



Make your visit to Bristol a floral adventure!

Bristol is located in the South West, which for some FFtF members is a long way from home. This guide aims to pull together some ideas to turn a one day conference visit into a really worthwhile weekend break. Hopefully with lots of inspiration, top tips and places to visit. This is not exhaustive, as Bristol is a hugely interesting, expansive and diverse city!

Organic Blooms On the Sunday after the conference at 10.30, Wendy has kindly offered a tour and tea of their site (max 20 people). <https://organicblooms.co.uk/>

Organic Blooms is a social enterprise based in South Gloucestershire, the flower farm is Soil Association certified Organic - growing on around 4 acres of the 9 acre site, including four polytunnels. They have been growing and selling flowers for 18 years.

To book or for more information please email: wendy@organicblooms.co.uk

Note: this is not on a bus route and roughly a 25 minutes drive from the (BS37 9TS)

Harbourside

The famously toppled statue of slave trader Edward Colston was heaved into the water here in June 2022, during a Black Lives Matter protest. Further along the harbour is **Pero's Bridge** which spans the floating harbour, named in honour of Pero Jones, an enslaved African who lived in Bristol – it is now covered in padlocks or 'lovelocks'. In the day families promenade the walkways and kids play in the fountains, at night this takes on a totally different vibe with clubs and bars lining the waterfront <https://visitbristol.co.uk/your-visit/areas/harbourside>

The harbourside has undergone a more recent transformation in the last 10 years, with container cafes popping up and a new visitors centre for the **SS Great Britain**, Bristol's number 1 tourist attraction – and the worlds first iron ship launched in 1843. <https://www.ssgreatbritain.org>

No trip to Bristol would be complete without a **ferry boat** around or across the harbour, in fact it is the perfect way to orientate around the city and view the multi-coloured houses lining the water's edge (*Note: only operating on weekends on the Winter*). <https://www.bristolferry.com/>

Shopping

Just outside the conference is the bustling **Clifton Triangle** and **Park Street**, with a range of high street stores as well as independent shops and high end vintage stores.

Slightly further away, **Clifton Village** is a destination in itself, with the famous suspension bridge and observatory; just a 20 minute walk from the conference. This quarter is best known for its shopping - Clifton Arcade has 17 independent boutiques, the surrounding lanes offer an up-market shopping experience set amongst beautiful Georgian architecture and cobbled lanes. There are a couple of great vintage shops and several second hand stores too. Lots of nice eateries, delis, coffee shops and opportunities for people watching.

For more info:

<https://cliftonbridge.org.uk/>
<http://www.cliftonarcade.com/>
<https://www.discoverclifton.co.uk/>

Broadmead and Cabot Circus offer everything from a flagship Harvey Nichols store to a huge Primark. There are lots of chains and large super stores here, as well as restaurants

and a cinema. It is mainly pedestrian and accessible by car or a 15 minute walk from the conference – in fact Bristol is always better on foot as city traffic can be a nightmare and there are lots of greener options for navigating around!

<https://visitbristol.co.uk/shopping>

With more personality and choice are the vibrant **Bristol Markets**. Choose from - Indie, street food, farmers, flea, local producers and community based. Definitely check out the quirky maze of stalls at St Nicholas Market, 15 minutes walk from the conference.

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/st-nicholas-markets>

<https://visitbristol.co.uk/shopping/markets>

Theatre

Bristol has an international reputation for arts, music and theatre. There are many smaller, art house venues and pop ups around the city, from the tiny 50-seater Alma Tavern to the Bristol Old Vic which hosted Mark Rylance's premier this year. Below is a list of some of the main sites, if you would like to squeeze in a show during your stay.

<https://tobaccofactorytheatres.com/>

<https://bristololdvic.org.uk/>

<https://www.atgtickets.com/venues/bristol-hippodrome/>

<https://bristolbeacon.org/>

<https://www.almatavernandtheatre.co.uk/>

<https://www.watershed.co.uk/about-us>

Free Museums and galleries

Bristol has 6 fantastic, free museums with everything from the Wildlife Photographer of the year 2022 exhibition to collections of the former British Empire and Commonwealth Museum, Egyptology to artifacts of Bristol's industrial past. <https://www.bristolmuseums.org.uk/>

Arnolfini Gallery founded in 1961 at the start of the regeneration of the waterfront. Now a centre for International contemporary art, an amazing bookshop and café on the harbourside. <https://visitbristol.co.uk/things-to-do/arnolfini-p23871>

Banksy

Never far from the news, graffiti artist Banksy who was born in Bristol. This walking tour hits all the highlights, but a real must-see is 'The Wellhung Lover', just down the hill from the conference! <https://visitbristol.co.uk/things-to-do/banksy-walking-tour-p1354013>

Eating out

Bristol has something for everyone and too many to mention them all! There is Michelin Star rated fine dining, pie shops, cosy pubs, micro-breweries, street food, cocktail lounges, burger joints, afternoon tea, floating restaurants and harbourside eateries. Most places in the city are excellent at allergy awareness and vegan options. It is often worth booking in advance at the weekends. <https://visitbristol.co.uk/food-and-drink>