

How to get here and where to stay, eat and drink

The places to stay, eat and drink are only our personal recommendations. Places we have used for previous guests or have eaten at ourselves.

Travelling to Bristol

By train - the station is Bristol Temple Meads

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

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/flight-information.aspx>

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

For full details with prices, of the airport coach see:

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

There is also a really useful website at <http://www.bristolstreets.co.uk> which has interactive links to show you bus routes, car parks, taxis stands etc.

Some places to stay

(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

Fax: 0117 9029007

www.thegreenhousebristol.co.uk

Book quickly if you want to stay here!

50 GBP per room single, 80 GBP per room double. The Greenhouse in Southville is a great B&B with organic breakfasts, and a friendly owner. We use this place for visitors all the time. Only a few rooms. Free on street parking outside. Walking distance to the college (c. 15 mins) and near to North Street in Southville which has nice bars and places to eat.

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

Fax: 0117 9897210

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

Around 50-70 GBP 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 and close to Arnolfini. Make sure you ask for a quiet room away from the front which overlooks Millennium Square which faces bars and restaurants.

The bus stop for the 359 to Portishead is just behind the IBIS on Anchor Road. This bus stops at the end of the road by the college.

The Bristol Hotel

Prince Street, Bristol, UK, BS1 4QF

Tel: 0117 923 0333 Fax: 0117 923 0300

http://www.doylecollection.com/locations/bristol_hotels/the_bristol_hotel.aspxHas bar/restaurant/waterfront location.

Car park discount scheme with the NCP car park next door is has variable rates for the weekend. They have rooms from 50-80 GBP per room per night on weekends including breakfast. Central, close to Arnolfini.

YHA Bristol (Youth Hostel)

Hayman House, 14 Narrow Quay, Bristol BS1 4QA

Tel 0117 9221659

Fax: 0117 9273789

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, next to Arnolfini and the Centre. It can get noisy though. No car park but there is the NCP car park next door, and a car park on the Mud Dock around the corner.

City Inn

City Inn Bristol, Temple Way, Bristol, BS1 6BF

Tel: 0117 925 1001

email: bristol.reservations@cityinn.com

<http://www.cityinn.com/bristol/bristol-hotels.htm>

Comfortable rooms from around 70 GBP per room per night online (cheaper sometimes when doing deals). A small bar, very nice restaurant and lovely breakfasts. Close to Temple Meads train station (3 min walk). Has a small car park, but parking is on a first come first served basis.

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, a bit out on a limb for getting the bus to the college, but 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

Fax: 0117 925 1515

<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 car park. On Park Street so handy for bars, cafes, shopping. It isn't worth full price (c.130 GBP) so only book if you get a good rate.

Travelodge Bristol Central Hotel

Anchor Road, Bristol BS1 5TT.

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

Has rooms from £61.00 a night. Near to the Centre, and the Portishead bus stop 359, if you want to get a bus to the college. Make sure you book the **Central Travelodge**.

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

Where NOT to stay: Premier Inn Hotel Bristol City Centre (King St) is really noisy as it is where all the bars stay open until 3am. **Any of the B&Bs on Coronation Road**, not very nice at all.

Eating and Drinking

There are lots of places around the central area.

Harbourside area

Watershed has a nice bar upstairs, **Bordeaux Quay** has a bar and restaurant serving organic food, there is also Pizza Express, numerous bistro/bars here.

Arnolfini's café/bar serves food (until 10.00pm) and is open for drinks until 11pm.

Graze Bar & Chophouse

63 Queen Square. A Bath Ales bar / restaurant which serves lovely 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 wine list, good beers. If it is nice you can also sit outside.

Olive Shed (Princess Wharf, a short walk along the harbour towards the SS Great Britain from the Arnolfini side of the water). Lovely in summer.

Severnshed gets busy on the weekend but does decent food and expensive drinks! On The Grove just up from the Thekla. Happy hour usually until 7pm if you want half price cocktails.

riverstation, The Grove (next door to Severnshed) 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.

Park Street has numerous bars and places to eat: Boston Tea Party, Pizza Express, Café Rouge, Bar Ha Ha, Ask Pizza, Browns, etc. and lots more as you wander up. Further up again is Whiteladies Road which is chock full of restaurants and bars, but a fair walk up from the central area.

Colston Yard, Colston Street, up from the centre, has a Butcombe Brewery bar which also serves food.

The Hope & Anchor, 38 Jacobs Wells Rd also does good beer and honest food, and has a small beer garden.

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

Corn Street has lots of bars and Pizza Express, it does get very busy and noisy later in the evening around here.

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.

Thekla, the boat moored in The Grove just past the Mud Dock behind Arnolfini. If the weather is nice you can sit out on the deck and have a drink. It gets very busy later in the evenings as it is also a music venue and open until c. 3 am - you do have to pay to get in if you go later in the evening.

Places to eat close to UWE / Southville/Bedminster

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.

Teoh's, 278 North Street, Bristol BS3 1TF (next door to the Tobacco Factory). Asian bistro.

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.

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

For free maps of the city centre see:

<http://visitbristol.co.uk/site/visitor-information/maps>