

Historical Itinerary

Bristol is rich with an extensive maritime history, so there is lots to see and do and learn about! Here are a few suggestions which you can see in a day with one of our Day Tickets.

FERRY

- A) One of the most notable points of historical interest would be Brunel's s.s. Great Britain (9). You can catch a ferry from any of our 17 stops with no need to change boat to arrive. The exhibition is quite vast and takes most visitors a couple of hours to complete, alongside the new "Being Brunel" museum.
- B) Using the RED TIMES from the landing stage schedule, catch the ferry up to the Pumphouse (5), which after just five minutes walking along the Cumberland Basin will give you a fantastic view of Brunel's Clifton Suspension Bridge. Walking back from there, you can visit the Underfall Yard (6) which offers an insight into the history of the Bristol Floating Harbour and the old pump station that operated the lock gates.
- C) A trip to Wapping Wharf (10) will lead you to the lesser-known L Shed (part of the M Shed building) where you can see artefacts and other items of historical importance which are not currently exhibited in the museum.
- D) Either walk or catch the ferry to Bathurst Basin (12) for a riverside walk to St. Mary Redcliff, which Queen Elizabeth I claimed to be the "fairest and godliest church in all the land".
- E) Catch the ferry from Redcliff Back (14) to go under Bristol Bridge, which the City is named after, go along the Old City wall of Castle Park (where the earliest settlement in Bristol was until the blitz of WW2).

 You'll also pass the old electricity station (where you may spot our resident Peregrine Falcons!), the old Leadshot Tower and arrive at Bristol Temple Meads (17). You will see two tunnels ahead which is actually Brunel's first ever bridge, and the train station itself is also of his design.





