



## Guided Walks with Blue Badge Guides

All walks last approx. 1 ½ hrs and as they cover different areas of the city more than one can be booked without repetition of content.

*The terrain is mainly flat but where there is a flight of steps the guide will point out an alternative route.*

### Bristol Old City and Churches:

**2.30pm Tues May 23rd**

**10.30am Thurs May 25th**

Start: Foyer of Bristol Beacon Concert Hall, off St Augustine's Reach

Finish: College Green next to Bristol Cathedral



Bristol has a wealth of medieval churches at its heart, many of them built when, as a small walled town, it began developing into a major port. Walk through the oldest parts of the city, entering through the last remaining gate in the medieval wall, and then past buildings of all eras, including the 18<sup>th</sup> century Corn Exchange and St Nicholas Market, to the waterside, giving context to discussions of the Slave Trade, almshouses, destruction in WWII and the lively arts scene from Bristol Old Vic to Banksy and street art.

NB. Arts Society, Bristol has Church Trails, aimed at young people but with informative background notes, of St John on the Wall and St Mary Redcliffe if you wish to explore these churches in more detail.

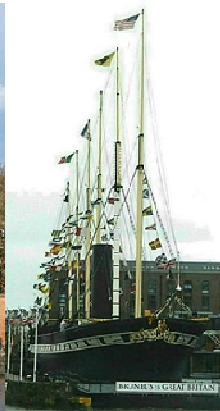


### Goldney House 18<sup>th</sup> century grotto and garden 2.30pm Tues May 23rd

Start and finish: Goldney House  
– meet at the top of Constitution Hill

A guided tour of an 18c garden that retains many of its original features, including the orangery, tower, rotunda, bastion, canal and terrace.

Visit one of the finest surviving examples of an 18<sup>th</sup> century grotto, decorated with rare shells and minerals. (*The property belongs to Bristol University and there is no access to the house.*)



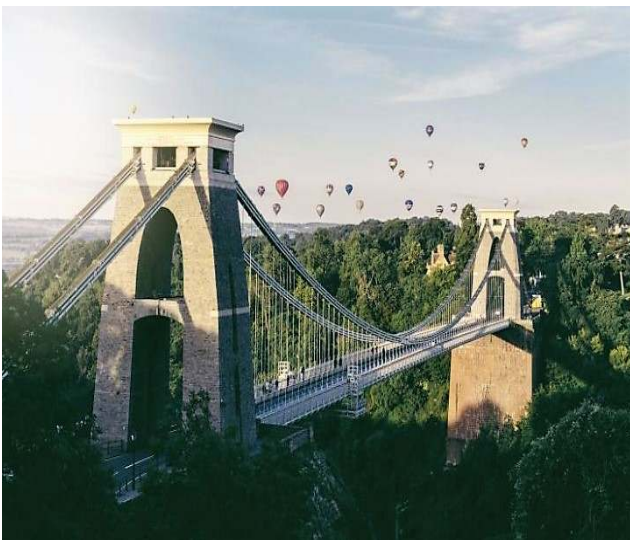
**Maritime Bristol:  
2.30pm Tues May 23rd  
10.30am Thurs May 25th**

Start: Outside Arnolfini Centre for Contemporary Arts on Narrow Quay (building open from 9.00am)

Finish: M Shed museum (free entry) and café

Discover how Bristol developed as a major port with exploration and expansion of international trade, and Bristol's part in the Slave Trade. Explore the old harbour, the Floating Harbour created in the 19th century and the modern-day Harbourside and see Brunel's SS Great Britain, back in the original dry dock where she was built in the 1840s.

Walk through Queen Square past the houses of the merchants and see a range of warehouses of varying architectural styles along the "backs".



**Clifton Village and Clifton Suspension Bridge  
10.30am Thurs May 25th**

Start: End of Boyce's Avenue/NW corner of Victoria Square

Finish: Clifton Suspension Bridge

Admire the Georgian architecture of Clifton with its genteel air and café culture and learn about famous residents; view the entrance to the 19th century Clifton Rocks funicular railway, used as an air raid shelter in WWII; see the spectacular Avon Gorge from a high vantage point and cross Brunel's iconic suspension bridge, finishing at the visitor centre with displays showing how the bridge was designed and built (at far end of bridge- free entry).

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