

# BRISTOL United Kingdom



## Facts:

- Bristol is the unofficial capital of the West Country
- 8th most populated city in the UK, with approximately 421,000 people
- Receives over 9 million visitors a year
- Hub for commercial and creative industries such as aerospace, electronics and media
- Bristol is home to over 17,500 businesses such as Rolls-Royce, Aardman Animations, BBC
- More than a third of the UK owned FTSE 100 companies have a significant presence in the Bristol area
- Home to Cabot Circus, which won the title of "Best Shopping Centre in Europe."
- London is 124 miles away
- In 2008 Bristol was crowned the best city in the UK and Ireland by the Academy of Urbanism
- Famous pirate, Blackbeard, was allegedly born in the city. Also known as Edward Teach, the infamous sailor led a reign of terror over the Caribbean
- Bristol boasts over 450 parks and green spaces, proportionately more than any other UK city

## Bristol

Bristol is the largest and most lively city in the south-west of England and its water-side location, lined with historic buildings, tourist attractions, boats and restaurants, makes a visit to Bristol quite memorable. The city is full of energy and excitement, and has even been nominated as a European Centre of Culture.

Bristol is a multicultural city that offers an extremely diverse range of activities for visitors and business travelers alike. Bursting with things to see and do, some of the sights are quite unique, like the graffiti of the local world renowned street artist Banksy and the restored Victorian ocean liner SS Great Britain. Bristol also has a vibrant nightlife, exciting shopping, and a fascinating maritime heritage that is preserved and showcased in the lively Old Harbour area.

Many people flock to Bristol for the many events that take place throughout the year, including the airborne Bristol Balloon Fiesta and Kite Festival as well as some of the UK's most respected film festivals.

## Top Attractions:

Bristol Zoo Gardens  
Bristol Museum and Art Gallery  
Brunel's SS Great Britain  
Explore-At-Bristol

## Transport

Bristol is one of the most easily accessible cities in the UK, with excellent road, rail and air links.

Bristol Airport is a large international airport, with operators flying into Bristol from 112 different countries. Bristol Airport is situated just 8 miles south of central Bristol, and is easily accessed via the A38. Direct flights operate to Bristol Airport from across the UK and Europe, and regular routes operate from North America via Dublin. An express coach service offers a convenient way to get to the city, with regular coaches running from the airport to Bristol city centre bus and train stations. The journey takes around 30 minutes

Bristol is ideally situated for road access from London as well as from the north and east of England, it being situated at the intersection of the M4 and M5 motorways. Bristol Temple Meads railway station is the largest rail hub in the west of England, with direct services available from London, Scotland, Wales, Manchester and Birmingham. Travel from London Paddington takes approximately 1 hour 35 minutes.