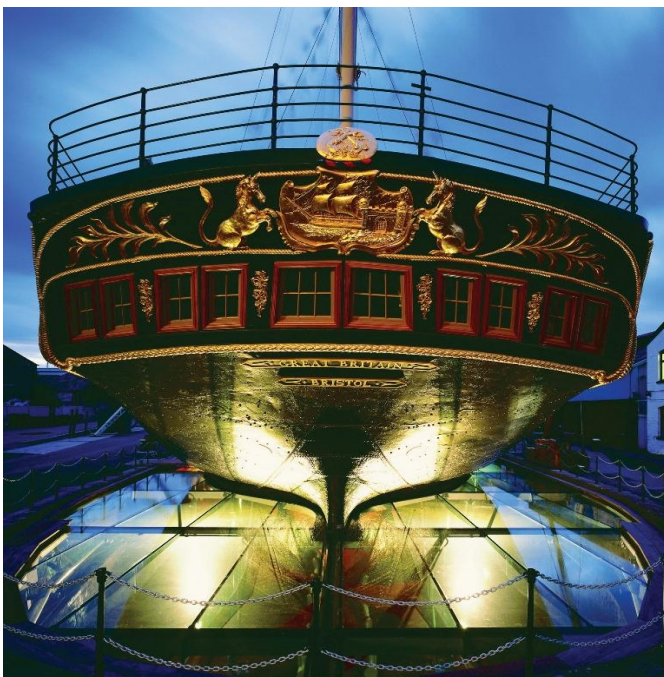




Tour Information



Bristol and the Brunel Legacy

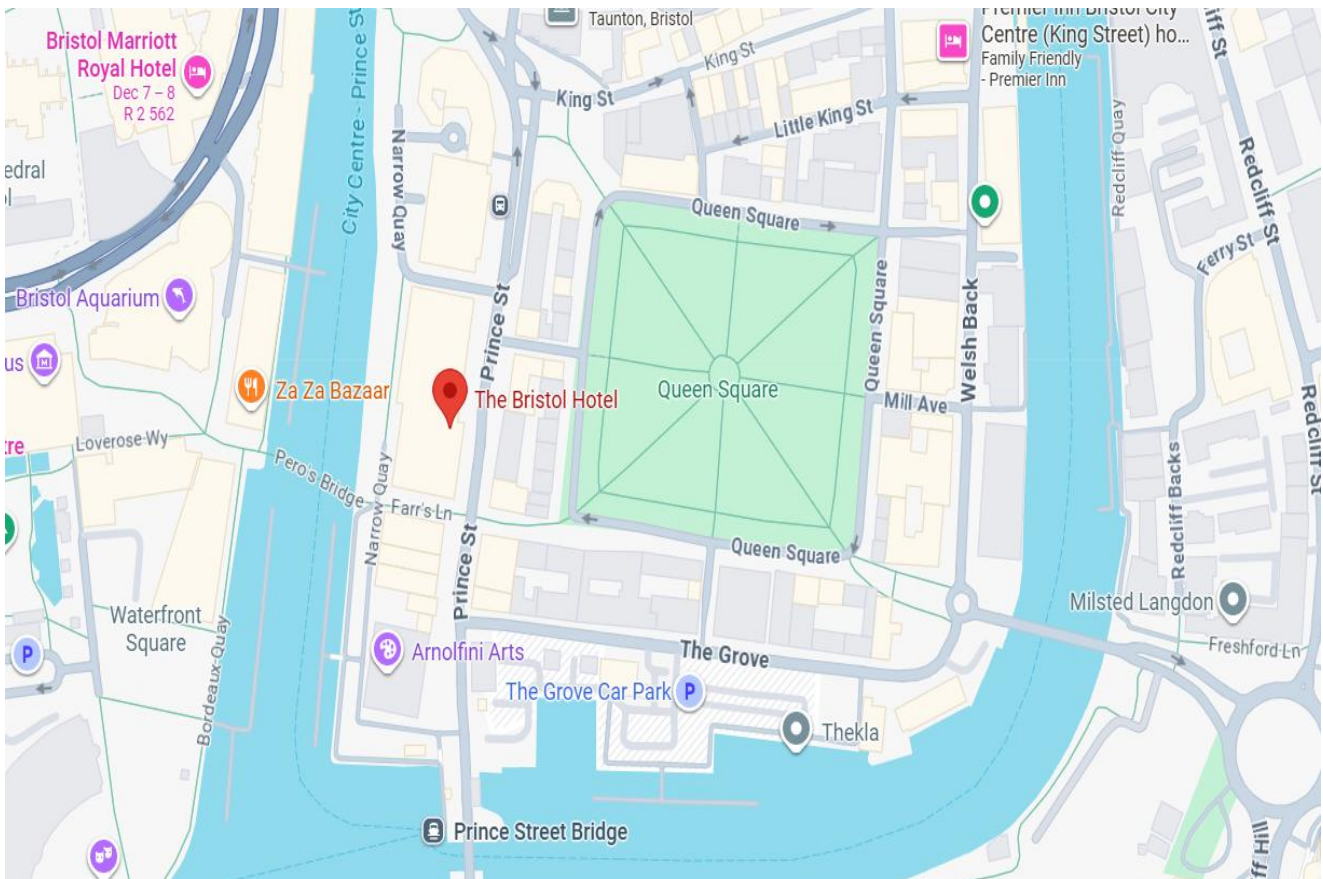




The tour starts and finishes at **The Bristol Hotel, Bristol.**

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Please note that transport to the hotel is not included in the price of the tour.



Transport

Travelling by car:

From the M4: Leave M4 at junction 19 (signed Bristol & M32) and join the M32 towards Bristol. At end of the M32 (Newfoundland Street A4032). Continue on Newfoundland Wy/A4032. Take A4044, Temple Gate/A4 and Redcliffe Way to Prince St.



Accommodation

The Bristol Hotel, Prince Street

The Bristol Hotel on Prince Street is a stylish boutique hotel located on Bristol's scenic harbourside. Managed by The Doyle Collection, it offers a prime waterfront setting in the heart of the city's cultural district. Guests enjoy easy access to theatres, museums, galleries, and shopping at Cabot Circus. The hotel features modern rooms with harbor views, a welcoming bar, and curated experiences for exploring the city at a relaxed pace. More information can be found via the hotel's website: www.doylecollection.com

Car Parking

Parking facilities at [Q-Park Harbourside](#) and [Prince Street Car Park](#).

Q-Park Harbourside: This secure, barriered indoor car park is just a 5-minute walk from the hotel. It operates 24/7 and features CCTV for added peace of mind.

Prince Street Carpark (Apex Parking): Located directly adjacent to the hotel, this multi-storey facility has 277 spaces and is open 24/7. It offers short-term and all-day parking, with payment via card or contactless

Check in and departure from hotel

On the day of arrival, you will be able to check-in at the hotel from 15.00, and the tour manager will meet you in the evening at the welcome reception.

On the last day of the tour, the tour will not finish until approximately 17.00 – 17.30 so you should check with your tour manager, or the hotel reception, where luggage should be stored until your departure.

Extra nights

If you have booked to stay an extra night at the hotel, this is on a bed and breakfast basis and check out from the hotel is at midday.

Special requests

If you haven't already done so, please notify Travel Editions of any special requests as soon as possible to allow sufficient time to make the necessary arrangements.

Dining

On the first night of your stay, a private three-course dinner complemented with wine is provided. During the second evening of the tour, there will be a gala dinner on board the SS Great Britain. Breakfast on both days of your stay is included in the price as is lunch on Day 3, but meals other than these stated are not included.

Places Visited

The Brunel Institute

The Brunel Institute, located beside the SS Great Britain in Bristol's historic dockyard, is a world-class centre for maritime heritage and research. It houses the National Brunel Collection and the David MacGregor Library, offering rare access to original documents, drawings, and artefacts related to Isambard Kingdom Brunel and maritime history.

www.ssgreatbritain.org

Clifton Suspension Bridge

The Clifton Suspension Bridge is the symbol of the city of Bristol and spans across the picturesque Avon Gorge. It is a Grade I listed structure and has attracted visitors for the past 150 years. Isambard Kingdom Brunel was appointed the project engineer at the age of 24 and it was his first major commission. Work began on the bridge in 1831 but the project was troubled with political and financial difficulties and by 1843 the project was abandoned with only the towers being completed. After the death of Brunel in 1859 (aged 53) the bridge was completed as a memorial and was finally opened in 1864.

www.cliftonbridge.org.uk

SS Great Britain

The SS Great Britain was a world first when she was launched in Bristol in 1843, and at the time of her launch was by far the largest ship in the world, over 100 feet longer than her rivals and the first screw propelled, ocean-going, wrought iron ship. Designed initially for the transatlantic luxury passenger trade, she could carry 252 first and second class passengers and 130 crew. While her first few voyages successfully demonstrated her potential there were far fewer passengers than anticipated and her career as a passenger liner was cut short when she ran aground on the sands of Dundrum Bay in Northern Ireland in 1846. After this she went under the control of new owners Gibbs Bright & Co. from the years 1852 - 1876 where she went under a lot of renovation and became a fast and luxurious emigrant carrier where she frequented Australia and even carried the first ever English cricket team to tour there. Through the years she has been chartered by the British Government to carry troops to and from the Crimean War and further trooping voyages carrying the 17th Lancers and 8th Hussars to the Indian Mutiny. By the 1870's the SS Great Britain was barely recognisable as the same vessel that was launched in 1843, she transported Welsh coal to San Francisco around Cape Horn until she ran into trouble around the Cape and was forced to run for shelter in Port Stanley, in the Falkland Islands. She remained here through the First World War with coal from her hold helping to replenish the battle cruisers HMS Inflexible and HMS Invincible. By 1937 the SS Great Britain's hull was no longer watertight, and after being towed a short distance from Port Stanley she was beached. Holes were driven in her sides and she was abandoned to the elements. Finally, in 1970, an epic salvage effort re-floated the ship and she was towed back home across the Atlantic to Bristol where she still stands today.

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Your Speaker

Tim Bryan will be your speaker during the tour, author and former General Manager of STEAM Museum of the Great Western Railway, who will outline the life and achievements of the great Brunel.

Tim will give the following lecture:

'Brunel: The Great Engineer' - an illustrated overview of the career of Isambard Kingdom Brunel, telling the story of his life and achievements including his bridges, railways and ships.

Suggested reading:

Rolt, L.T.C. Isambard Kingdom Brunel.

Brindle, S. Brunel; The man who built the World.

Bryan, T. Brunel: The great Engineer.

Practical Information

Tour manager - Your tour manager will be on hand throughout the tour to ensure that everything operates according to plan. If you have any problems or questions please see him or her immediately – it is often possible to resolve complaints or problems very quickly on the spot, and do everything to help you enjoy your holiday.

Tipping –To keep our tours affordable, we do not increase the tour price by adding in tips. However, in the tourism industry, there is a certain level of expectation that when receiving a good service, one does award with a tip. Tour Managers, Representatives, Guides and Drivers appreciate a tip at the end of their involvement with the tour, but this is entirely at your discretion. We believe in allowing you to tip according to your level of satisfaction with their services.

Grading – This tour has been graded as **Moderate**: Walking between sites, lots of standing for viewing. #



Insurance

Although this is a UK holiday please note that, should you cancel your holiday, the amount paid is non-refundable. For this reason you may wish to take out insurance just in case an unforeseen event caused you to have to cancel the tour. As well as covering cancellations, your travel insurance will also cover your baggage and personal belongings in case they are lost or stolen.

Emergencies

Should an emergency arise, please call our offices on:

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