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Sacred Bristol

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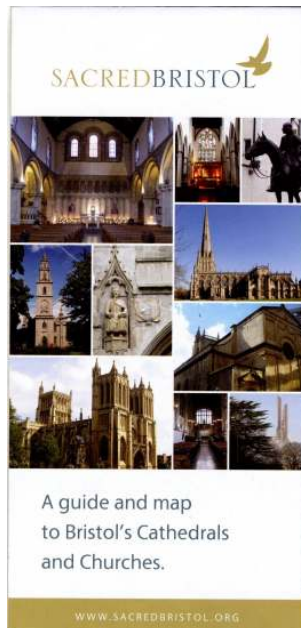
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| Do you associate Bristol with..... | 1998 | 2007 | Change |
|------------------------------------|------|------|--------|
| Bridges | 88% | 86% | ☹ |
| Historic ships | 75% | 81% | 😊 |
| Brunel | 70% | 79% | 😊 |
| The South West | n/a | 78% | |
| Historic buildings and gardens | 64% | 69% | 😊 |
| Fine architecture | 63% | 63% | 😊 |
| Good shopping | 77% | 61% | ☹ |
| Engineering and science | 67% | 59% | ☹ |
| Big events and festivals | 52% | 59% | 😊 |
| Good theatre and arts | 61% | 53% | ☹ |
| Fine museums and galleries | n/a | 50% | |
| TV and film making | n/a | 43% | |
| Sherry | 55% | 41% | ☹ |
| Clubbing and nightlife | 48% | 36% | ☹ |
| Vibrant music scene | 47% | 35% | ☹ |
| Sport | 54% | 32% | ☹ |
| Wildlife films and events | 29% | 29% | 😊 |
| Religious heritage | 20% | 29% | 😊 |

| Do you associate Bristol with..... | 2007 | Day visitors from home | Staying visitors | Day visitors on holiday |
|------------------------------------|------|------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Bridges | 86% | 86% | 88% | 79% |
| Historic ships | 81% | 85% | 80% | 74% |
| Brunel | 79% | 88% | 72% | 73% |
| The South West | 78% | 81% | 77% | 72% |
| Historic buildings and gardens | 69% | 68% | 71% | 64% |
| Fine architecture | 63% | 61% | 69% | 56% |
| Good shopping | 61% | 74% | 54% | 44% |
| Engineering and science | 59% | 63% | 56% | 56% |
| Big events and festivals | 59% | 67% | 55% | 48% |
| Good theatre and arts | 53% | 62% | 47% | 43% |
| Fine museums and galleries | 50% | 53% | 51% | 41% |
| TV and film making | 43% | 55% | 34% | 32% |
| Sherry | 41% | 52% | 30% | 36% |
| Clubbing and nightlife | 36% | 41% | 36% | 23% |
| Vibrant music scene | 35% | 41% | 34% | 20% |
| Sport | 32% | 40% | 25% | 29% |
| Wildlife films and events | 29% | 39% | 20% | 23% |
| Religious heritage | 29% | 30% | 23% | 30% |

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Sacred Bristol

Bristol can be proud not only of its rich history and seafaring links, but also of its profusion of churches and places of worship. Any visit to Bristol should at least include a glimpse inside some of these remarkable locations that have helped to make Bristol a place of significant religious importance.

Discover more about Sacred Bristol by browsing the following sections...

- Download the **Sacred Bristol brochure** (PDF).
- Listen to **The Bristol Churches Trail** MP3 audio tour.

Discover more about the following places of worship:

- St Mary Redcliffe Church**
- Bristol Cathedral**
- St Thomas Church**
- St John the Baptist**
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A new map detailing some of Bristol's "most fascinating" places of worship has been launched in the city.

Sacred Bristol features eight churches and cathedrals, including Bristol Cathedral on College Green and St Paul's in Portland Square.

It is hoped the free document, which is available in most churches, will encourage more visitors to Bristol.

All venues featured are free to visit and welcome worshippers and non-worshippers alike.

David Worthington, the driving force behind the project, said: "Bristol is proud not only of its rich history and seafaring links, but also of its religious heritage. "Our city is fortunate to have a profusion of fascinating churches and places of worship for visitors to enjoy."

St James Priory is believed to be the oldest building in Bristol, dating back nearly 1,000 years, but Sacred Bristol is not just about old buildings.

Clifton Cathedral - only built in the 1970s - is an award-winning architectural masterpiece.

Faisal Khalif from Destination Bristol, who supported the production of Sacred Bristol, said: "The guide is a great way of reaching out to visitors to Bristol and gives them the opportunity to experience the unique atmosphere in our city's amazing cathedrals and churches. "The Sacred Bristol guide will also provide inspiration for Bristolians looking to spend their summer holidays at home this year. "Perhaps now's the time to visit some of the Bristol gems we've not

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- St Thomas the Martyr on St Thomas Street
- Bristol Cathedral on College Green
- Clifton Cathedral on Pembroke Road
- St John the Baptist on Broad Street
- St James Priory on Whitson Street
- St Mary Redcliffe on Redcliffe Way
- St Paul's on Portland Square
- The New Room/John Wesley's Chapel on The Horsefair

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Table A.2 England visit trends 2008-2009 - by attraction category (%)

| Category | Attractions sample | % 09/08 |
|---------------------------|--------------------|---------|
| Country parks | 45 | +2 |
| Farms | 58 | +6 |
| Gardens | 106 | +10 |
| Historic houses/castles | 342 | +12 |
| Other historic properties | 111 | +1 |
| Leisure/theme parks | 35 | +1 |
| Museums/art galleries | 600 | +3 |
| Steam/heritage railways | 29 | +7 |
| Visitor/heritage centres | 75 | +5 |
| Wildlife attractions/zoos | 88 | +2 |
| Workplaces | 52 | +2 |
| Places of worship | 103 | +6 |
| Other | 162 | +9 |
| England | (1,806) | +5 |

All categories showed growth in 2009, with the most striking increases observed for historic houses/castles (+12%). This is consistent with findings reported by the quarterly England Attractions Monitor throughout 2009 and represents a significant shift from the static visits position observed over the past few years. Gardens (+10%) also reported a double digit percentage increase, despite another summer of wetter than average weather.

Museums/art galleries reported a more modest +3% increase, significantly lower than the +7% reported in 2008 (driven to an extent by the stellar performance of museums/art galleries in the North West as a result of Liverpool Capital of Culture 2008).

Places of worship continued to recover well, reporting strong increases in visitor admissions of +6% in 2009 and +5% in 2008. The years immediately prior to this were a period of more modest increases, which in turn followed years of declining admissions.

