

Tour
Information



Bristol and Brunel

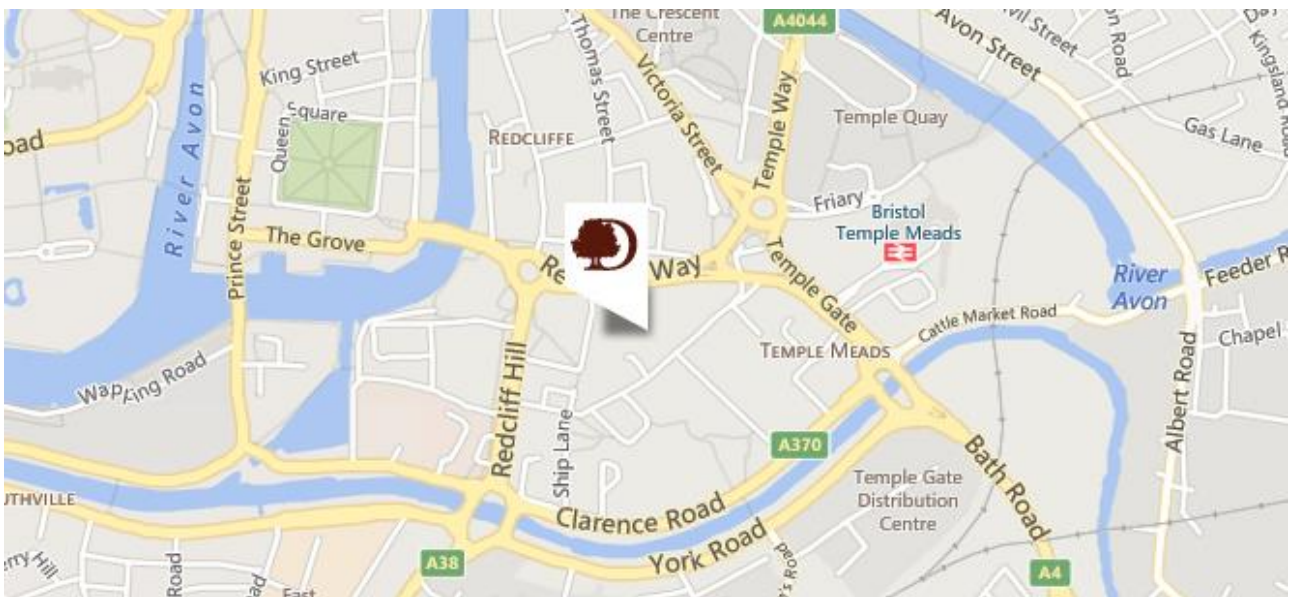




The tour starts and finishes at the **Doubletree by Hilton, Bristol City Centre**.

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Please note that transport to the hotel is not included in the price of the tour.



Transport

Travelling by car: For the purposes of satellite navigation systems, please use postcode BS1 6NL.

From the M4: Leave M4 at junction 19 (signed Bristol & M32) and join the M32 towards Bristol. At end of the M32 (Newfoundland Street A4032), turn left at the traffic lights (signed Temple Meads Station, A4 Bath) onto Bond Street. Go past Temple Meads Station on your left and continue to the large roundabout. Go all the way around the roundabout, doubling back so that Temple Meads Station is now on your right. Stay in the left-hand lane and bear left at Redcliffe Way. The hotel is located on the left-hand side.

From Bristol Temple Meads Train Station: Exit the main entrance onto Temple Gate, cross at the traffic lights, turn right and follow the road to the left onto Redcliffe Way for 350 meters. Entrance to the hotel is on the left side of Redcliffe Way.



Accommodation

Doubletree by Hilton, Bristol City Centre

Located in the city centre and only 400 meters away from Bristol Temple Meads railway station, the modern and recently renovated 4-star Doubletree by Hilton Bristol City Centre Hotel offers a bar, restaurant, fitness centre and comfortable bedrooms with private bath/shower, air-conditioning, TV and telephone. Car parking is available at the hotel costing £12.00 per day, payable directly to the hotel.

More information can be found via the hotel's website:

<http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/united-kingdom/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-bristol-city-centre-BRSRWDI/index.html>

Check in and departure from hotel

On the day of arrival you will be able to check-in at the hotel from 14.00, and the tour manager will meet you in the evening at the welcome reception.

On the last day of the tour, the tour will not finish until approximately 17.00 – 17.30 so you should check with your tour manager, or the hotel reception, where luggage should be stored until your departure.

Extra nights

If you have booked to stay an extra night at the hotel, this is on a bed and breakfast basis and check out from the hotel is at midday.

Special requests

If you haven't already done so, please notify Travel Editions of any special requests as soon as possible to allow sufficient time to make the necessary arrangements.

Dining

On the first night of your stay, a private three-course dinner complemented with wine is provided. During the second evening of the tour, there will be a gala dinner on board the SS Great Britain. Breakfast on both days of your stay is included in the price but meals other than these stated are not included.

Places Visited

Clifton Suspension Bridge

The Clifton Suspension Bridge is the symbol of the city of Bristol and spans across the picturesque Avon Gorge. It is a Grade I listed structure and has attracted visitors for the past 150 years. Isambard Kingdom Brunel was appointed the project engineer at the age of 24 and it was his first major commission. Work began on the bridge in 1831 but the project was troubled with political and financial difficulties and by 1843 the project was abandoned with only the towers being completed. After the death of Brunel in 1859 (aged 53) the bridge was completed as a memorial and was finally opened in 1864.

SS Great Britain

The SS Great Britain was a world first when she was launched in Bristol in 1843, and at the time of her launch was by far the largest ship in the world, over 100 feet longer than her rivals and the first screw propelled, ocean-going, wrought iron ship. Designed initially for the transatlantic luxury passenger trade, she could carry 252 first and second class passengers and 130 crew. While her first few voyages successfully demonstrated her potential there were far fewer passengers than anticipated and her career as a passenger liner was cut short when she ran aground on the sands of Dundrum Bay in Northern Ireland in 1846. After this she went under the control of new owners Gibbs Bright & Co. from the years 1852 - 1876 where she went under a lot of renovation and became a fast and luxurious emigrant carrier where she frequented Australia and even carried the first ever English cricket team to tour there. Through the years she has been chartered by the British Government to carry troops to and from the Crimean War and further trooping voyages carrying the 17th Lancers and 8th Hussars to the Indian Mutiny. By the 1870's the SS Great Britain was barely recognisable as the same vessel that was launched in 1843, she transported Welsh coal to San Francisco around Cape Horn until she ran into trouble around the Cape and was forced to run for shelter in Port Stanley, in the Falkland Islands. She remained here through the First World War with coal from her hold helping to replenish the battle cruisers HMS Inflexible and HMS Invincible. By 1937 the SS Great Britain's hull was no longer watertight, and after being towed a short distance from Port Stanley she was beached. Holes were driven in her sides and she was abandoned to the elements. Finally, in 1970, an epic salvage effort re-floated the ship and she was towed back home across the Atlantic to Bristol where she still stands today.

<http://www.ssgreatbritain.org/?gclid=CNCLk83ogsYCFePItAodr34A8g>

M Shed Museum, Bristol and Harbour Cruise with lunch

A delightful second day in Bristol will include a morning visit to the harbour side M Shed Museum which tells the story of the city of Bristol, and its unique place in the world. We will then embark on a private boat cruise to see the famous landmarks and sights around the floating harbour and sail upstream onto the upper stretches of the rural river Avon. You will be given an informing and entertaining commentary, with the Midshipman's buffet lunch served on board.

<https://www.bristolmuseums.org.uk/m-shed/>
<http://www.bristolpacket.co.uk/index.html>

Your Speaker

Tim Bryan will be your speaker during the tour, author and former General Manager of STEAM Museum of the Great Western Railway, who will outline the life and achievements of the great Brunel

Tim will give the following lecture:

'*Brunel: The Great Engineer*' - an illustrated overview of the career of Isambard Kingdom Brunel, telling the story of his life and achievements including his bridges, railways and ships.

Suggested reading:

Rolt, L.T.C. Isambard Kingdom Brunel. Penguin Books 1990

Brindle, S. Brunel; the man who built the World. Weldenfeild & Nicholson 2006


Bryan, T. Brunel: The great Engineer. Ian Allan. 1999.

Practical Information






Tour manager - Your tour manager will be on hand throughout the tour to ensure that everything operates according to plan. If you have any problems or questions please see him or her immediately – it is often possible to resolve complaints or problems very quickly on the spot, and do everything to help you enjoy your holiday.

Tipping –To keep our tours affordable, we do not increase the tour price by adding in tips. However, in the tourism industry, there is a certain level of expectation that when receiving a good service, one does award with a tip. Tour Managers, Representatives, Guides and Drivers appreciate a tip at the end of their involvement with the tour, but this is entirely at your discretion. We believe in allowing you to tip according to your level of satisfaction with their services.

Walking Content – This tour has been graded a 3 out of 5 for walking difficulty.

Walking difficulty: 

Please see the key for an explanation of the footprint symbols:

Very little walking involved	
Relaxed easy pace, mainly walking from coach to site	
Some walking between sites, good, flat walking surfaces	
Walking between sites, lots of standing for viewings	
On your feet all day, uneven terrain (cobble etc)	



Insurance

Although this is a UK holiday please note that, should you cancel your holiday, the amount paid is non-refundable. For this reason you may wish to take out insurance just in case an unforeseen event caused you to have to cancel the tour. As well as covering cancellations, your travel insurance will also cover your baggage and personal belongings in case they are lost or stolen.



Emergencies

Should an emergency arise, please call our offices on:

020 7251 0045

Outside office hours (Mon-Fri 0900-1700), telephone our emergency staff on:

07841 023807 or

020 7987 5910 or

07831 133079 or

PLEASE USE THESE NUMBERS ONLY IN THE EVENT OF A GENUINE EMERGENCY.

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