

How to get here, where to stay and eating and drinking

Travelling to the Bower Ashton Campus, UWE Bristol

The University is easy to reach from most areas of the country, situated close to the M4 and M5 motorways. There are also excellent train and coach connections.

By Car - From the South and West exit the M5 at junction 19 (Gordano Services). Take the A369 exit off the roundabout, towards Bristol, signposted Easton-in-Gordano and Clifton (Toll). Continue for c. five miles along the A369, and you will go past the police dog and horse training centre, turn right onto Kennel Lodge Road and take the next left where you will find our car park. **From the North**, exit M5 southbound at junction interchange 15/20 M5/M4 for Bristol City Centre, exit M4 at the next junction, 19 for the M32 and stay on until the end which feeds into the city centre. Head for the Bath Bridge roundabout and take the 2nd exit onto the A370, at Bedminster Bridge Roundabout take the 2nd exit onto the A370, then branch left, then merge onto the A3029. Branch right and continue forward onto the A369. At the roundabout take the 2nd exit onto the A369, turn left onto Courtlands Lane and continue forward onto Kennel Lodge Road. **From the East**, exit M4 at junction 19 for southbound at the M32 and stay on until the end which feeds into the city centre as above.

By train - the station is Bristol Temple Meads

<http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/stations/BRI/details.aspx>

By bus/coach – the station is Bristol Bus and Coach Station

All buses arrive in the station in Marlborough Street.

<http://www.firstgroup.com/ukbus/southwest/bristol/home/>

By plane – Bristol International Airport

For destinations to and from Bristol airport see:

<http://www.bristolairport.co.uk>

The Bristol International Flyer coach goes to the city centre from outside the Arrivals exit.

You can book tickets online, from 7 GBP single, 11 GBP return. For full details with prices, of the airport coach see:

<http://www.bristolairport.co.uk/getting-to-bia/by-airport-express-link.aspx>

A taxi from the airport to the city centre is around £30.00. There is a taxi company at the airport along the covered walkway. If you are travelling in a pair or a small group, it is faster and cheaper to take the taxi option.

There is also useful information at <https://bristolstreets.co.uk> which has interactive links to show you bus routes, car parks, walking times between places that you can input.

Parking -

We have free visitor parking at the Bower Ashton Campus but you will need to display a visitor's permit in your car which you can pick up in the information point. There is also pay and display parking at the Ashton Court park which is further up Kennel Lodge Road – c. £1.20 per day.

Some places to stay

These places are ones we have used for guests previously.

(N.B. If you are calling any of the following hotels from outside the UK, you need to take off the initial 0 and add +44 (so, 0117 9897200 becomes +44 117 9897200 for example)

B&B's - None in the central area that we would recommend.

Our favourite B&B is:

The Greenhouse

61 Greenbank Road, Southville, Bristol, BS3 1RJ

Tel: 0117 9029166

www.thegreenhousebristol.co.uk

fran@thegreenhousebristol.co.uk

Book quickly if you want to stay here. £75 per room single, 105 double. The Greenhouse in Southville is a great B&B with amazing organic breakfasts, and a friendly owner, on a quiet residential street. We use this place for visitors all the time. Only a few rooms. Free on street parking outside. Walking distance to Bower Ashton is 15 mins and near to North Street, which has nice bars and places to eat. Recommended if you want somewhere quiet away from the centre.

The Ashville Pub and B&B, 15 Leigh Street, Bristol BS3 1SN

Tel: +44 (0)117 939 4692

<http://www.theashville.co.uk>

stay@theashville.co.uk

This is a new place that we haven't stayed in but have eaten food at (very nice!). It is around the corner from the Greenhouse B&B (above), it is a pub – but more of an eating than late night drinking place as it is in the middle of a residential area. The Ashville Pub and B&B has single rooms at £48 and twins at £60.

Hotels:

IBIS Bristol Centre

(make sure it is **IBIS Bristol Centre Explore Lane**, there is more than one IBIS in Bristol)

Explore Lane, Bristol BS1 5TY

Tel: 0117 9897200

www.ibishotel.com/ibis/fichehotel/gb/ibi/5547/fiche_hotel.shtml

Around £70 -£80 per room, per night on weekends. Has a small bar/cafe. No car park but they offer a discount scheme for the car park next door. It is in the Centre, so plenty of places to eat and drink. Make sure you ask for a quiet room away from the front (which overlooks Millennium Square full of bars and restaurants). The breakfasts are okay but don't pay extra for it if it isn't in the rate as you could get a cheaper and much nicer one from: **Woodes** café on Park Street (no 18 Park St, Bristol, Sat only, open 8am), or **Boston Tea Party** further up Park Street, no 75, open Saturday 7am and Sunday 8am), or behind Arnolfini **Caffe Gusto** does a very good breakfast (Saturday from 8am and Sunday from 9am) and **Princes Pantry** (variable hours) right behind Arnolfini (see eating and drinking section).

YHA Bristol (Youth Hostel)

Hayman House, 14 Narrow Quay, Bristol BS1 4QA

Tel 0117 9221659

Email: bristol@yha.org.uk

<http://www.yha.org.uk/find-accommodation/south-west-england/hostels/Bristol/index.aspx>

Prices from: £16 per person. Walking distance (c. 10-15 mins from Temple Meads train station or the bus station). Very central, it's next door but one to Arnolfini. It can get very noisy though so don't stay here if you are a light sleeper! No car park.

Mercure Bristol Holland House Hotel and Spa

Redcliffe Hill, BS1 6SQ

Large hotel with an indoor swimming pool. Rooms are expensive but visitors have often got very good deals online. It is within easy walking distance of Temple Meads, if you are driving it has a large car park. Just across the water from Queen Square, near St Mary Redcliffe Church. It is a short walk to the centre for eating and drinking c. 3 mins. A quieter place to stay as it isn't on the main drag.

<http://www.mercure.com/gb/hotel-6698-mercure-bristol-holland-house-hotel-and-spa/index.shtml>

Bristol Marriott Royal Hotel

College Green, Bristol, BS1 5TA

Tel: 0117 9255 100

<http://www.marriott.co.uk/hotels/travel/brsry-bristol-marriott-royal-hotel/>

Is expensive but sometimes does deals on rooms, and has a swimming pool and it is very central although often busy with weddings on weekends. On Park Street so handy for bars, cafes, shops. It isn't worth full price so only book it if you can get a good rate.

Travelodge Bristol Central Hotel

Anchor Road, Bristol BS1 5TT.

Tel: 0871 984 6223. Fax: 0117 925 5147.

Has rooms from £51.00 a night. Near to the Millennium Square. It isn't inspiring, ask for a room at the back as it is on the main road. Make sure you book the **Central Travelodge**.

<http://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/78/Bristol-Central-hotel>

A bit further away is Clifton - the posher end of town, up the hill, c. 30 minutes walk uphill from the city centre. Visitors have stayed recently in the **Best Western Victoria Square Hotel**, and got a really good deal online and said it was very nice. Victoria Square, Bristol, BS8 4EW.

<http://www.bestwestern.co.uk/hotels/victoria-square-hotel-bristol-83700/hotel-info/default.aspx>

Also the **Clifton House Hotel** is recommended by visitors who stay here each year and say it is really good (it is a B&B though not a hotel so only breakfast served). Single £60, Double/Twin £75. 4 Tyndall's Park Road, Clifton, Bristol BS8 1PG. <http://cliftonhousebristol.com>

Where NOT to stay:

Any of the B&Bs on Coronation Road, not very nice at all.

Premier Inn on King Street – it is really noisy.

The Bristol Hotel next door to Arnolfini has had mixed reviews so we haven't put it on the list this year.

Eating and Drinking

Breakfast

Caffe Gusto (Saturday from 8am and Sunday from 9am) and **Princes Pantry** (variable hours) are right behind Arnolfini in the city centre. If you are staying nearer to the Park Street area then **Woodes** café on Park Street (no 18 Park St, Bristol, Sat only, open 8am) or **Boston Tea Party** further up Park Street at no 75, opens Saturday 7am and Sunday 8am). The **Crepe and Coffee Cabin** on the bridge behind Arnolfini opens at 10am on weekends.

Evenings

City Centre

Arnolfini's café/bar serves food (until 10pm) and is open for drinks until 11pm. Across the water, **Watershed** has a nice bar serving food upstairs, **Bordeaux Quay** has a bar and restaurant serving organic food, there are also numerous chain bistros/bars towards the Millennium Square area.

Olive Shed (Princess Wharf, a short walk along the harbour towards the SS Great Britain from the Arnolfini side of the water). Lovely. Get there early though as it is tiny and gets busy.

Graze Bar & Chophouse, 63 Queen Square, just up from Arnolfini. A Bath Ales bar and restaurant serving modern British food; you can have a full meal or just snacks, lots of good meat, fresh fish and always has nice veggie options. Great (but not cheap) wine list and a good selection of local beers. If it is nice you can also sit outside.

riverstation, The Grove is expensive if you eat in the restaurant but much cheaper if you eat downstairs in the bar, on the outside deck if the weather is nice. Good range of modern European food, using British produce.

Obento, Japanese restaurant on Baldwin Street does great Bento boxes, yummy tempura and a wide choice of fresh sushi.

Urban Tandoor Indian restaurant, 13 Small Street Bristol BS1 1DE. Lovely food, fresh cooking and super naan breads! It is just off the centre on Small Street.

Park Street has numerous bars and places to eat: Goldbrick House is lovely (and expensive), Boston Tea Party does good food until 8pm, also the usual chains, Jamie's Italian etc. and more as you wander up.

Krishna's Inn on The Triangle (top of Park Street), recommended for good Kerala food.

Surakhan, 52 Park Row (behind Park Street), great Korean food.

Further up from Park Street is Whiteladies Road which is chock full of restaurants and bars, but it's a fair walk up from the central area.

Renato's Taverna del Artista (33-34 King Street) does cheap, decent pizza in the downstairs bar, and can accommodate a group quite easily if you get there early. It is very popular as it serves the theatre next door and has a late licence so people tend to crowd in there after hours.

Closer to Bower Ashton

The Hope & Anchor, 38 Jacobs Wells Rd, also does good beer and honest food, and has a small beer garden – and is a short walk from Bower Ashton.

Tobacco Factory Raleigh Road, Southville, Bristol BS3 1TF. Mediterranean food, drinks, open until around 11 pm in the week, 12 at the weekend.

Café Sazz, 232 North Street, don't be put off by the gaudy décor, the food is great especially the Turkish specialities.

Hide and Souk/Souk Kitchen, 277 North Street, lovely Middle Eastern cooking.

El Rincón, 298 North Street, lovely Spanish restaurant bar, open Tues-Sun.

Thali cafe, 278 North Street, Bristol BS3 1TF (next door to the Tobacco Factory). Good curry.

Al's Tikka Grill 33 Ashton Road, Ashton, Bristol (alongside Greville Smyth park). Traditional British Cafe by day serving great, cheap staple food, transforms into a 'Bring your Own' Indian Restaurant by night.

Fishminster, 267 North Street, freshly cooked fish and chips to eat in or take away.

North Street has quite a few cafes and bistro/bars so it is worth a wander along.

Other places to visit

Museums and Galleries

[Watershed](#), [Arnolfini](#), [Royal West of England Academy](#), [Spike Island](#) and [Bristol City Museums and Art Galleries](#).

Cinemas

[Watershed](#), [Arnolfini](#), [Cube Cinema](#), [Showcase](#)

Theatres

[Tobacco Factory](#), [Arnolfini](#), [Bristol Old Vic](#), [Bristol Hippodrome](#)

For free download maps of the city centre see:

<http://visitbristol.co.uk/about-bristol/travel-and-maps/bristol-maps>

For an idea of the city, see <http://visitbristol.co.uk> for general tourist info.