



## ***theIDLgroup's guide to Bristol***

### **Overview**

With a population of over 400,000, Bristol is the eighth largest city in the UK and the largest city in the South of England outside of London. Nominated for the European Capital of Culture, Bristol is a lively and cosmopolitan city. Founded on the wealth of sea merchants, it has been described as a modern city within a historic setting. Recently designated a 'Science City' and with a university consistently ranked as one of the top 10 in the country, the city is rapidly gaining an enviable reputation for its technology centre.

### **The best areas to live**

It's a busy rental market in Bristol so it shouldn't be hard to find a decent place. The Most popular suburb for the train station (Temple Meads) is Totterdown which has lots of younger people and commuters. The other popular areas are: Clifton and Redland. These areas are north of city centre, near the university, both quite expensive. Montpelier/ Bishopston/ Cotham/ Cliftonwood/ Hotwells are all nice areas and a bit cheaper than Redland/Clifton with prices similar to Totterdown. Southville is south of river, more families but still lively enough. Below is a bit more information about some of the areas listed:

#### **Clifton & Redland**

Clifton is one of the best known areas of the city and includes Clifton village and Whiteladies Road. Most of the buildings in Clifton are Georgian and Regency town houses and there is a good selection of restaurants, bars and shopping facilities. Redland is within walking distance of Whiteladies Road. Whilst Bristol University students tend to populate these areas, they remain some of the most expensive parts of Bristol. To walk to the city centre from this area will take approximately 30 minutes.

#### **Waterfront Areas**

Like many other cities in the UK, Bristol has seen regeneration of its waterfront areas including The Point, Baltic Wharf and Custom House. Particularly popular with young professionals, the residential properties feature new-builds and conversions. Prices again feature at the top end of the Bristol market, with a two bedroom apartment costing in the £200,000+ range. This is also within a 30 minute walk of the city centre.



## Other areas

St Andrews and Bishopston in North Bristol are particularly attractive to young professionals and families. The North/South Bristol divide has meant that for many, South Bristol has been slower to develop and has not featured on the map. Areas such as Southville, Windmill Hill, Victoria Park, Totterdown and Brislington have begun to increase in popularity as property prices increase in North Bristol.

## Public Transport

The IDL office is near a bus stop but the buses in Bristol are horrendously overpriced even though they are subsidized by the local council. Have a look at the First Bus website for Bus Times from Bristol to Tickenham.

<https://www.firstgroup.com/etickets/>

Many IDL-ers cycle from Nailsea and Backwell Train Station, which is about a 10 minute cycle. For train times from Bristol Temple Meads to Nailsea and Backwell please see the First Great Western website

<http://www.firstgreatwestern.co.uk/>

## Out and about

Bristol also has access to beautiful countryside and historical cities such as Bath and Cheltenham are close by. The Cotswolds, Mendips, Quantocks and beaches in Devon and Cornwall are all reachable within a two hour drive.

## Letting Agents

if you are renting in Bristol, here are some well known letting agents in the area:

[www.andrewsonline.co.uk](http://www.andrewsonline.co.uk)

[www.oceanhome.co.uk](http://www.oceanhome.co.uk)

If you are looking to share a room or rent a flat privately, then new joiners to *theIDLgroup* have used:

[www.spare-room.co.uk](http://www.spare-room.co.uk)

[www.gumtree.co.uk](http://www.gumtree.co.uk)

<http://property.thisisbristol.co.uk/> (online version of supplement in Bristol Evening Post (local paper) - mainly letting agency ads, published on a Tuesday)

<http://classifieds.thisisbristol.co.uk/>

This is the general classified ads in Bristol Evening Post - property rentals in the private sector (if you want to avoid agency fees, which can be ridiculously high)

**Bristol Tourist Information:**

[www.visitbristol.co.uk](http://www.visitbristol.co.uk)

[www.bristol-city.gov.uk](http://www.bristol-city.gov.uk)

[www.venue.co.uk](http://www.venue.co.uk)

[www.harboursidebristol.co.uk](http://www.harboursidebristol.co.uk)