

# DESTINATION Bristol



THE CLIFTON SUSPENSION BRIDGE

## OVERVIEW

With two flights a day to the historic city, Bristol is perfect for business and leisure. As Blue Islands has no baggage charges, a weekend shopping spree or travelling to university doesn't include worry about extra or hidden costs. By bus it is 30 minutes to the city centre from Bristol Airport.

Bristol has a variety of shopping centres, including Cabot Circus with hundreds of high street stores, from Hollister to Reiss. There are plenty of top-class restaurants here, the most-renowned being celebrity Chef Raymond Blanc's Brasserie Raymond.

Must-sees are the world famous Clifton Suspension Bridge, designed by Victorian engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel and one of Bristol's famous hot-air balloon rides, where you can soar above the River Avon and see truly unforgettable panoramic views of the South West. Bristol Cathedral visits are also noteworthy for marvelling at the architecture with public or private tours. Bristol is definitely not a place to be missed out on and is perfect for those special weekend breaks.



CABOT CIRCUS SHOPPING



Blue Islands operates flights to Bristol from Guernsey, Jersey & Zurich. For full timetables, see pages 112-113.

## LEISURE EVENTS

**6-31 MARCH. PLANETARIUM: SPRING NIGHT SKY SHOW.** Embark upon an amazing journey around the universe in this planetarium show, including some simple star-spotting tricks to use in your own back garden this Spring. Not suitable for under fives.

**13 MAY. LOVE WINE FESTIVAL, PAINTWORKS EVENT SPACE.** The festival will bring together over 30 wine producers and merchants showcasing some fantastic English, organic and natural wines, along with delicious food that goes hand in hand with the grape.

## BUSINESS EVENTS

**29 MARCH. BRISTOL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL DINNER AT THE THISTLE HOTEL.** The Annual Dinner is a must-attend for business leaders; regularly a sell-out attracting over 300 guests, it is regarded as a who's who in the world of business. Come along, bring your clients and give them the chance to mix with senior business leaders, politicians and the media. Social entrepreneur John Bird MBE, joint founder of The Big Issue, will be the guest speaker – a larger-than-life individual who not only embraces life but teaches others how to do so.

## RESTAURANTS

**TAJ PALACE.** The jewel in the crown of Bristol's top eateries. Located in the city centre, Taj Palace is perfect for enjoying authentic Indian cuisine with friends and family.

**MARCO PIERRE WHITE STEAKHOUSE BAR & GRILL.** Following the success of his London restaurants, Marco is proud to open the Steakhouse Bar & Grill in Bristol. Set on the outskirts of Bristol at the luxurious Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, guests are assured of an unforgettable experience.

## HOTEL

**THE BRISTOL HOTEL.** Commanding a truly enviable location on the picturesque Floating Harbour, The Bristol Hotel is the perfect base for exploring all the attractions of the vibrant city. Both the historic Old City and new shops and galleries are within easy reach.

## AIRPORT INFO

**CHECK-IN.** Opens 90 mins before departure & closes 45 mins before departure.

**TAXIS.** Checker Cars are based at the airport. The booking desk is located within the covered walkway which links the terminal to the drop off zone and is open 24/7. Tel 01275 475000.

**BUSES & TRAINS.** Bristol Airport Flyer to Bristol Temple Meads and Bus Station. Journey time 30 minutes, daily between 0230 and 0045. £10 adult return. [www.flyer.bristolairport.co.uk](http://www.flyer.bristolairport.co.uk)

**CAR HIRE.** There are five national car hire companies based on site, close to the terminal building.

**PARKING.** Short and long term parking available at the airport.

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