



Avon Gorge offers stylish rooms



Wander the historic streets of the city



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Clifton Suspension Bridge is an iconic sight



DON'T MISS Bristol is celebrated for its festivals. Top of the list is the **Bristol International Balloon Fiesta** (bristolballoonfiesta.co.uk; 12 to 15 August), where loads of hot-air balloons take to the sky, with fairground rides, market stalls and street food.



Marvel at the impressive SS Great Britain



Clifton is home to some lovely outdoor spaces



Poldark has been filmed in Bristol

Let's visit... BRISTOL

Known for its friendliness, food and eco credentials, Bristol has an independent spirit and lots to explore

Best tearoom Head to trendy Clifton and make a beeline for **Heartfelt Vintage** (heartfeltvintage.co.uk) for its pretty afternoon tea (vegan options available), with vintage clothes to browse, too. Simply heaven! Or try **Pinkmans** (pinkmans.co.uk), which can be found on imposing Park Street, for its sour-dough-nut experience.

Out and about **SS Great Britain** (ssgreatbritain.org), the world's first luxury liner, and the **Clifton Suspension Bridge** (cliftonbridge.org.uk) are both iconic Brunel attractions not to be missed. If you like art, make a beeline for **Spike Island** (spikeisland.org.uk), **Bristol Museum & Art Gallery** (bristolmuseums.org.uk) and **Royal West Of England Academy** (rwa.org.uk). **Yuup** (yuup.co) has a list of experiences run by local experts, including baking with *Great British Bake Off*'s Briony May Williams, butchery, ceramics, yoga and more.

And so to bed The newly revamped **Avon Gorge by Hotel du Vin** (hotelduvin.com) offers grown-up boutique style and has wonderful views of the Gorge or Clifton Village. Doubles from £84 a night, room only.

Best independent shops

Don't miss **Milliners' Guild** hat shop (millinersguild.co.uk) or **Guild Gallery** (bristolguildgallery.co.uk) for creative homeware and souvenirs. Gloucester Road is the longest road of independent shops in the UK, with vintage, pre-loved and homeware stores, including **Preserve** (preserve-foods.myshopify.com).

Star of stage and screen

Bristol is often used as a location for filming and has recently appeared in shows including *Poldark*, *Sanditon* and *The Pale Horse*. *Doctor Who*'s Daleks even crossed Clifton Suspension Bridge in 2019! For more insights, go to visitbristol.co.uk/inspire/all-about-bristol/film-and-tv-in-bristol.

Wow-factor Internationally renowned graffiti artist Banksy is from Bristol, but his real identity is still unknown. Take a self-guided street-art walking tour called A Piece of Banksy! narrated by Bristol's godfather of street art, John Nation (£10, wherethewall.com). For more street art leads, take a look at Upfest (upfest.co.uk).

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5 of the best local eats



For amazing street food, try Wapping Wharf

Wapping Wharf (wappingwharf.co.uk) has loads of independent eateries. Try **Woky Ko** (wokypo.com) for Asian food, or **Root** (rootbristol.co.uk) for tasty veg dishes. Dine at **Penny**, the bar and cafe at **Bristol Old Vic Theatre** (oldvictheatre.com), which has been beautifully revamped. One of Bristol's

best-known chefs, Freddy Bird, has opened **Little French** (littlefrench.co.uk) in Westbury Park. Head to **LHG Brewpub** (lhgbrewpub.com), which overlooks the harbour, for wood-fired veggie and vegan pizzas.

