



"What I love about Bristol is that it's got the buzz of a city but you can still walk down the street and bump into people you know. There is a very good community feel."

Nick Park, Creative Director,
Aardman Animations Ltd

Quality of Life

Bristol's residents and visitors enjoy a superb quality of life with doorstep access to a vibrant and cosmopolitan European city.

The city's growing international profile can be attributed to a fusion of rich cultural and maritime heritage, natural beauty, a dynamic range of creative industries and an eclectic and bustling mix of communities.

Bristol city centre presents shoppers with an excellent choice of high quality stores, chic boutiques and independent shops.

It hosts a diverse and enticing collection of cafes, bars, restaurants, markets, festivals and events, theatre, concert venues, cinema, arts and media centres, museums and galleries and other cultural amenities.

"Bristol has a strong reputation for organic produce and quality restaurants." Raymond Blanc, Blanc Brasserie

These are interspersed by attractive open spaces, a wonderful network of waterways, the harbourside quarter, and an unique architectural mix.

Bristol's Grade II listed music hall, Colston Hall is currently being redeveloped into one of the South West's top concert venues with a £20m Phase 1 funding package due for completion in spring 2009. Bristol's old Industrial Museum on the Harbourside is also being transformed into a £24m new museum for Bristol.

"The Bristol Art scene has never looked stronger." The Observer, 2006.

Bristol and Bath are together hosting the UK School Games 2008. Bristol also hosts a number of notable sporting events, locations and clubs including: the Bristol Half Marathon, Bristol Rovers FC, Bristol City FC, Bristol Rugby, Gloucestershire County Cricket Club, two circus schools, a climbing centre and many more...

A beautiful natural environment lies within easy reach of the city centre including the Cotswolds, the Forest of Dean, Cheddar Gorge, the Mendip Hills and the seaside attractions of Weston, Clevedon and the north Devon coastline. Along with Exmoor, Dartmoor and Wales on our doorstep there's an abundance of places to explore and outdoor activities to enjoy.

