

Routes

Bristol is 120 miles west of London, with which it is linked by an inter-city rail route and the M4 motorway.

It is close to the crossing of the M4 and M5 motorways and so is easily and quickly accessible from the Midlands, from the South West and from South Wales.

By air and rail

From Gatwick Airport take the rail link to Victoria Station in London and transfer by Underground (Circle Line) to Paddington Station for Bristol Temple Meads. From Heathrow Airport go by Underground to Paddington or take the rail-coach service to Reading Station for Bristol. There is also a National Express coach service from Gatwick and Heathrow to Bristol. Taxis are available from both railway and coach stations. Bristol International Airport is 20 minutes by taxi from Clifton.

From London by road

Visitors approaching from the M4 are advised to avoid the city centre by continuing to the M5 interchange, then following the signs to 'Bristol West' and the instructions given in the section 'From the Midlands and South Wales by road'. This route is a little longer but is likely to be quicker at busy times in particular.

Otherwise leave the M4 at junction 19 and follow the M32 into the City Centre. At the end of the M32, follow signs for 'City Centre, Bus Station and Clifton'. After $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile, enter a one-way system and pass the University Tower on the right. After 200 yards, bear uphill to the right, then to the left, around the triangle in the one-way system. At the large building with pillared portico and fountains, now facing you, bear left. Pass a large block of brick-built flats on your right, then at the second mini-roundabout turn right into Pembroke Road, signed 'Zoo and Downs'. Take the second left into Clifton Park then second right into College Road.

From the Midlands and South Wales by road

Leave the M5 at junction 17 and follow the A4018 signed 'Bristol West', with intermediate signs to 'Clifton and Zoo', for 4 miles. You will then pass the Downs on the right. As you approach the roundabout at the end of the Downs (by National Westminster House), get into the right-hand lane and turn sharp right, then sharp left for 'South West, Clifton and Zoo'. With the Downs again on your right, ignore the 'Clifton' sign at the right-hand bend 600 yards on and stay on the road signed 'Zoo and Bristol Airport'. Immediately after the Zoo, turn left into College Road.

From Bath by road

Enter Bristol on the A4 and follow signs to the 'City Centre and Inner Circuit Road'. Once in the Centre, follow signs to Clifton and the University, keeping to the right as you climb up the hill (Park Street). At the top of the hill is the University Tower – follow the route 'From London' from then on.

From the South West by road

Leave the M5 at junction 19 and take the A369 signed 'Clifton (Toll)'. One mile past Abbots Leigh village, bear left for Clifton via the Suspension Bridge (30 pence toll). Just beyond the bridge, take second left at the mini-roundabout, turn right after the church into Clifton Park, then second left into College Road.

Follow the Elephant



From most directions the Zoo's elephant sign will guide you to Clifton!