Bristol, the capital of the South West of England, is only 2 hours by car or 1 hour 45 minutes by train from London. An historic maritime city, it’s full of exciting attractions and bustling with events and festivals throughout the year, from waterfront regattas to ballooning spectaculars. There’s fantastic shopping at Cabot Circus, wonderful fresh food markets in the Medieval Old City, stunning nightlife, restaurants and cafés on the Harbourside and some of the finest theatres and concert halls in the country.

food & drink

Bordeaux Quay
V.Shed Canons Way, Bristol, BS1 5UH
www.bordeaux-quay.co.uk

Glassboat
Welsh Back, Bristol, BS1 4SB
www.glassboat.co.uk

Mud Dock Café Bar
Mud Dock, 40 The Grove, Bristol, BS1 4RB
www.mud-dock.co.uk/cafe

where to stay

★★★★
The Bristol Hotel
Prince Street, Harbourside, Bristol, BS1 4QF
www.doylecollection.com

★★★★
Mercure Bristol Brigstow Hotel
Welsh Back 5-7, Bristol, BS1 4SP
www.mercure.com

★★★★
Bristol Marriott Royal Hotel
College Green, Bristol, BS1 5TA
www.marriott.co.uk

other things to see and do...

• Bristol’s city museums and galleries
  www.bristol.gov.uk/museums

• Sacred Bristol: St Mary Redcliffe, Bristol Cathedral and John Wesley’s Chapel
  www.visitbristol.co.uk

• Cabot Circus shopping centre
  www.cabotcircus.com

1 Clifton Suspension Bridge & Clifton Village

The Clifton Suspension Bridge was designed by the great Victorian engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel, although he never lived to see his creation finished in 1864. Its spectacular setting on the cliffs of the Avon Gorge have made it the symbol of Bristol, drawing thousands of visitors a year just to stroll across for views of the gorge and elegant Clifton. Clifton Village is the most beautiful shopping quarter in Bristol. Stroll amongst wonderful Georgian architecture and take your pick from one of the many up-market independent shops and boutiques selling jewellery, art, gifts, furniture, fashion, good food and more. Clifton Village is the place to come for great shopping, beautiful gifts and interesting shops with old fashioned service.

www.cliftonbridge.org.uk

2 Brunel’s ss Great Britain

Built and launched in Bristol in 1843, Isambard Kingdom Brunel’s maritime masterpiece was the world’s first ocean-going, propeller driven iron ship. The historic vessel is being conserved for future generations under a ‘glass sea’ in the very dockyard where she was built. Visitors are encouraged to experience what life was like for her Victorian passengers and crew including a visit to the recently installed three-storey tall moving engine.

www.ssgreatbritain.org

3 Harbourside
(Bristol Aquarium, At-Bristol and boat trips)

Discover the lively harbour in Bristol. At-Bristol is an exciting hands-on science centre with a fascinating planetarium. Don’t miss the amazing Bristol Aquarium and boat trips.

www.visitbristol.co.uk

4 St Nicholas Market & Old City

St Nicholas Market is a great place to shop all the year round. The choice of goods, food, its historical architecture and quirky ambience combine to make it the perfect place to shop, eat and find that special gift. The market is divided into four independent areas each with their own character and focus: the permanent 6 day markets in the Exchange Hall, the Glass Arcade and the Covered Market, and a variety of different street markets trading on Corn Street.

www.stnicholasmarketbristol.co.uk

5 Bristol Zoo Gardens

A visit to Bristol Zoo Gardens is a trip to an amazing world of animals, all set within award winning 12 acre gardens. Meet over 400 species of exotic, endangered and just plain cute animals from the four corners of the globe.

www.bristolzoo.org.uk