

Situated along the river **Avon** in the **South West of England**, Bristol is a spectacular city of a thousand resources.

Renowned as a “**Science City**” thanks to the famous science **universities** University of Bristol and University of the West of England, Bristol is also the **green capital of U.K.** with lots of parks and green spaces .

As in winter it is quite cold and Bristol is a rainy city, it is better to visit the city in the **summer** when it’s sunnier and warmer.

A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY

The history of Bristol dates back to **1066** when the Normans established a



settlement there. By the 14th century, the city was trading with Spain, Portugal, the Mediterranean and Iceland and after **1497**, when John Cabot sailed from Bristol with his ship to discover new territories, including **Canada**. In the mid 18th century Bristol became England's second biggest city as it supplied Britain of goods produced by slaves. Despite the abolition of the slave trade and the bombings of the Second World War, Bristol was able to recover and nowadays is one of the most important cities in the South West of England.

WHAT TO SEE

*The **Clifton Suspension Bridge** is the symbol of the city of Bristol. It was designed by the great Victorian engineer Isambard



Kingdom Brunel in 1754 and it links Clifton in Bristol to Leigh Woods in North Somerset, going through the **Avon Gorge**.

*Don’t miss the The Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity commonly known as **Bristol Cathedral**, in College Green. Its importance dates back to 1140, when Robert Fitzhardinge founded the Abbey of St. Augustine and it is **the most suggestive example of hall church** in Britain.



WHAT TO DO

There are a lot of things to do in Bristol: you can go sightseeing and have a river cruise, have a drink in the various bars and pubs, shopping and enjoy yourself.

*The **Colston Hall** is perfect if you’re keen on **music**. It’s the largest concert

hall in Bristol and it has hosted some of the best artists in the history of music, such as **Bob Marley** and the **Beatles**.

*On the rainy days go to the recent shopping centre **Cabot Circus**. It is located near **Broadmead**, the main **shopping** district in Bristol city centre. Cabot Circus hosts over 120 shops, 25 cafes and restaurants and a cinema with 13 screens.

*If you like **singing** in Stephens Street there's the **Karaoke-Me**. It doesn't matter if you're not inclined to it, because you will have a **private room** for you and your friends and you will have fun all together singing your favorite songs. Then you can go to the pub **Llandoger Trow**, in the historical centre of Bristol.

*A good place to eat is the **Severnshed Restaurant** in the **harbourside**. This building has the shape of a **boat** and in the summer you can have dinner on the terrace, eating fish and drinking a cocktail.

EVENTS

*Don't miss the **Bristol International Balloon Fiesta** in August where many teams from the UK and other parts of the world bring their **hot air balloons**.



And when it's dark don't go away! There's the **nightglow** when the balloons are inflated and glow to music.

*The **Bristol Harbour Festival**, at the weekend between July and August, it's the largest event in the harbourside. There you can see many types of boats and tall ships of any ages, the music doesn't lack and on the last night there are the **fireworks**.

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