

# Bristol

Gateway  
to the West.

Bristol-the ideal tourist centre.



Christmas Steps



Avon Gorge & Clifton Suspension Bridge



St. Mary Redcliffe



The Council House



Quarter Jacks at Christ Church



Floating Harbour



Blaise Hamlet

Bristol Zoo has all the popular attractions for young and old and is famous not only for its animal inmates, but also for its magnificently kept gardens and flower beds. Indeed there is so much in Bristol itself to attract the visitor that it is easy to forget that Bristol is also the capital of the West Country and a major tourist centre for the counties of Avon, Gloucester, Wiltshire and Somerset. South Wales too is easily accessible. On the very threshold are some of the loveliest and most unspoilt scenes in the whole of the British Isles. Bath, Wells, Glastonbury, Cheddar, the Cotswolds and the Mendips can all be reached by an easy drive or by the ample country bus services. The M4, M5 and M6 motorway system makes travel to Bristol from London, Birmingham, Manchester and the North a simple and speedy matter.

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Bristol, with a population of nearly half a million has been called City of Flowers, City of Churches, City of Adventure and the City of Contrasts. Each of these descriptions is valid — yet Bristol is more than these. It is a city of History, and at the same time, a city of the Future.

### City of History

In 1497 from the city docks of Bristol John Cabot and his son Sebastian set off on a voyage of discovery to the northern shores of the American Continent. Hundreds of years later from the same

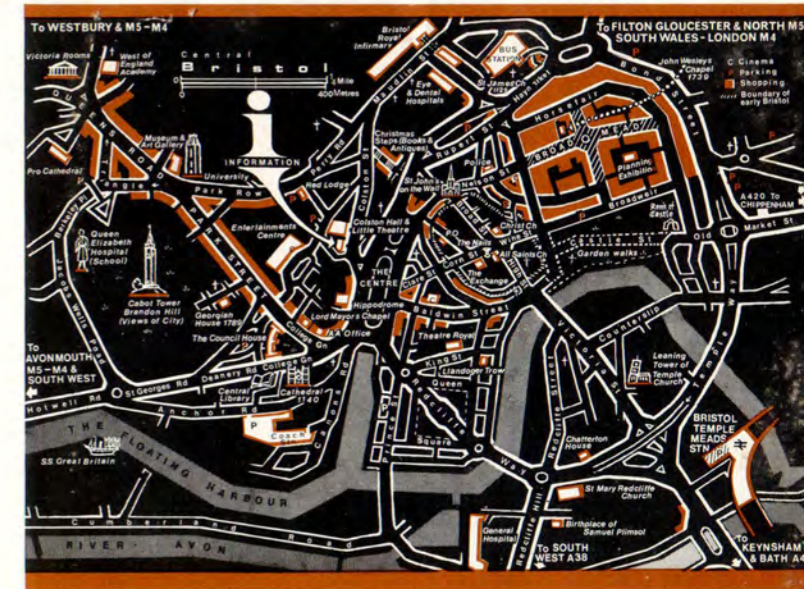
port of Bristol sailed William Penn and the thousands of early American settlers. That gave yet another title to the city — birth place of America. Many of the land marks of Bristol that these men knew so well are still here today to excite the imagination of the 20th century tourist. Alongside the cobbled streets of the old city docks you will find the ancient Llandoger Trow Tavern. Once a drinking den of pirates it is said to be 'The Spy Glass' haunt of Long John Silver in Stevenson's 'Treasure Island'. Less than a mile away stands the church of St Mary

Redcliffe, esteemed by Queen Elizabeth I as the 'fairest, goodliest and most famous parish church in England'. In the churchyard is Chatterton's Monument, the 19th century poet who lost his life so tragically early. He was born a few yards away in what is now called Chatterton House in Redcliffe Way. The centre of Bristol is replete with ancient churches including All Saints, St Nicholas, St Johns, St Mary Le Porte and Christchurch. Away from the bustle of the centre of Bristol is Clifton which began to develop into a residential suburb in the 1780's.



Today Windsor Terrace, Cornwallis Gardens together with the 19th century Royal York Crescent and the Paragon stand as monuments to a more elegant age.

But the beauties of Bristol are not all man made. Clifton and Durdham Downs cover 442 acres of rolling down-land a mere four miles from the city centre. Nearby, the Avon floods through a limestone gorge, unique in being within the precincts of a large city. It is spanned by Clifton suspension bridge, built in 1864, and a monument to Brunel's engineering skill.



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Nails in Corn Street



Polar Bear, Bristol Zoo



Cabot Tower



Clifton Cathedral



Ashton Court



St. Peter's Church



Lord Mayor's Coach