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Guide to Bristol

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Introduction to Bristol

Named the best city to live in according to The Sunday Times' 'Best Places to Live in Britain' list in 2014, Bristol is a beautiful city with fantastic housing options, a buzzing nightlife, close to the tranquillity of the countryside and a variety of business options for professionals.

The Legal Market

Bristol's legal market is currently booming. A hub for top firms south of London with particularly strong contenders in the Property and Personal Injury markets, Bristol offers considerable opportunities to legal professionals in the south.

Top 50

With a great number of Top 50 firms, Bristol's legal market has seen considerable growth. Some of the top players include Simmons and Simmons, Irwin Mitchell, DAC Beachcroft and DWF, along with many more.

Regional Firms

The regional firms include success stories such as Clarke Willmott, Bevan Brittan and Ashfords, all carving a name for themselves as well established and prominent names in the market.

New Entrants

Foot Anstey is a recent entrant to the Bristol legal market, a particularly established regional firm who were previously awarded Legal Week's Regional Law Firm of the Year.

There are many other firms to consider, but this list should give you an idea of the extensive market that Bristol is home to.

Lifestyle

The hometown of Banksy, Bristol really does inspire creativity. With many creative activities throughout the city, an array of independent shops, restaurants, cafés and market stalls bursting with fresh local produce, Bristol is a buzzing city to live and work in.

Shopping

Bristol Shopping Quarter: With two shopping centres - Cabot Circus and the Galleries - connected by Broadmead, the Bristol Shopping Quarter is a hive of independent, department and high-street shops alike.

Clifton Village: Located by the Clifton Suspension Bridge (also a must see), Clifton village is home to a number of independent stores and boutiques. Here you'll find a variety of jewellery boutiques, galleries, vintage clothes shops, interior design and furniture stores, along with deli's selling fresh artisan breads and traditional delicatessen food from around the world.

Park Street: One of the most recognisable and iconic shopping streets in Bristol and a recent finalist in the Great British High Street of the Year Awards, Park Street hosts an array of independent shops selling jewellery, vintage clothing, music, records and art, along with an independent department store.

Leisure & Local Attractions

There's plenty to do in Bristol, much of it inspired by the creativity that the city breathes. Here's a few things that the team at Douglas Scott have really enjoyed, but ask around and find out about the many activities and attractions that are on offer.

At-Bristol Science Centre: With over 300 exhibits, At-Bristol has something for all ages to explore the inner workings of the world around us. Host to a programme of special activities, the planetarium, live shows and interactive attractions, you really can enjoy a full day out here.

Bristol Zoo Gardens: Adventure through 12 acres of gardens and see over 400 species of exotic and adorable animals. With daily animal shows, feeds and talks you can get up close and personal with some of your favourite creatures.

Banksy & Bristol Street Art: Walking through the streets of Bristol you'll struggle to miss the creative graffiti art decorating the walls of the city. Hometown to the elusive Banksy, creatives in the city are inspired to create and share their own street art.

Food & Drink

Home to a variety of restaurants, cocktail bars, pubs and clubs, Bristol offers something to suit all tastes. Here are few favourites of the team here at Douglas Scott.

Food

Bravas: This authentic Spanish tapas bar and restaurant takes their food seriously, with all the staff travelling to Spain once a year to research new products and traditional recipes. With a variety of dishes freshly prepared every day, here you can enjoy a true Spanish experience.

Poco: With an impressive commitment to sustainability, not only do Poco produce a delicious and mouth-watering world food tapas menu, they recycle or up-cycle 95% of their waste, with the ultimate aim of producing none at all. Including an extensive gluten-free menu and all ingredients locally sourced, this really is the ultimate sustainable eatery.

Pieminister: First opened in Bristol, Pieminister is now a national restaurant brand, making delicious pies from locally sourced ingredients. Even offering locally brewed beers and ciders, you're sure to enjoy a fantastic meal.

Sky Kong Kong: This is a dining experience like no other. There's no menu, but you're guaranteed a great tasting meal at a fantastic price. Korean chef and owner Wizzy grows many of the vegetables in her own allotment, and purchases many more from the early morning markets in Bristol which is when she chooses her menu for the day.

Drink

The Rummer: Offering more than 400 premium spirits from around the globe along with experienced bartenders to serve them, this cosy hotel bar has an exquisite drinks menu. With a further selection of wines, beers and ciders from around the globe, here you can get the highest quality drinks.

Kongs of King Street: This quirky venue not only offers great drinks, but also vintage arcade games and a ping pong table. So dig out your best retro outfit (or not) and head down to this friendly watering hole.

The Gallimaufry: This artistic bar features some fantastic sculptures and art as well as serving drinks from local breweries and further afield. This bars' claim to fame is that it was home to a regular residency by George Ezra, a former student in Bristol.

There are many more areas and bars in Bristol that are worth checking out, but these are just a few that our team recommend. With new bars popping up regularly we're sure you'll find plenty of places to have a drink and dance – or whatever takes your fancy!

Quality of Life & Costs

Bristol isn't nearly as expensive as London, however some items can be considered fairly pricey. To give you an idea of the relative cost, we've compared the basics to some other cities in the UK. (This data is approximate, collected from an online source).

Item	London	Manchester	Birmingham	Bristol	Nottingham	Newcastle
Loaf of Bread	£1.05	£0.88	£1.02	£0.97	£0.89	£1.05
Eggs (12)	£2.32	£2.01	£2.05	£2.31	£2.00	£1.98
Capuccino	£2.54	£2.38	£2.19	£2.10	£2.24	£2.13
Rice	£1.73	£1.30	£1.20	£0.98	£0.77	£1.11
3 course meal - mid range (2 people)	£50.00	£50.00	£32.50	£40.00	£45.00	£33.50
Pint of lager	£4.00	£3.00	£3.00	£3.35	£2.90	£2.70
Cinema ticket	£12.00	£7.50	£7.75	£8.00	£8.00	£8.00
Gym membership	£49.94	£26.48	£23.33	£39.67	£32.00	£29.33
1 bed apartment	£1586	£638	£683	£692	£495	£520
Internet	£20.00	£15.56	£18.10	£20.03	£16.67	£21.60
Standard monthly bills	£148.28	£126.95	£105.11	£148.40	£110.00	£145.00
Monthly transport pass	£130.00	£49.00	£57.00	£68.00	£46.00	£50.00

Some of these differences are minimal, but as we all know it's the small costs that add up so it's good to be able to save as much as possible. With these lower living costs, it's important to be aware that rarely do salaries match those offered in London, where it is much more expensive to live.

Education

Education, much like most of the country, is a mixture of public and private funded options, with the second highest number of independent school places in England. With three universities including a University of Law campus, Bristol is also named as one of England's six 'Science Cities'.

Safety

Bristol is a safe city, with incidents of crime usually relating to anti-social behaviour or theft. While incidents of violence or other such crimes are low, we do recommend that you take precautions at night. You will find that some areas are safer than others, still do be mindful of your surroundings at all times and you shouldn't have issues.

The Little Things

With so much to consider it is easy to forget the little things. These are far too many to list so do be thorough in your research! This guide is a great starting point and if you do choose to work with Douglas Scott, we'll make sure that you've got all your bases covered. Otherwise, we wish you luck on this new and exciting journey!



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