



Living & working in **Bristol**



A culturally vibrant city, known for its impact on art and music, with plenty of historical landmarks and luscious green spaces to explore.

Live in an apartment, house or house/flat share in a city nestled along the river Avon.



Enjoy food, music, arts, culture and history across 110KM².



Fun Fact!



The first ever bungee jump happened off the Clifton Suspension Bridge in Bristol.





Over 4,000 nurseries with an average monthly cost of £1,815.85.



Average 1 bed apartment cost: £1357.67

Utilities: £238.08

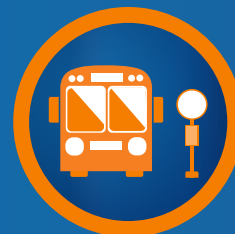
Weekly grocery shop: £35



I had a fantastic experience with TeacherActive and I couldn't be more pleased with the service. Their friendly and supportive approach made it easy for me to find work suitable for my qualifications, thanks to their efficient and professional assistance. Highly recommend TeacherActive to anyone in the education field!

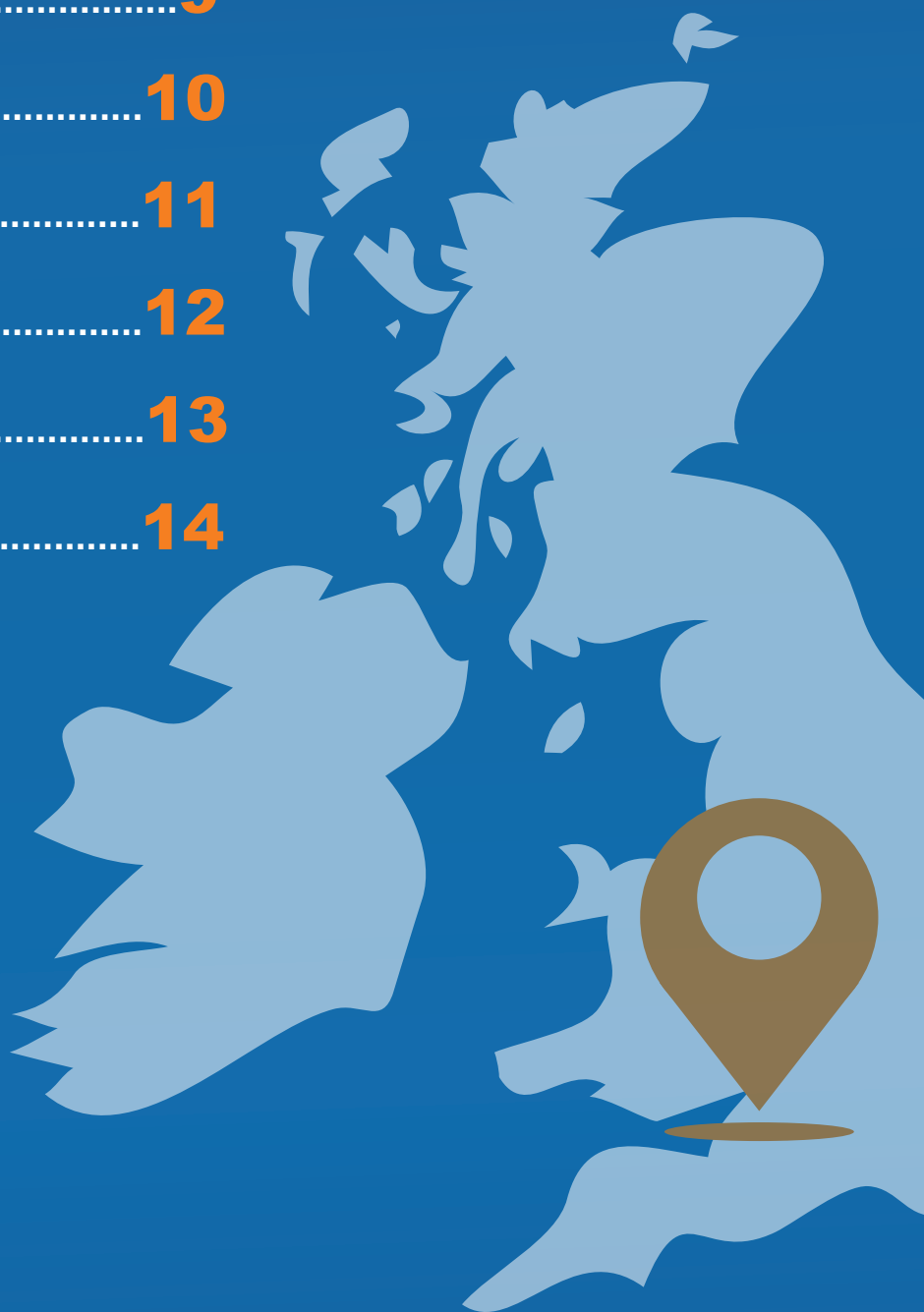
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Main modes of public transport



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Why TeacherActive?



**Free flights to
the UK***



**Guaranteed
pay schemes**



**Relocation
support**



**Termly social
events**



**Network of over
3,600 schools**



**Free CPD
resources**

TeacherActive has been supporting educators just like you since 2004. Our International team was created in 2018 and has since helped hundreds of international educators progress their careers in the UK. Our consultants take the time to learn your unique skills, qualities and preferences and match you to a setting that works for you. Gain experience in a variety of settings while working on supply, or secure that dream permanent job in Bristol, while enjoying termly social events and support from our consultants every step of the way.

*T&Cs apply.



An introduction to **Bristol**

Green landscape? Check. Harbours and rivers? Check. Bustling city life? Check! Bristol is a culturally vibrant city both with historic and artistic heritage. You may have heard of a little-known artist from there called Banksy, whose street art you can take in from simply walking the streets.

As a place to live, Bristol has it all. Lose yourself by wandering around the many parks and gardens, dance the night away in one of the many music venues or catch up with new-found friends in the countless independent food spots. East to West, the River Avon wraps around Bristol's streets, houses and hubs of entertainment and, if you time it right, you'll see a summer sky filled with hot air balloons as they soar over the Clifton Suspension Bridge.

This guide will give you a great introduction to living in Bristol, from things to see and do, to the average cost of living. We'll also explain the UK education system and how we, as your agency, can support you every step of the way on your journey. As one of the biggest education recruitment agencies in the UK, we have an extensive network of settings you can work in to gain experience, all led by a dedicated consultant whose main goal is to find you the perfect place for your skills to shine.



Living in **Bristol**

If you're someone who thrives in a community environment, you'll fit right in here. Bristolians are known for being friendly and community-minded, adding to the city's charm. Whether you want to live close to the city centre, near one of the many green spaces or near the harbour, the choice is yours.

Some well-known areas in Bristol include:

North

- Clifton
- Redcliffe
- Southville
- Totterdown
- Bedminster

South

- Westbury on Trym
- Montpelier
- Filton
- Fishponds
- Horfield



Cost of living

The cost of renting or owning a place will vary depending on location. As with any major city, living in the outskirts will see cheaper house prices than closer to the city centre. The following costs are averages across Bristol.

Single public transport ticket
£2

Monthly public transport pass
£83.80

Monthly rent of one bedroom city centre apartment
£1357.67

Monthly rent of one bedroom apartment outside of city centre
£1024.58

Monthly rent of a bedroom in a house share
£650 - £900

One month of basic utilities (electricity, water, heating)
£238.08

One month childcare at nursery or pre-school
£1481.67

Three course meal for two at a mid-range restaurant
£60

One month gym membership
£34.23

Weekly grocery shop
£35

Prices are correct at time of publishing (October 2024)



Public transport in Bristol

By bus, train, plane or boat



By road or water, Bristol is well-connected. You'll be able to easily navigate the city centre by hopping on the bus, renting an e-scooter or even jumping on a boat across the river!

If heading outside of the city centre, you may need to plan your journey in advance as public transport arrives less often. Bus and train passes are available daily, weekly, monthly and annually, use the [journey planner](#) to work out your route and buy tickets for the bus from [First Bus](#) website. For train tickets, we recommend using [The TrainLine](#) or downloading their app.

National rail, air and coaches

It's easy to navigate across the UK from Bristol, including to Wales due to being so close to this neighbouring country. Bristol Airport has flights to Istanbul, Dublin, Edinburgh, Barcelona, Lisbon and more.

Bristol to London

in 1 hour 20 minutes



Bristol to Bath

in 15 minutes



Bristol to Birmingham

in 1 hours 20 minutes



Bristol to Dublin ✈️

in 1 hour 30 minutes



Did you know?

Bristol produces more hot air balloons than anywhere in the world!



Things to do in Bristol

Banksy aside, Bristol holds its own as a city bursting with arts, culture, foodie spots and entertainment. From famous jazz venues to historic points of interest, new places to explore and historic landmarks bursting with stories to tell, it's all in Bristol.

To sightsee

- Clifton Suspension Bridge
- Brunel's SS Great Britain
- Aston Court
- Bristol Downs
- National Trust Tyntesfield
- Bristol Cathedral

For shopping, food and drinks

- Cabot Circus
- Bristol Shopping Quarter
- St Nicks Food Market
- Wapping Wharf
- Harbourside Food Market
- Millennium Square

Festivals

- Harbour Festival
- Love Saves the Day
- Valley Fest
- Balloon Fiesta
- Downs Festival
- Upfest
- Feast on Festival
- Craft Beer Festival

Music, sport and culture

- Bristol Hippodrome
- Wake the Tiger
- Bristol Museum and Art Gallery
- We the Curious science centre
- Thekla music venue
- The Old Duke music venue
- Ashton Gate Stadium (Bristol City Football Club)
- King Street – known for its bars

Hidden gems

- Arnos Vale Cemetery
- Kingswood Heritage Museum
- St Nicks Night Market
- Christmas Steps
- Beeses Tearooms & Nature Reserve
- Broken Dock

What should I do and when?



Preparation is key to getting the most out of your time in the UK. Once you know your arrival date, it's time to get planning! Below is our recommended roadmap to success, which you should start around 12 months before your arrival.

Roadmap

12 months before

- Reach out to your TeacherActive specialist
- Discover what opportunities are available to work in schools
- Read this guide!

6 months before

- Apply for police checks
- Research and apply for your visa
- Ensure that you have sent all required documents
- Apply for your QTS if you're a qualified teacher

3 months before

- Follow our Facebook and Instagram
- Research and find accommodation in your area
- Book your flights*
- Book your in-person registration meeting
- Learn more about UK education through My-Progression and achieve your International CPD certificate

On arrival

- Collect a UK SIM for your phone
- Visit us in office and register
- Open a UK bank account

We offer reimbursement on standard flights up to a specified limit once you have worked 20 days or more with us. T&Cs apply.



The UK Education System

Each term in an education setting is usually 13 weeks long, with a week off halfway through, called half term.

You can expect around two weeks off at the end of term one and term two, for Christmas and Easter respectively. When the school year ends, you can expect six weeks off for the summer holidays.

Each region of the UK varies with its exact term dates, so please see this as a rough guide. You'll often find Year 11s and Year 13s may finish earlier, depending on where their last exams fall. For more detailed curriculum information, head to [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) or check your local council's website for specific term dates.

The UK curriculum will, of course, be different from what you are used to. But you'll be surprised at how many similarities there are with your home country's curriculum. Here's a handy guide for you to reference, for more information visit the [UK Government's website](https://www.gov.uk).

The school years:

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Age	Year	Stage	School	
3-4	Pre-school reception	Foundation	Pre-school	
4-5		Primary school		
5-6	Key stage 1			
6-7			Key stage 2	
7-8	Key stage 2			
8-9				Key stage 2
9-10				
10-11			Key stage 2	
11-12	Key stage 3			
12-13		Key stage 3		
13-14				Key stage 3
14-15	Key stage 4			
15-16		Key stage 4		
16-17	Key stage 5			
17-18		Key stage 5		

For more information on the UK education system, register with us to receive your free living and working in the UK brochure.



Keep your career in **motion**

We have created a free CPD (Continuing Professional Development) platform designed to accelerate your career in education called My-Progression.

You can find new videos every week on My-Progression's YouTube channel, offering training and advice on education and residential care.

From breaking down the UK education system to managing challenging behaviour in the classroom, planning your lessons or marking your papers, My-Progression is designed to give you knowledge, advice and support in bite-sized videos, all for free!

Once you're done, you can head to www.my-progression.com to collect your CPD certificates, including our specific international certificate, which can be used to evidence your learning and boost your CV.

Click the images below to get started, and don't forget to subscribe on YouTube.



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