



**See what Bristol has to offer - in green are some suggested itineraries.**

Best general website [Visit Bristol - Official Bristol Tourist Information Site](#)

Best free tourist map [BD10516 Sweet History Walking Map.pdf](#)

The information in this list is correct at time of writing (January 2023) but it is advisable to check opening times for all attractions via websites before planning your visit.

Many of the sites and activities listed are walking distance from the conference venue, St George's.

## ***Free Activities and places to visit - Museums and galleries***

### [Bristol Museums](#)

**Bristol Museum and Art Gallery Open Tues-Sun 10.00am-5.00pm**

#### **Highlights:**

Egyptian artefacts

French art-19th-early 20th century

Victorian art-Edward Burn-Jones, Arthur Hughes, Dante Gabriel Rossetti, Edward Lear, David Roberts

Modern and Contemporary- Ai Weiwei, Peter Lanyon, Barbara Hepworth

Eastern Art- Chinese ceramics, netsuke

18th-19th century English ceramics- porcelain, Bristol Pottery including delftware, stoneware

Bristol blue glass

Irene Finch collection of Japanese Porcelain- new acquisitions, **recommended**

#### ***Café and gift shop***

**Combine this with: Tootbus round Bristol tour (see below)- get off at stop 3. The best café nearby is run by Spicer and Cole at RWA which is just up the road and can be accessed without visiting the RWA gallery.**

### **The Georgian House Museum**

**Closed until April 2023- usually open Tues 11.00am -4.00pm closed Wed.**

Upstairs-downstairs life in 1790- a Bristol sugar plantation and slave owner's home.

### **M Shed**

**Open Tues-Sun 10.00am-5.00pm**

Displays documenting Bristol's trading and industrial past, highlighting personal stories of Bristol working people, "Bristol" vehicles. The statue of Edward Colston retrieved from the docks after being toppled from its plinth is currently in storage and not on display.

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*M Shed cont.*

**Hosting Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition until May 29th** Tickets: £7 (£5 concession)

Outside the building are the rare 1878 Stothert and Pitt steam crane, and four electric cranes built in 1951 when this was a bustling wharf.

The reconstruction of John Cabot's ship The Matthew, which retraced his voyage to Newfoundland in 1997 for the 500 years anniversary, has a permanent mooring outside.

Café and gift shop

**Combine a visit to M Shed with: Bristol ferry trip around the floating harbour to see the Victorian warehouses and SS Great Britain from the water (see below).**

## **Arnolfini**

[Arnolfini - Bristol's International Centre for Contemporary Arts](#)

**Open Tues-Sun 11.00am- 6.00pm**

Contemporary exhibitions (free but donations welcome)

May 2023- Garry Fabian Miller: Adore

Art bookshop

Café bar

Cross Pero's Bridge for more eating establishments along the wharf at The Watershed

## **Heritage Walks- with map or app**

[Walking Tours in Bristol - VisitBristol.co.uk](#)

## **Old City heritage trail- 900 years of mercantile life in the city**

[Old City Heritage Trail | Bristol Old City](#)

**Harbourside** - Bristol Harbour Heritage Trail- from The Cumberland Basin, past SS Great Britain to the M shed with views towards The Cabot Tower, Bristol University Wills Building, Bristol Cathedral

<http://www.bristolfloatingharbour.org.uk/pdf/bristol-harbour-heritage-trail.pdf>

**Combine this with: Bristol Ferry trip around the floating harbour (see below)**

## **Banksy and street art**

[Banksy Walking Tour - Visit Bristol](#)

Most accessible- The Mild Mild West- Stokes Croft

Well Hung Lover (partly defaced 2018)- bottom of Park Street



## Outdoor sites to visit

**Clifton Suspension Bridge-Isambard Kingdom Brunel's masterpiece of bridge design across the Avon Gorge**

[Visitor Centre - Clifton Suspension Bridge \(cliftonbridge.org.uk\)](http://cliftonbridge.org.uk)

**Open 10.00am-5.00pm daily**

Visitor Centre situated at far end of bridge if walking from Clifton. Excellent display of photos showing the entries for the competition to build the bridge and how it was done- recommended.

**Combine this with: Tootbus round Bristol tour (see below) and for the Suspension Bridge get off at stop 7 (Clifton Observatory). Clifton Village has several good cafes and boutique shops, set among Georgian terraces.**

**Cabot Tower, Brandon Hill (close to St George's)**

**Open every day- in May 8.00am-9.15pm.** *The tower is managed by Bristol City Council and may be closed unpredictably due to staff shortages.*

105ft tower on Brandon Hill built 1897 to commemorate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of John Cabot's voyage to Newfoundland.

Panoramic views of Bristol and the Floating Harbour from the top

**Combine this with: Brandon Hill is a great place for a picnic lunch on conference day**

**The Matthew- moored outside M shed**

Reconstruction of John Cabot's ship which sailed to Newfoundland in 1497- replica built in Bristol in 1997 for recreation of the voyage for the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Usually at the mooring unless sailing round the floating harbour. Go aboard to see just how small and cramped the vessel was.

**Open Tues-Sun 10.00am-4.00pm** *(unless school party on board)*

Free entry but donations welcome.

**Combine this with: Visit to M shed and a Bristol Ferry trip (see below) round floating harbour**

## Places of worship

**Bristol Cathedral, College Green**

**Open daily 8.00am-5.00pm recommended visiting 10.00am-4.00pm**

[Home - Bristol Cathedral \(bristol-cathedral.co.uk\)](http://bristol-cathedral.co.uk)

Fine example of a medieval hall church with side aisles the same height as main ceiling

Spectacular Romanesque Chapter House from c 1150

Two 13<sup>th</sup> century Lady Chapels

Gothic Revival nave 1868 by G. E. Street

Tranquil cathedral garden

Café currently closed





## **Clifton Cathedral**

**Open - 9.00am-4.00pm Mon-Fri via the west door**

[Welcome to Clifton Cathedral | Roman Catholic Diocese of Clifton](#)

Consecrated in 1973, designed following changes in Catholic liturgy after The Second Vatican Council in 1965, built in uncompromising concrete, jewel-coloured non-figurative stained glass, a deceptively simple but spiritual space (cf. Metropolitan Cathedral, Liverpool, Coventry Cathedral)

**Combine this with: Tootbus round Bristol tour (see below) and get off at stop 6 or 7 (short walk)**

## **St Mary Redcliffe**

**Open Mon-Sat 8.00am- 5.00pm**

[St Mary Redcliffe Online](#)

Website recommended for history and architecture articles and vimeo presentations-search in Heritage section

Getting there- No 8 bus from Park Street or The Centre to Temple Meads (then short walk)

“The fairest, goodliest, and most famous parish church in England”- Elizabeth I Gothic masterpiece- mainly 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> century Decorated Gothic to Perpendicular, fan vaulting, roof bosses

Stained glass from medieval to 19<sup>th</sup> century

Hexagonal North Porch with eastern influences

Association with: John Cabot – Cabot window, model of The Matthew above North Door & Thomas Chatterton “the marvellous boy”. The 1739 façade of Pile Street School, in which Chatterton was educated, stands on Redcliffe Way almost opposite the church.

**Combine this with: Tootbus round Bristol tour (see below) and Arts Society Bristol’s Church Trail of St Mary Redcliffe (aimed at children but there are excellent teachers’ notes attached).**

## ***Activities with tickets/entrance fees***

*Tickets may require advance purchase via websites*

**Royal West of England Academy (RWA), Queen’s Road, Clifton- art gallery (regular exhibitions but no permanent collection on display)**

**Open Tues-Sun 10.00am-5.00pm Tickets £8.90 (£8 without donation)**

<https://www.rwa.org.uk/>

Reopened May 2022 after major refurbishment.

Recommended: Lovely café run by Spicer and Cole serves delicious salad lunches and cakes. Can be accessed without gallery ticket.



**John Wesley's Chapel- The New Room and museum, Broadmead, Bristol**  
**Open Mon-Sat 10.00am-4.00pm**

[www.newroombristol.org.uk](http://www.newroombristol.org.uk)

The oldest Methodist building in the world

**Tickets: £7 (concessions £6)**

No 8 bus from Park Street or The Centre to the Horsefair

Café

Volunteer led tours some days at 11.0am

Also short walk to Charles Wesley's house- 4, Charles Street (included in ticket price)

Home of the great hymn composer

**Panoramic bus and ferry trips - both recommended for great views**

[www.hop-on-hop-off-bus-tours.com/city/bristol-bus-tours](http://www.hop-on-hop-off-bus-tours.com/city/bristol-bus-tours)

**AKA TootBus Tickets: £15 (£13 concessions)**

Open-top bus, 14 stops along the route, audio guide (plug in headphones provided, or bring your own but needs jack plug fitting), ticket valid for 2 days. Every hour from 10.00am-4.00pm- from Stop 1 at Broad Quay near Cascade Steps, or pick it up at any stop.

Book online and use phone app to show where the bus is on the route and time before arrival at your stop.

**Bristol Ferry Boats**

[www.bristolferry.com/waterbus/](http://www.bristolferry.com/waterbus/)

Little bright yellow boats- awning but no other weather protection.

Daily regular service every 40 mins from 10.20-16.20 from pontoon at Cascade Steps near The Watershed or several stops around the floating harbour. Figure of eight with blue route past The Great Britain and red route to Temple Meads and back- each takes 40mins (£8) but stay on board for a combined trip (£12). No prior booking- pay on board, card only.

**Combine this with: Take the blue route from Cascade Steps to SS Great Britain stop (priced on board ferry) and visit this iconic ship.**



## Bristol icons

### SS Great Britain

Open Tues-Sun 10.00am-5.00pm

[www.ssgreatbritain.org](http://www.ssgreatbritain.org)

**Tickets: £19.50** (*includes unlimited return visits for one year from the date that the ticket is first used*)

Walk around the floating harbour from Broad Quay (about 1 mile) or arrive by ferry- see above.

Brunel's great iron passenger ship, salvaged from The Falklands, restored in Bristol - tour the ship with the sights and sounds of seafaring on the great ship displayed, visit the historic dockyard and the new adjoining museum Being Brunel.

Café

### Aerospace Bristol, Filton- the home of Concorde- Highly recommended for the wow factor of getting up close to Concorde

Open every day 10.00am-4.30pm

[www.aerospacebristol.org](http://www.aerospacebristol.org)

**Tickets: £19.50 (concessions £18.00)** (*includes unlimited return visits for one year from the date that the ticket is first used*)

4 miles north of Bristol city centre- Bus 75 from Bristol Bus Station every 15 mins- nearest stop is Gypsy Patch Lane on A38 (turn left and walk along Hayes Way.

Entrance is just past Lidl on the left)

On the site of the old Filton aerodrome

Museum with many vehicles- trams, cars, early aeroplanes, jet engines- all developed in Bristol.

Separate Concorde hangar where the last one to fly is on permanent display, with memorabilia from the glory days of luxury Concorde flights. Walk right under the wings of this great aircraft, and through the cabin to view the flight deck.

Café- apparently better than a typical in-flight meal