



Clifton Suspension Bridge Visitor Centre tells the story of 'the Ornament of Bristol' and the people who built, maintained and treasure it. Open from 10am to 5pm daily, discover spectacular views, a famous designer, a chequered past and a lifesaving dress. Free entry, donations welcome.

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Clockwise: Room 212, the independent shops of Gloucester Road and Gloucestershire County Cricket Club



# GLOUCESTER ROAD

Independent shops, cafés galore & buzzing nightlife

Just beyond the railway arches is Gloucester Road, reputedly the longest independent shopping street in Europe. Nearby St Andrews Park has children's playgrounds and open spaces while Gloucestershire County Cricket Club hosts regular fixtures, including the international T20 England vs India and the IT20 Tri-Series, which will see England's women's world cup winners return to play in the city in 2018. Bristol Rovers play their home fixtures at the Memorial Stadium. On Gloucester Road, Joe's Bakery makes tasty craft loaves and cakes and Bakers & Co is amazing for brunch. Atomic Burger is a great family-friendly spot and Pizzarova serves sensational sourdough. Beer enthusiasts will love The Wellington's range of Bath Ales and The Drapers Arms' focus on small local producers. For live music, try The Gallimaufry or The Golden Lion.

**INDEPENDENT SHOPPING DISTRICT**

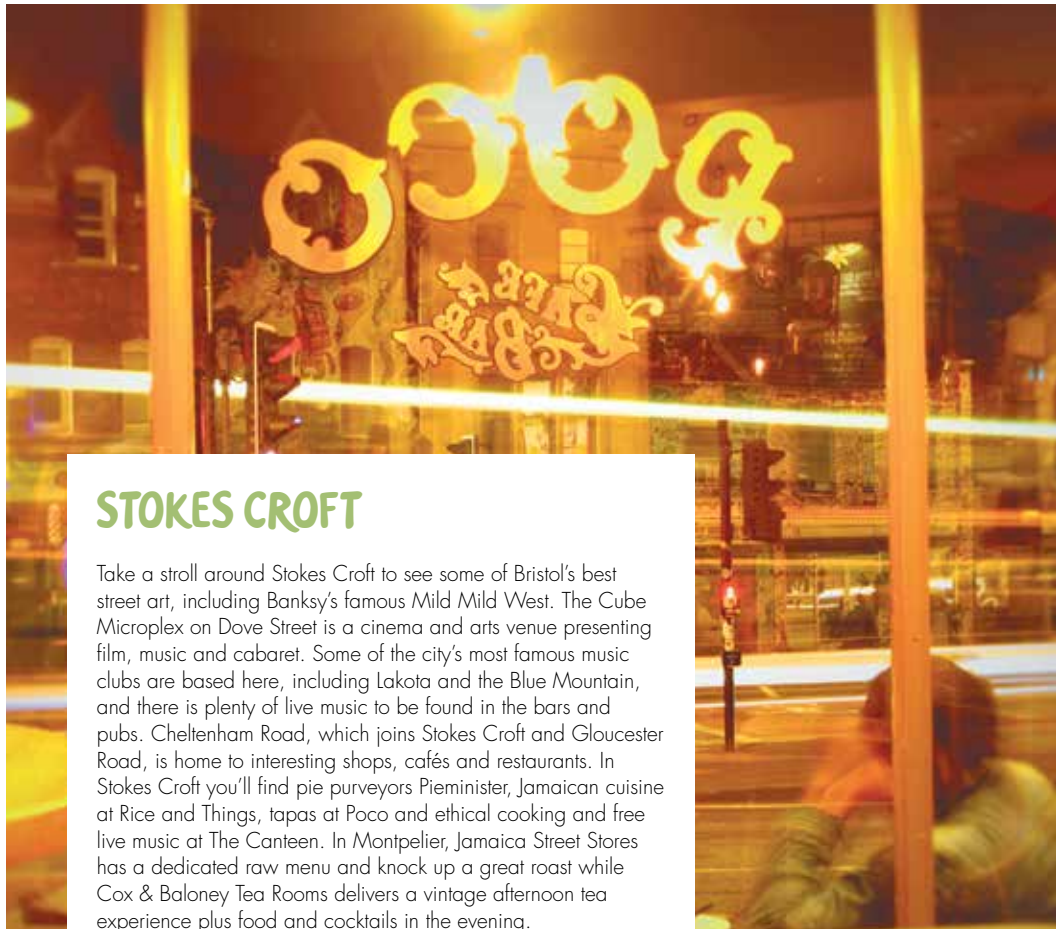
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## STOKES CROFT

Take a stroll around Stokes Croft to see some of Bristol's best street art, including Banksy's famous Mild Mild West. The Cube Microplex on Dove Street is a cinema and arts venue presenting film, music and cabaret. Some of the city's most famous music clubs are based here, including Lakota and the Blue Mountain, and there is plenty of live music to be found in the bars and pubs. Cheltenham Road, which joins Stokes Croft and Gloucester Road, is home to interesting shops, cafés and restaurants. In Stokes Croft you'll find pie purveyors Pieminister, Jamaican cuisine at Rice and Things, tapas at Poco and ethical cooking and free live music at The Canteen. In Montpelier, Jamaica Street Stores has a dedicated raw menu and knock up a great roast while Cox & Baloney Tea Rooms delivers a vintage afternoon tea experience plus food and cocktails in the evening.



Bristol Sweet Mart

## ST MARK'S ROAD

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# SOUTHVILLE & BEDMINSTER

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## BUSTLING & INDEPENDENT

North Street offers an enviable mix of independent shops, cafés, bars, restaurants and markets. The Tobacco Factory Theatres stage Shakespeare, opera, Christmas shows, stand-up, puppetry and dance. The adjoining Café Bar also hosts a number of events while serving up good food and Bristol Beer Factory brews. The area is a haven for shoppers and foodies who flock to the strip for stores like the Southville Deli, which sells fair trade, organic and wholefoods, as well as the Sunday morning market at the Tobacco Factory.

## ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Windmill Hill City Farm in Bedminster is a voluntary community project that runs social, environmental and educational activities alongside seasonal events. Victoria Park has a wonderful children's play area and offers great views of the city. Sports fans can get their fix at Ashton Gate, home to Bristol

City FC and Bristol Rugby, while climbers can tackle state-of-the-art Redpoint, which is based in an old cinema. Each July North Street hosts Upfest, the largest urban art festival in Europe, which features artists from across the globe – one reason why North Street is also a fantastic outdoor gallery of amazing street art.

## FOOD & DRINK FAVOURITES

Mark's Bread is the locals' favourite for baked treats and the Lounge cooks brilliant breakfasts. The Old Bookshop on North Street offers small plates while Souk Kitchen specialises in Lebanese cuisine. If you fancy pub grub in front of the biggest indoor screen in the country, try Ashton Gate Sports Bar & Grill.

For pre-theatre dining, head to the Tobacco Factory Café Bar or the Thali Café for Indian street food. The Hen & Chicken is known for its tasty pizza and stand-up shows while Birch has a beautifully executed menu.

Clockwise: Thali Café, Upfest and The Old Bookshop. Top: Ashton Gate





## BLAISE

Blaise Castle House Museum and Estate is a 19th-century mansion set in 400 acres of parkland and is home to the city's social history collection. Collect a key from Blaise Castle to access the nearby Kings Weston Roman Villa. Pop across to the National Trust's Blaise Hamlet – charming 19th-century cottages centred around a 'village' green complete with its own pump.

## FISHPONDS & FROME VALLEY

Fishponds Road is a thriving high street popular with locals. Oldbury Court is a beautiful and diverse estate, combining woodland and riverside paths with historic parkland and children's play facilities. Beyond the parkland, you can follow the path down to the River Frome, where trails lead towards Frenchay and its Village Museum or, in the other direction, towards Snuff Mills.



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## ARNOS VALE

Arnos Vale is home to The Original Bristol Blue Glass Factory and Shop. Bristol Blue Glass has been famous in the city for the past four centuries and today skilled glassmakers keep the tradition alive at this thriving business. Directly opposite is Arnos Vale Cemetery, the final resting place for some of Bristol's most notable citizens since opening in 1837. The site offers an insight into the era of Victorian extravagance and provides a haven for wildlife spotting and leisurely strolls with trail maps available.

## AVON VALLEY

Avon Valley Railway at Bitton offers steam train rides throughout the year while more fun can be found at Avon Valley Adventure and Wildlife Park near Keynsham, an attraction spanning 50 acres of beautiful countryside with indoor and outdoor play areas plus many farm animals and exotic species. Cruises along the River Avon run to Beese's Bar and Tea Gardens as well as day trips to Bath in the spring and summer with Avon River Cruises and Bristol Packet Boat Trips. The popular Bristol and Bath Railway Path also runs through the valley.



# SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE & SOUTH COTSWOLDS

## RURAL & URBAN ACTIVITIES

### MARKET TOWNS

Picturesque medieval market towns and villages are dotted around the countryside to the north and east of Bristol. The town of Thornbury dates back to 896 and is home to Thornbury Castle, where King Henry VIII stayed with Anne Boleyn in 1535. The High Street is filled with independent shops and gastropubs and the nearby Mundy Playing Fields offer facilities for children including a paddling pool. The Tourist Information Centre is in Thornbury's Town Hall. The charming market town of Chipping Sodbury was founded in the 12th century and features medieval architecture and 17th-century Cotswold stone. The Tourist Information Centre is in the clock tower on the High Street.

### RURAL ACTIVITIES

The countryside of South Gloucestershire plays host to the prestigious Badminton Horse Trials, which take place every May, while the magnificent Kendleshire Golf Club offers golfers the chance to play 27 holes. Walkers and cyclists can enjoy many traffic-free routes along the National Cycle Network, including a popular stretch which links Bristol and Bath along a disused railway path, passing through Warmley, with its historic signal box and tea gardens. Just north of the district is beautiful Berkeley Castle.

### SHOPPING DESTINATIONS

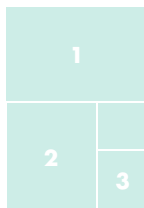
Just off the M5 motorway at junction 17 is The Mall at Cribbs Causeway, a large shopping centre with free parking and regular bus services. It is home to John Lewis, Marks & Spencer and a host of high-street fashion favourites as well as a number of eating and entertainment establishments. The towns themselves also have a lovely range of independent shops and boutiques, perfect for leisurely perusing.

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## ATTRACTIONS GALORE

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### AIRHOP BRISTOL

The world's biggest trampoline park is filled with wall-to-wall bouncing, foam pits and battle beams.

### BERKELEY CASTLE

Take a tour of the castle, which dates back to 1117 and is still the home of the Berkeley family, then explore the butterfly house and extensive gardens.

### CATTLE COUNTRY ADVENTURE PARK

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### OLD DOWN COUNTRY PARK

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### SIMON HORSFORD DAILY TELEGRAPH

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## FOOD AND DRINK FAVOURITES

### ALVESTON HOUSE

Enjoy a relaxed meal in elegant surroundings near Thornbury.

### BATH ALES BREWERY SHOP

Buy bottles of the brewer's popular tipples in Warmley or take a behind-the-scenes tour.

### BERWICK LODGE

Tuck into a classic afternoon tea out in the garden or in front of the fireplace in Almondsbury.

### BRAMLEY & GAGE

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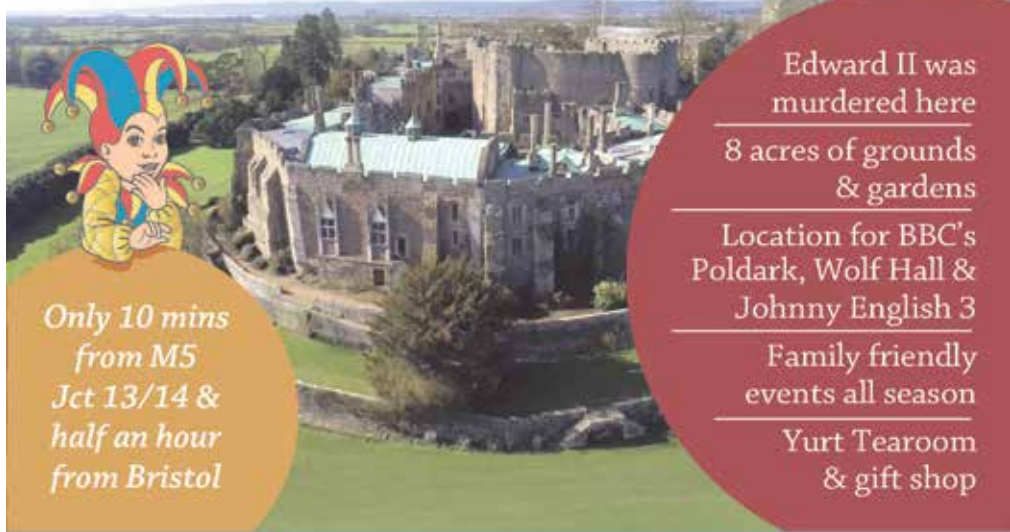


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### PORTISHEAD & CLEVEDON

Portishead is about 10 miles from Bristol and has a 250-berth marina featuring a public arts trail and Lake Grounds, home to an open-air pool and a boating lake. Nearby Clevedon is home to a Grade 1-listed pier dating from 1869, which starred in the One Direction video You and I. The town was also a main location for the TV series Broadchurch.

### WESTON-SUPER-MARE

Further south is the seaside town of Weston-super-Mare. Find traditional seaside treats and rides galore (from go-karts to dodgems and F1 simulators) on the famous Grand Pier alongside the Tropicana, a thriving café, theatre, exhibition and live music venue. Walkers should take a saunter along the Clevedon coastal path to Portishead, part of the West Mendip Way, or the National Trust's Sand Point coastal path at Sand Bay.

### CYCLE ROUTES

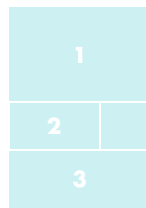
If you prefer getting around on two wheels, try the Strawberry Line from Yatton and Cheddar, a smooth, traffic-free cycle path that takes in Congresbury, Sandford, Winscombe and Axbridge along the way, or the recently-opened Brean Down Way coastal town cycle route from Weston to the National Trust's spectacular Brean Down.

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1. Clevedon's Grade I-listed pier dates back to 1869,  
2. Ashton Court Estate, 3. Tynesfield boasts 540 acres of woodland and parkland

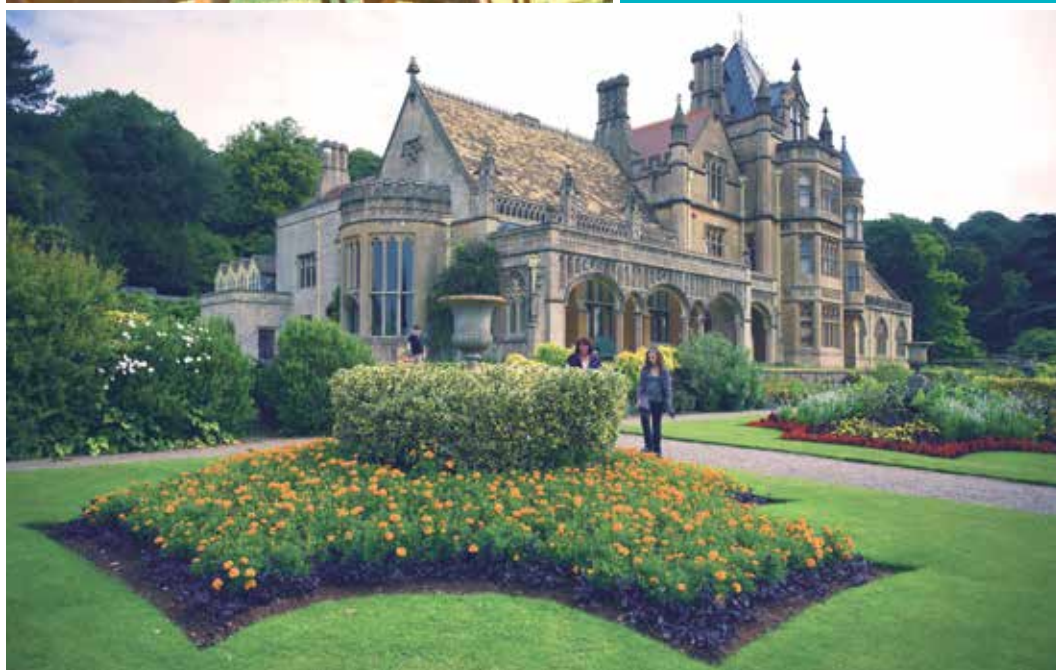
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This pic: Cheddar Gorge. Below: Josh Eggleton

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### WOOKEY HOLE CAVES

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### WELLS CATHEDRAL

At the foothills of the Mendips lies medieval Wells, England's smallest city. Its cathedral is one of the finest in the country.

## FOOD AND DRINK FAVOURITES

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### HAROLD'S CLUB

This stylish venue at Clevedon Hall hosts amazing foodie events.

### PONY & TRAP

Chef Josh Eggleton's Michelin-starred pub in Chew Magna. Find well-priced pub classics alongside intricate multi-course tasting menus.



### SALT & MALT

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# BATH

## GOLDEN GEORGIAN STONE SET AMID GREEN ROLLING HILLS

### COMPACT & PICTURESQUE

Bath makes an ideal day trip as part of a short break to Bristol, the two cities complementing each other perfectly. Bath is just 12 miles away by car or 12 minutes by train. For a more leisurely journey, you can cycle the Bristol and Bath Railway Path. The surrounding countryside is also great for bike rides and walking. You can take in all the city's central attractions on foot, including the famous Roman Baths (one of the best-preserved Roman remains in the world), stroll along grand 18th-century parades or explore its labyrinth of alleys and cobbled streets.

### ART & CULTURE

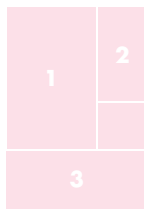
Ever since Roman days, Bath has been known for combining health and wellbeing with indulgence and pleasure. No visit is complete without a visit to the famed Thermae Bath Spa. Relax and recuperate in the warm waters of the open-air rooftop pool and drink in the spectacular views over the city. Since the days of Georgian dandies and Jane Austen, the city has been a byword for fashion, its streets lined with boutique shops, bustling cafés and restaurants. Learn about its glamorous past at the Jane Austen Centre before admiring clothing through the ages at the Fashion Museum. The city's 13 museums are all within walking distance of each other and provide a fascinating insight into different aspects of its history. The Victoria Art Gallery, for example, boasts a fine collection of British oil paintings dating back to the 17th century. Bath also boasts plenty in the way of entertainment with West End productions and stars at the Theatre Royal, the unique Egg theatre for children and a regular programme of festivals and special arts events.

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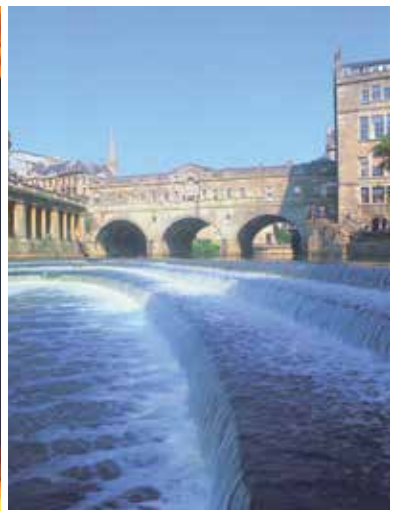


1. Bath Christmas Market, 2. Pulteney Bridge is one of the Georgian city's highlights, 3. The stunning Royal Crescent

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by Kaffe Fassett and Candace Bahouth



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Kaffe Fassett: The Opus of Flowers (detail)



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### Exhibitions 2018

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# Thermae Bath Spa

## Bath's natural thermal Spa

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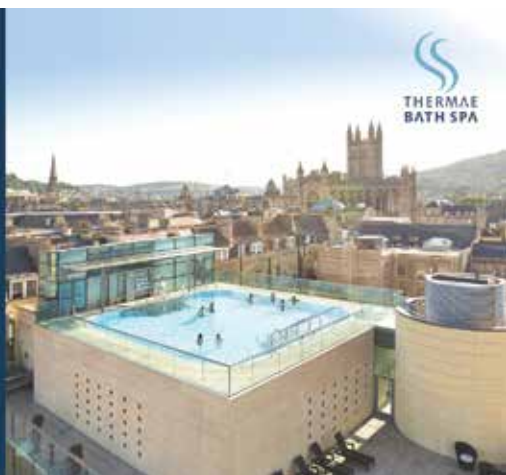
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# GETTING TO BRISTOL

## BUS

National Express and Megabus run services from across the country to Bristol's bus and coach station in the city centre. Regional bus services terminate here too. Falcon runs a service from Plymouth to Bristol 24 hours a day with various stops including Bristol Airport.



## TRAIN

Bristol Temple Meads is the city's central station while Bristol Parkway is located to the north. There are regular train and bus services between the two stations. You can catch a ferry from Temple Meads (Temple Quay landing) into the City Centre.



## AIR

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# GETTING AROUND BRISTOL

## BRISTOL TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE (TIC)

The TIC is for visitors and locals alike, offering everything from help with bus timetables and accommodation booking to a wide range of souvenirs, gifts, books and maps. Book tickets for tours as well as local transport including buses and ferries. The TIC also acts as an access point for the local currency, the Bristol Pound. Exchange your sterling to spend with local independent traders or keep the notes as a unique souvenir.

## BUS

There are several bus operators in Bristol and the surrounding area. Full route maps, timetables and tickets are available at the Tourist Information Centre (TIC) or online.

## TRAIN

Bristol has local stations which are convenient for getting around the city. The mainline stations are Bristol Temple Meads and Bristol Parkway; you can also access many rural stations from these.

## BOAT

There are regular ferries around the Harbourside. See our map pages for ferry landing locations.

## TAXI

Hackney carriage taxis are painted in Bristol blue and can be picked up at ranks across the city or hailed on the street. There are also



Clockwise: Cyclists on the Harbourside, Bristol Ferry Boats and Bristol's iconic blue taxis



private hire companies operating in the city.

## CYCLING AND BIKE HIRE

As the UK's first cycling city, Bristol has many cycle lanes and routes. The TIC stocks free route maps. Bikes can be hired from locations around the city, including the Brompton Dock at Temple Meads station, Pedal Progression at Ashton Court, Bristol Cycle Shack at the Bristol end of the Bristol and Bath Railway Path, and Cycle the

City and Bristol Tandem Hire from the city centre area. Some hotels also offer bikes for hire.

## ACCESSIBILITY

Bristol can be explored on foot although some steep hills and cobbled streets can be difficult to access with a wheelchair. The Accessible Guide is available from the TIC. Wheelchair and scooter hire are both available from Shopmobility, located in Cabot Circus.

# GUIDED AND SELF-GUIDED TOURS

## BUS

Bristol Insight open-top bus tours take 75 minutes with many places to hop on and off along the way, including all major attractions. This is a great way to familiarise yourself with the city too. Tickets are available from the driver, the TIC and online. Only Fools and Horses fan? You can now take a mini coach tour of iconic scenes filmed in Bristol.

## BOAT

The Matthew runs regular harbour trips, some cruises including cream tea or fish and chips. They also run four-hour trips along the Avon Gorge. Number Seven Boat Trips and Bristol Ferry Boats operate regular ferry services to and from waterfront attractions along the Harbourside. The Bristol Packet runs guided trips around Bristol and along the River Avon to Bath. Contact the TIC on the Harbourside for timetables and tickets for Bristol Packet and Bristol Ferry Boats.



## CYCLING

The Adventurous Activity Company runs organised tours for groups with bike hire included. For longer rides there are dedicated routes such as the Bristol and Bath Railway Path, the Strawberry Line and the Avon Cycleway.

## WALKING

The Bristol Highlights Tour (running from Easter to November), The Ultimate Bristol Walking Tour, Bristol Pirate Walks and Hidden & Haunted Bristol Walks all offer fascinating insights into this historic city. Take in a mixture of the latest cutting-edge street art combined with some classic Banksy on a tour by Where the Wall or Graft. Foodies might fancy an EatWalkTalk Bristol Food Tour or exploring the local craft beer

Bristol Insight open-bus tours. Inset: the statue of John Cabot outside Arnolfini



scene with Bristol Hoppers. Tickets for all these walking tours are available at the TIC. Free guided tours of the Clifton Suspension Bridge are available at weekends and bank holidays (seasonal). Self-guided walks are available from the Tourist Information Centre or you can download free MP3 audio tours from the Visit Bristol website. Search online for the Bristol South Skyline Walk offering a route around some of the lesser-known areas just south of the centre and don't miss the annual Bristol Walk Fest in May, offering over 150 of the best walks in and around the city.



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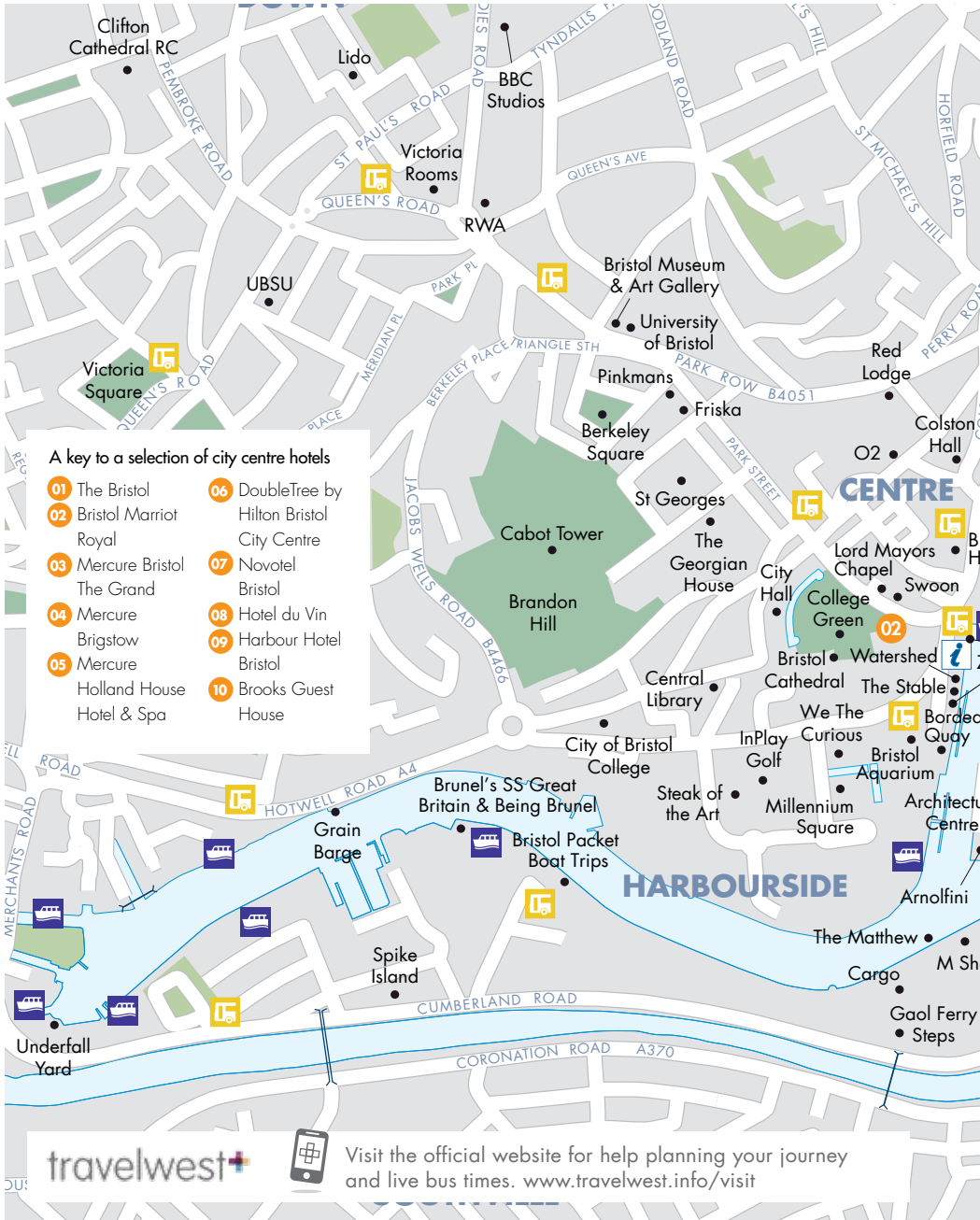
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# City Centre & Harbourside

See page 12 for more on the Harbourside and page 22 for more on the City Centre & Old City



## A key to a selection of city centre hotels

- |                                      |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| 01 The Bristol                       | 06 DoubleTree by Hilton Bristol City Centre |
| 02 Bristol Marriot Royal             | 07 Novotel Bristol                          |
| 03 Mercure Bristol The Grand         | 08 Hotel du Vin Bristol                     |
| 04 Mercure Brigstow                  | 09 Harbour Hotel Bristol                    |
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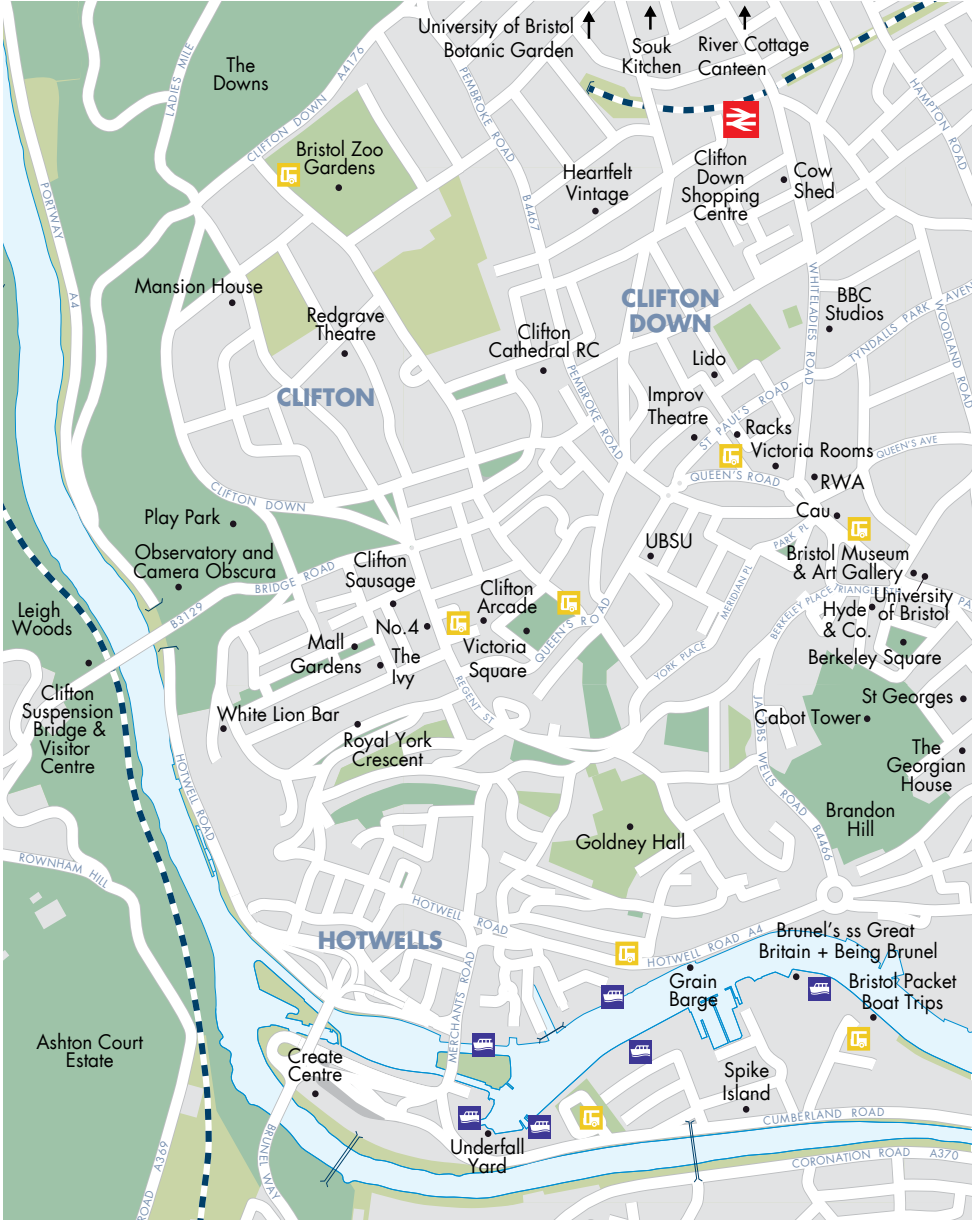
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# Clifton

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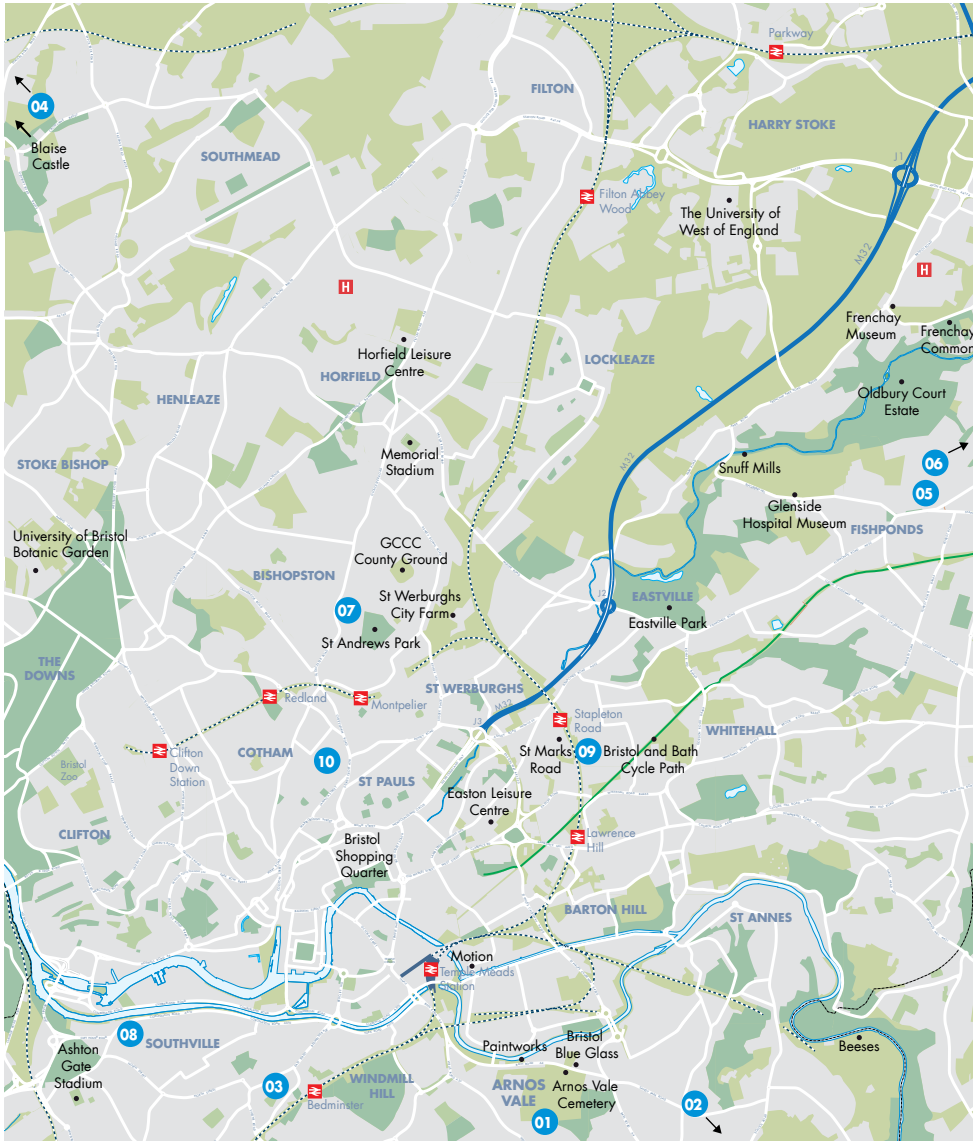
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# South Gloucestershire & North Somerset

See page 48 for more on South Gloucestershire & South Cotswolds and page 54 for more on North Somerset





# EIN UNVERGESSLICHES WOCHENENDE



Machen Sie das meiste aus dem Angebot, das Bristol zu bieten hat, indem Sie mindestens zwei Nächte bleiben.

## ERSTER TAG

Besorgen Sie sich einen Kaffee an der Harbourside (altes Hafengebiet) und besuchen Sie das M Shed, ein Museum, das die Geschichte von Bristol erzählt. Dann auf zu einer der neuesten Ausstellungen im Arnolfini, eins von Europas führenden Zentren für zeitgenössische Kunst. Mittagessen im Watershed oder No. 1 Harbourside – beide mit Blick aufs Wasser.

Nehmen Sie die Fähre zu Brunels SS Great Britain, dem ersten Luxus-Kreuzfahrtschiff der Welt, rundum wiederhergestellt in seinem viktorianischen Glanz. Verpassen Sie nicht die Möglichkeit aufzuentern oder das neue Being Brunel Museum zu besuchen. In der historischen King Street finden Sie das Bristol Old Vic, das am längsten durchgehend bestehende Theater im Vereinigten Königreich.

Für ein Abendessen bieten sich zum Beispiel folgende Restaurants

an: The Ox für großartige Steaks, Hotel du Vin für ein Essvergnügen gehobeneren Niveaus oder Aquila für moderne Italienische Küche.

## ZWEITER TAG

Hinauf nach Clifton zur Suspension Bridge und dem faszinierenden Besucherzentrum. Dann durch die unabhängigen Geschäfte stöbern, gefolgt von einem Mittagessen in einem Café in Clifton Village.

Sie könnten den Tieren des Bristol Zoo einen Besuch abstatten oder im Botanischen Garten der Universität von Bristol vorbeischaun. Und dann wäre da der Cabot Tower, von dem man einen fantastischen Blick über die Stadt hat. Von dort aus bietet sich an, dem St. George's Bristol einen Besuch abzustatten, um Weltklasse-Musiker und -Darsteller zu sehen. Und wenn Sie Lust auf einen Geschäftsbummel haben, besuchen Sie doch das Geschäftsviertel von Bristol, wo unter anderem Harvey Nichols zu finden ist.

Am Abend könnten Sie die neueste gastronomische Erfahrung in den trendigen Cargo Container Restaurants an der Harbourside erkunden, mit anschließenden

Drinks im Milk Thistle oder dem King Street Brew House. Oder sehen Sie sich in der Livemusikszene und den Top DJ Sets in Pubs oder Clubs um.

## DRITTER TAG

Wie wäre es mit einem Besuch des Museums/der Gallerie Bristol Museum & Art Gallery und der nahegelegenen Royal West of England Academy, wo Sie sich verschiedene Sammlungen und Ausstellungen ansehen können. Für den Hunger um die Mittagszeit hält St. Nick's Market in der Altstadt eine Fülle von kulinarischen Genüssen bereit.

Bevor Sie abreisen, sollten Sie nicht die fantastische Street Art in Bristol verpassen, die sich am besten mit einer Street Art Tour entdecken lässt. Oder beenden Sie Ihren Aufenthalt mit einem anderen Höhepunkt – mit dem Besuch der berühmten Concorde im Aerospace Bristol. Vielleicht sind zwei Nächte sogar nicht einmal genug...

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## DÍA UNO

Tómate un café en el puerto y visita M Shed, un museo que cuenta la historia de Bristol, antes de visitar una de las últimas exposiciones del Arnolfini, uno de los principales centros de artes contemporáneas de Europa. Disfruta del almuerzo en Watershed o en No. 1 Harbourside, ambos con vistas al mar.

Toma un ferry hasta el SS Great Britain de Brunel, el primer crucero de lujo del mundo, totalmente restaurado con toda su gloria victoriana. No te pierdas la oportunidad de subir a bordo o de visitar el nuevo museo Being Brunel. Pasea por la histórica King Street hasta Bristol Old Vic, el teatro que más tiempo lleva en activo en el Reino Unido.

Para cenar, prueba The Ox donde disfrutarás de excelentes bistecs, Hotel du Vin con su alta gastronomía o Aquila donde podrás paladear comida italiana moderna.

## DÍA DOS

Dirígete a Clifton para ver el puente colgante y el fascinante centro de visitantes. Después date una vuelta por la tiendas independientes y almuerza en uno de los cafés de Clifton Village.

Disfruta de la vida salvaje en el Parque Zoológico de Bristol o visita el Jardín Botánico de la Universidad Bristol. Dirígete a la Cabot Tower para disfrutar de fantásticas vistas de la ciudad. Haz una visita a St Georges Bristol para escuchar a músicos e intérpretes de clase mundial. Después, es hora de un poco de terapia de compras en el barrio comercial de Bristol, incluida una visita a Harvey Nichols.

Explora lo último en gastronomía en los restaurantes de última moda situados en contenedores en Cargo en el puerto antes de acabar la noche en The Milk Thistle o King Street Brew House; o disfruta de la escena musical y de las sesiones de DJ de la ciudad en pubs y clubes nocturnos.

## DÍA TRES

Explora las galerías y exposiciones en Bristol Museum



& Art Gallery y la vecina Royal West of England Academy. Para comer, disfruta de los puestos del Mercado de St Nick en la zona antigua de la ciudad.

Antes de marcharte, no te pierdas el increíble arte urbano de Bristol; la mejor manera de descubrirlo es hacer una visita artística guiada por las calles. O concluye el viaje por todo lo alto visitando el famoso Concorde en Aerospace Bristol. De hecho, dos noches podrían no ser suficientes...

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# UN WEEK-END INOUBLIABLE



Restez deux nuits/trois jours à Bristol pour profiter au mieux des trésors de la ville.

## PREMIER JOUR

Prenez un petit café dans le quartier de Harbourside et visitez M Shed, le musée qui retrace l'histoire de la ville de Bristol, avant d'aller découvrir la dernière exposition à l'Arnolfini, un des plus importants centres d'art contemporain d'Europe. Pour le déjeuner, rendez-vous au Watershed ou au N°1 Harbourside, tous les deux situés au bord de l'eau.

Prenez ensuite le ferry pour aller voir le SS Great Britain, premier bateau de croisière de luxe au monde, construit par l'ingénieur Isambard Kingdom Brunel. Entièrement restauré, le paquebot a retrouvé sa splendeur de l'époque victorienne. N'hésitez pas à grimper la mâture, ou alors visitez le nouveau musée dédié à Brunel, Being Brunel. Descendez ensuite la pittoresque King Street pour arriver au Bristol Old Vic, le plus ancien théâtre en activité continue du Royaume-Uni.

Pour le dîner, essayez The Ox si vous aimez les steaks, l'Hotel du Vin pour sa cuisine raffinée ou l'Aquila pour sa cuisine italienne contemporaine.

## DEUXIÈME JOUR

Allez à Clifton pour y voir son Pont suspendu et découvrir son fascinant pavillon d'accueil. Après cela, flânez dans les boutiques du village de Clifton et déjeunez dans un café.

Allez à la rencontre du monde animalier au Zoo de Bristol, ou visitez le jardin botanique de l'Université. Rendez-vous à la tour Cabot pour y admirer le panorama de la ville. Pour entendre des artistes de renommée mondiale, allez à St George's. Il est ensuite l'heure de faire un brin de shopping au Bristol Shopping Quarter, où Harvey Nichols attend de vous accueillir.



Brunel's SS Great Britain

Pour dîner, rendez-vous dans les restaurants dernière tendance de Cargo, des conteneurs stylés situés dans Harbourside, avant d'aller à The Milk Thistle ou King Street Brew House pour terminer la soirée autour d'un verre. Si le cœur vous en dit, vous pouvez également faire le tour des pubs et des clubs et découvrir les concerts live et les meilleurs DJ.

## TROISIÈME JOUR

Découvrez les galeries et les expositions au Bristol Museum & Art Gallery ou à la Royal West of England Academy, toute proche. Pour le déjeuner, réglez-vous à St Nick's Market dans la vieille ville.

Avant de partir, ne manquez pas de découvrir l'exceptionnel street art de Bristol, de préférence au cours d'une visite guidée. Ou, pour finir en beauté, allez voir le célèbre Concorde à Aerospace Bristol. En fait, deux nuits/trois jours ne seront probablement pas suffisants...

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# PER UN WEEKEND DA RICORDARE



Godetevi al massimo Bristol e tutto ciò che ha da offrire con un soggiorno di almeno due notti.

## 1° GIORNO

Prendete un caffè lungo l'Harbourside e visitate M Shed, un museo sulla storia di Bristol, prima di dare un'occhiata a una delle ultime mostre allestite presso l'Arnolfini, uno dei principali centri di arte contemporanea d'Europa. Pranzate al Watershed o al No. 1 Harbourside, entrambi con una fantastica vista sul fiume.

Prendete un traghetto che vi porti alla Brunel's SS Great Britain, la prima nave da crociera di lusso al mondo, completamente restaurata per mostrare l'antico splendore dell'epoca Vittoriana. Non perdetevi l'occasione di partecipare al "Go Aloft" oppure visitate il nuovo museo Being Brunel. Fate una passeggiata lungo la storica King Street fino al Bristol Old Vic, il più antico teatro del Regno Unito ancora in attività.

A cena, provate The Ox se volete assaggiare delle bistecche strepitose, Hotel du Vin per un cibo raffinato oppure Aquila per una cucina italiana moderna.

## 2° GIORNO

Dirigetevi a Clifton per vedere il Ponte sospeso e l'affascinante centro per visitatori. Dopodiché, fate un giro per i negozi indipendenti prima di una pausa pranzo in uno dei café del Clifton Village.

Andate alla scoperta della vita selvatica visitando il Giardino zoologico di Bristol oppure il Giardino botanico dell'università di Bristol. Dirigetevi alla torre Cabot Tower per godere di una veduta fantastica sulla città.

Fate un salto a St Georges Bristol, dove potrete ascoltare musicisti e vedersi esibire artisti di prim'ordine. A seguire, un po' di shopping terapeutico nel Quartiere dello shopping di Bristol, inclusa una visita ai negozi Harvey Nichols.

Per la cena, scoprite le ultime tendenze con i ristoranti container Cargo's lungo l'Harbourside prima di concedervi un digestivo al The Milk Thistle o al King Street Brew House. In alternativa, godetevi la scena musicale dal vivo e i DJ set più importanti della città nei pub e nei club.

## 3° GIORNO

Esplorate le gallerie e le mostre del Bristol Museum & Art Gallery e della vicina galleria d'arte Royal West of England Academy. Per pranzo, lauti banchetti al mercato St Nick's Market nella città vecchia.

Prima di andare via, non perdetevi i meravigliosi graffiti di Bristol, che consigliamo di scoprire con un tour dedicato ai graffiti. In alternativa, terminate il viaggio dall'alto visitando il famoso Concorde nel museo Aerospace Bristol. Effettivamente, due notti potrebbero non essere sufficienti...

Per altre idee e dettagli sui meravigliosi festival ed eventi organizzati in città tutto l'anno, visitate il sito [www.visitbristol.co.uk](http://www.visitbristol.co.uk)



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## 第一天

在港口边买一杯咖啡，首先参观介绍布里斯托尔历史的M Shed博物馆。再到领衔当代欧洲艺术展览中心 - Arnolfini欣赏最新的艺术展。您可以在Watershed或 No.1 Harbourside享用午餐，这两家水滨餐馆都提供露天座位。

午餐后乘渡船去参观布鲁莱尔的SS Great Britain，这是世界第一艘豪华游轮，经过修复后完全重现它在维多利亚时代的荣耀。千万不要错过上桅的壮观场面，或参观新Being Brunel博物馆的机会。之后，漫步到古老国王街的Bristol Old Vic，这是英国连续演出时间最长的剧院。

晚餐可去The Ox品尝大牛排，去Hotel du Vin品尝美味佳肴，或去Aquila尝尝现代意大利风味食品。

## 第二天

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下午到布里斯托尔动物园观看野生动物，或参观布里斯托尔大学植物园。然后前往Cabot Tower领略迷人的城市景色。再到St George's Bristol，欣赏世界级音乐家和表演家的演奏。您可以在布里斯托尔的商业街逛逛零售店，哈维·尼克斯（Harvey Nichols）品牌店也在其中。

去港口边Cargo的时尚集装箱餐馆进晚餐，然后在The Milk Thistle或King Street Brew House酒吧享用一杯睡前美酒，或去酒吧和夜总会看看本市的实况音乐场景和顶级音乐节目主持人的风采。

## 第三天

参观布里斯托尔博物馆和美术馆以及附近英国皇家西部学院的画廊和展览。午餐在老城区St Nick's Market的摊位上吃大排挡。

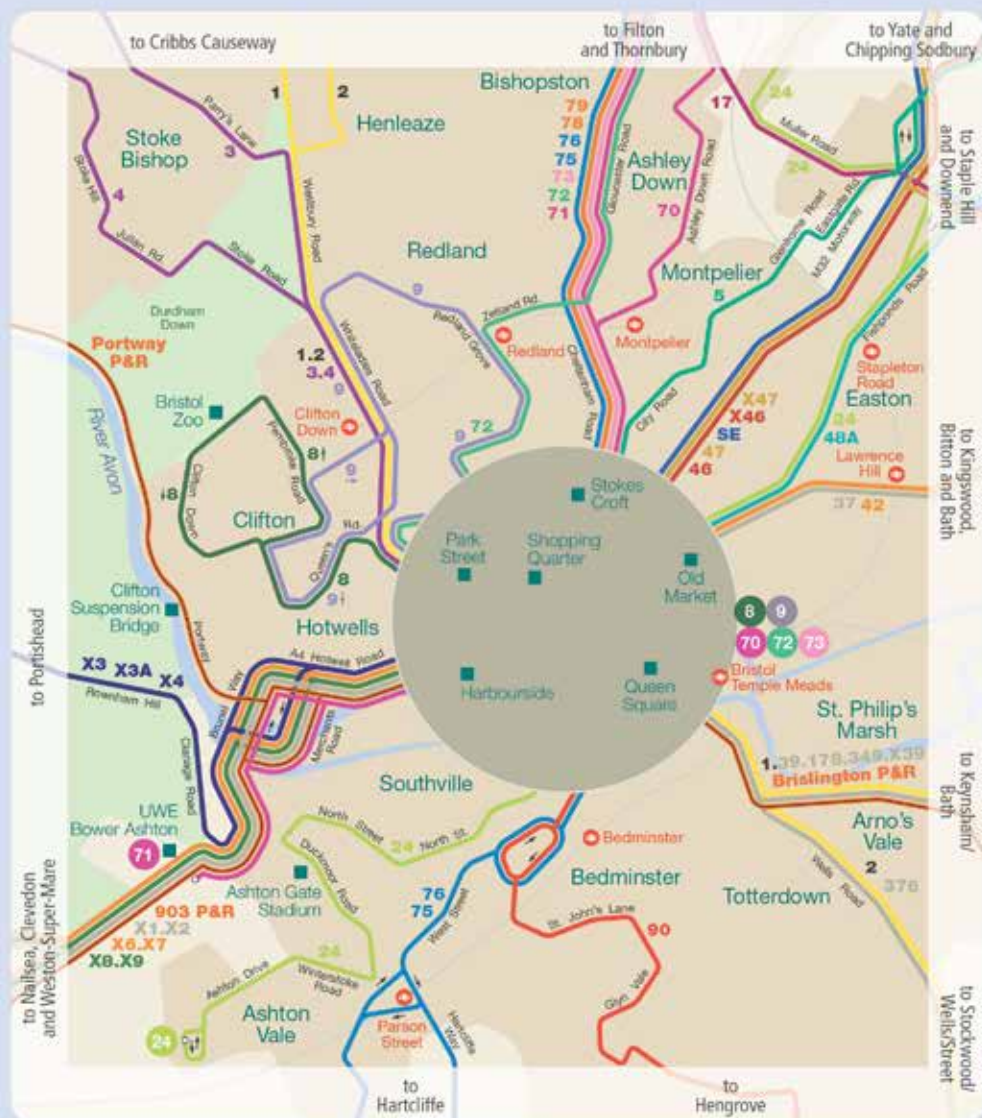
在您离开之前，千万不要错过布里斯托尔令人惊叹的街头艺术，在街头艺术巡演期间必定会有惊喜的发现。或者，在结束旅程之前，也可以到布里斯托尔航空博物馆观看著名的协和式超音速喷气客机。事实上，两天两夜或许根本不够…

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