Brighton



Brighton is one of Britain's liveliest seaside cities, with a bohemian, artistic and eccentric atmosphere that can't be found anywhere else in the UK. Combining the modern with the traditional, Brighton has a heritage rooted in the Regency era and is brought up to date with a unique cultural offering. Elegant Regency architecture, museums and galleries mix with great shopping, stylish cafés, bars and restaurants. The city has a glittering nightlife, arts and theatre scene alongside all the fun of the seaside.

The city is made for walking. Explore the narrow alleys of the 17th century Lanes, a maze of smart shops selling antiques, jewellery and designer clothes, and the bohemian North Laine, full of unusual and eccentric shops selling everything from bonsai trees and bongos to oriental silks and far eastern furniture.



Find all your favourite high street names under one roof at the award-winning Churchill Square shopping mall or discover the designer discount outlets at Brighton Marina.

Don't miss the Royal Pavilion, King George IV's seaside fantasy palace with its Indian domes and oriental interiors; one of Europe's most extraordinary royal palaces. There's all the fun of the fair on Brighton Pier with whirling Waltzers, fish & chips and the iconic Brighton Rock. Stroll along the vibrant beachfront enjoying the lively seafront cafés and bars, Artist and Fishing Quarters, children's play areas and dramatic sculptures. The Brighton Wheel is a seafront attraction, offering fantastic views of the city from this stunning Ferris wheel.

The arts play a major part in city life. In May the Brighton Festival, England's largest international arts festival, attracts thousands of people to hundreds of events for three weeks. There's everything from contemporary dance to comedy, operas to exhibitions and circuses to street theatre. All year round you can see performances at venues across the city including the Theatre Royal, Komedia, the Brighton Dome and the Brighton Centre.

The city's museums are treasure houses of inspiring objects from all eras and cultures. Brighton Museum & Art Gallery has dynamic and innovative new galleries, featuring exciting interactive displays appealing to all ages. Discover Brighton's origins at the seafront Fishing Museum and its development at the 1820's Regency Town House.



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A visit to Preston Manor gives a glimpse into the life of a prosperous Edwardian family and their servants. And there's always something happening on the seafront and in the streets classic car rallies and cycle races, fun runs and international markets, festivals and processions.

There's a wide range of places to stay, from 5 star luxury hotels to friendly family-run Bed & Breakfasts, plus a growing number of boutique hotels, individually designed and fitting in perfectly with Brighton's arty and offbeat character.

Fashionable, funky and loaded with style, Brighton & Hove is the perfect city break by the sea.



New for 2013:

- Brighton Music Hall Tremendous Tipi pop up Pavilion restaurant (1 October 2013 – 31 March 2014)
- Brighton Museum & Art Gallery: Subversive Design (12
 October 2013 9 March 2014)
- The Royal Pavilion: Turner in Brighton Exhibition (2 November 2013 – 3 March 2014)
- **Emporium**: A new theatre and arts venue including a café and bar (Permanent)

Annual Events:

- Brighton Festival and Brighton Festival Fringe (May)
- Artists Open Houses (May and December)
- Paddle Round the Pier (July)
- Brighton & Hove Food and Drink Festival (September)
- CineCity Film Festival (November)
- Burning the Clocks (December)

Key Themes:

- Shopping
- Regency architecture
- Arts and culture
- Seafront

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Attractions:

- The Royal Pavilion
- Brighton Pier
- Brighton Sea Life Centre
- Brighton Museum and Art Gallery
- Theatre Royal Brighton
- Brighton Wheel
- The Lanes and North Laine

Directions and distance from Central London

- Just under an hour by train or car from London.
- By road: Direct motorway access via the M23, M25 or A23.
- By rail: Direct line from London Victoria, London St Pancras and London Bridge.
- By sea: Ferries to Dover (2hour drive to Brighton), Newhaven (30min drive) and Portsmouth (1hour drive).
- By air: Direct train line from Gatwick to Brighton.



