

Information about Bristol

The internet contains a myriad of sites that offer information about Bristol, how to get around it and places to eat and visit. Probably the best is:

Visit Bristol: The official website of the Bristol tourist board, giving you a wide range of information about visiting Bristol:

<http://www.visitbristol.co.uk/site/things-to-do>

Attractions to which we have arranged special rates for delegates:

Bristol Zoo

Bristol Zoo Gardens (<http://www.bristolzoo.org.uk>) is a 12 acre site in Clifton housing 450 species. Awarded 'Zoo of the Year 2004' by the Good Britain Guide, it's the fifth oldest zoo in the world and the oldest outside of a capital city, and a long established major tourist attraction in Bristol. We have arranged it so that those delegates who wish to visit the zoo can do so for a discounted rate of £6.75. Delegates simply need to prove their attendance at the symposium, through presentation of their delegate badge.

The Zoo suggests allowing at least 2 hours for a visit. It is open daily from 9am to 5.30pm. The last entrance to the animal houses is half an hour before closing and last entrance to the Zoo an hour before closing.

Address: Bristol Zoo Gardens, Clifton, Bristol BS8 3HA. Tel: 0117 974 7399.

How to get there (By bus): The Number 8 and 9 buses run a frequent service between Temple Meads Station, the City Centre and the Zoo. Call the Traveline on 0870 608 2608 for further details. An open top bus service with City Sightseeing, tours the city from 30th March - 29 September 2009, they normally run every 90 minutes.

Explore@Bristol

Explore-At-Bristol (<http://www.at-bristol.org.uk/Default.htm>) is a science centre and planetarium that combines 170 interactive, hands-on activities with the latest multi-media techniques. A two minute walk from the city centre, we have arranged it so that those delegates who wish to visit At-Bristol can do so for a discounted rate of £6.50. Delegates simply need to prove their attendance at the symposium, through presentation of their delegate badge. At-Bristol is linked to the Harbourside waterfront and city centre by a series of public squares and open spaces which offer cafés, bars and promenades and offers a starting point to explore Bristol's historic harbourside and other cultural attractions, such as the Watershed and Arnolfini. If walking, follow signs to the Millenium Square.

At-Bristol suggests allowing 2-4 hours for a visit, with an additional 25 minutes for the planetarium show. It is open 10am to 5pm (6.00pm at the weekend), with last entry half an hour before closing.

Address: At-Bristol, Harbourside, Bristol, BS1 5DB.

Another attraction that might be of interest is:

SS Great Britain

Built and launched in Bristol in 1843, Isambard Kingdom Brunel's maritime masterpiece was the world's first ocean-going, propeller driven iron ship.

Tickets to Brunel's SS Great Britain allow free and unlimited return visits for a year from the date of purchase. Tickets, priced £10.95 (£8.50 for students or seniors), allow entry to the dry dock, museum, Maritime Heritage Centre, and the replica of John Cabot's ship The Matthew when she is in Bristol.

Open 10.00 to 18.00 April to October.