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LOCAL TIPS

Pimp your own porridge

Drag yourself out of bed and get down to Bristol's Porridge Project for a cheap-as-chips customisable bowl of porridge, washed down with a freshly brewed coffee.

Hidden away behind Colston Hall, this dainty café is slightly off-the-beaten-track, but it's totally worth going out of your way for.

For just £3, you can dig into a bowl of piping hot porridge made using fresh oats hand-rolled on site every morning, using water instead of milk. To finish, take your pick from a range of toppings, including almonds, cashew nuts, bananas, dark chocolate, berries, and cacao nibs, to name just a few.

If you don't fancy porridge, tuck into a freshly baked cake instead. With flavours like vegan dark cherry and marzipan, lemon drizzle and salted sticky toffee, you're bound to find something that floats your boat.

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Bristol Porridge Project

Answers from the local expert

When is the best time to visit?

Mornings.

Any day except Sundays and Mondays, when it's closed.

How much does it cost?

LOCAL TIPS

Visit Bristol's oldest coffee house

If you're visiting Bristol and didn't think to look up to see the iconic sign hanging on the front of Café Revival on Corn Street, you'd be forgiven for not knowing it's actually the oldest coffee shop in Bristol.

Established over 200 years ago, Café Revival's past customers include Charles Dickens, who stayed in the Bush Taverns opposite the coffee house. More recently, they've also enjoyed visits from the likes of magician Dynamo and the late broadcasting legend Sir Terry Wogan.

Stretched over three storeys, there's plenty of seating space here, making it the ideal spot in which to perk yourself up with a loose leaf tea or Fair Trade coffee from local suppliers, Clifton Coffee Roasters.

Grab a freshly made sandwich from the cabinet on the ground floor, tuck into a cake from the café bar on the second floor, then get snug on a comfy old armchair on the top floor as you read your favourite book or catch up with friends.

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When is the best time to visit?

Mornings, afternoons, and evenings.

How much does it cost?

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LOCAL TIPS

Drink coconut arrack from an elephant

Dine out at Bristol's only designated Sri Lankan street food restaurant, The Coconut Tree.

With a focus on Sri Lankan street food served tapas-style, you're advised to order three to four dishes per person and share the food between yourselves, so everyone gets to taste a range of dishes.

Order the Mutton Curried Kotthu or a signature egg hopper with all the trimmings and wash it down with a Drunken Sri Lankan cocktail of coconut arrack, ginger beer, lime, turmeric and Cointreau, served in a cute ceramic elephant no less.

There are two branches, one on Cheltenham Road and another on Byron Place, near the Clifton Suspension Triangle.

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When is the best time to visit?

Afternoons, evenings, and nights.

How much does it cost?

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LOCAL TIPS

Down a "Breaking Bad"-inspired cocktail

Tucked away on Small Street, you'd be forgiven for missing Faraway Cocktail Club, but despite being relatively compact, this trendy cocktail bar packs a great punch.

Try the "Breaking Bad"-inspired 'Heisenberg' cocktail, inspired by Walter White (who adopts the moniker of Heisenberg when he starts his meth dealing empire), the lead character of the cult TV series about a former chemistry teacher who starts making blue crystal meth in a bid to fund his cancer treatment and support his family.

While this bright blue, sweet concoction may look rather suspicious, it's actually a perfectly guilt-free (though still potent enough!) mixture of blue Curacao, Stoli raspberry vodka, soda water and citric acid, topped with a lab pipette and a 'baggie' filled with blue crystal 'meth', which is actually baking soda and blue Curacao.

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When is the best time to visit?

Afternoons, evenings, and nights.

Open from 4 PM until late

How much does it cost?

About GBP8 - GBP20.

LOCAL TIPS

Eat seasonal 'slow food' by the harbour

Sitting next door to the Watershed Cinema in trendy Harbourside, No.1 Harbourside prides itself upon serving fresh, local 'slow foods.' The weekly-changing seasonal menu boasts dishes like grass-fed beef burgers, local mussels with cider and cream and freshly made sandwiches on artisanal bread.

On a sunny day, you can take a seat outside and savour your meal as you admire the idyllic views over Bristol's floating harbour and watch the water gushing down the stone steps leading onto it. Alternatively, if the sky's looking a little grey, choose a table indoors and soak up the warm atmosphere and laid-back, friendly vibes as you dine.

You can also enjoy a local craft beer or cider from the bar, pick up a slice of freshly baked cake to take home with you or, if you're really lucky, perhaps you'll even manage to catch a live music performance.

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When is the best time to visit?

Afternoons, evenings, and nights.

Don't go there on a Sunday evening, as the kitchen will be closed.

How much does it cost?

About GBP15 - GBP30.

Do you have any tips?

LOCAL TIPS

Order hot chocolate by its cocoa content

Perched around halfway up Bristol's Park Street, Mrs Pott's Chocolate House is Bristol's one and only chocolate house.

Stepping inside this cute café decked out in fairy lights, you'll be greeted with a hot chocolate menu featuring a variety of tantalising options, ranging right through from 28% to 100% in cocoa content. Each drink is served with a dainty Mrs Potts-branded chocolate.

As you sip on your hot chocolate, indulge your inner sugar junkie with a sweet treat from the saliva-inducing selection of cakes and bakes. Highlights include the dulche de leche brownie, double chocolate chip cookie sandwiches, chocolate cupcakes, raspberry and white chocolate blondies, and salted caramel chocolate cake. Vegan options are also available.

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Answers from the local expert

When is the best time to visit?

Mornings, afternoons, and evenings.

How much does it cost?

About GBP5 - GBP10.

Do you have any tips?

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LOCAL TIPS

Lose yourself in a Pipe Dream

Established around 15 years ago in what was once the old Berkeley Castle pub, The Pipe and Slippers (known locally simply as 'The Pipe') is a traditional little pub in Bristol's vibrant Stokes Croft district.

Over the years, 'The Pipe' has built up quite the reputation for its aptly-named Pipe Dream cocktail. Not for the faint-hearted, this potent concoction consists of two shots of dark rum, one shot of white rum and a combination of orange juice, passionfruit juice, pineapple juice and lime juice, topped with grenadine, half a shot of Wray and Nephew overproof rum and half a shot of absinthe. It may sound deadly, but it's actually fairly sweet and dangerously drinkable.

While you're at it, marvel at the collection of bank notes plastered along the wall behind the bar, and perhaps even donate your own to add to the collection.

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When is the best time to visit?

Evenings and nights.

Stop by in the evening when the atmosphere is at its liveliest

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LOCAL TIPS

Relax to reggae beats in St Paul's

By day this brick-vaulted basement bar Cosies (formerly known as Cosies Wine Bar) is a rather reserved establishment, popular among professionals and leisurely-lunchers alike. By night however, this quirky little bar transforms itself into a throbbing reggae, dub and drum n' bass paradise. Perch on an old church pew as you sip on a cocktail or a beer, and nod along to the bass-heavy rumblings in this otherwise cosy place. …

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When is the best time to visit?

Evenings and nights.

Any day except Monday or Tuesday, when it's closed.

How much does it cost?

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Do you have any tips?

Make sure you bring cash, as they don't always accept cards.

Is there an official website?



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LOCAL TIPS

See an indie film at an arthouse cinema

Sitting on the banks of Bristol's Harbourside, the Watershed houses an arthouse cinema and cultural hub showcasing Bristol's creative arts scene.

The three compact and cosy screens here show a range of indie films, many of which star local artists and young people, and on Mondays at 11 AM, there's even a special 'Cinébabies' screening, where parents can bring their babies and infants (to mostly adult films) without worrying about the noise they make.

As an added bonus, the Watershed hosts an admission-free Pervasive Media Studio on Fridays from 1 PM to 5 PM at the opposite end of the building to the cinema, featuring resident speakers and sensory experiences brought to you through the latest creative technology.

Enjoy a pre-show meal in the Watershed Café and Bar. Menu highlights include classic beer-battered fish and chips, Herefordshire beef burger and fries, red lentil dahl and gnocchi with arabiatta sauce.

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When is the best time to visit?

Mornings, afternoons, evenings, and nights.

Most of the screenings take place during the afternoons and the evenings.

How much does it cost?

About GBP5 - GBP10.

LOCAL TIPS

Clear your head in this 'Bemmie' park

Bristol isn't exactly brimming with green spaces, but Victoria Park in Bedminster makes for the perfect spot to walk your dog, take a jog or soak up the sunshine – all away from the pandemonium and pollution of the city centre.

Known for its rows of Victorian terraced houses, Bedminster (affectionately known today as 'Bemmie') was once a thriving town in its own right, before it got absorbed into Bristol's urban sprawl in the 19th century. Popular with affluent city workers, this up-and-coming suburb lies around a 25-minute walk south of Bristol city centre.

Once you're done wandering around Victoria Park, take a stroll along North Street, which has more than enough charity shops, cafes, and fancy food outlets to keep you busy for a few hours.

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When is the best time to visit?

Mornings, afternoons, and evenings.

How much does it cost?

It's free.

Do you have any tips?

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LOCAL TIPS

Grab a vegan freakshake

far away from the hustle and bustle of the city centre in Bedminster (affectionately known by locals as 'Bemmy'), VX Bristol is the go-to place for anyone craving a vegan food fix.

Everything sold here is 100% vegan, from the mac n' cheese and 'steak' frites, to the cookie sandwiches and custard doughnuts. Gluten-free options are also available too.

Go all out and treat yourself to an Oreo milkshake – a luxuriously velvety chocolate milkshake topped with a ring doughnut, squirty cream and Oreo crumbles. Everything about it just cries out to be Instagrammed – that's if you can manage to restrain yourself from digging in before you take that photo.

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Answers from the local expert

When is the best time to visit?

Mornings and afternoons.

The kitchen closes 30 minutes before the cafe shuts.

How much does it cost?

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