

Bristol

Homestay (Full-Board) » Elementary to Advanced » Ages 12 - 19



THE CITY

Bristol is a dynamic yet laid back city of enormous diversity. Cool cafés, gorgeous architecture and modern art centres mix comfortably with monuments to the city's proud naval heritage, all set amongst dramatic local scenery. The city is the premier shopping venue in the south-west of England and makes the perfect centre for students, with bands, clubs and cafés as well as over 450 parks, Victorian pleasure gardens and urban wildlife reserves. Bristol is a truly vibrant city with fantastic transport links.

THE COURSE CENTRE

English lessons take place in prestigious school premises within easy reach of the city centre. The classrooms are of an excellent standard with modern equipment. Hot and cold drinks, sandwiches and hot snacks can be purchased in the nearby University social centre.

TUITION

In small, manageable classes of up to sixteen, the course aims to make the most of the students' stay in England by focussing on spoken English and giving maximum opportunity for practice both inside and outside the classroom. We include more formal lessons on grammar and vocabulary, informal Active English Practice sessions and excursion preparation lessons before the full-day excursions. The common language is of course English, so students are further motivated to learn in order to communicate with their new friends.

ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

We offer visits to Bristol's attractively restored docks, and we see Brunel's spectacular bridge over the Avon Gorge. Sports of all kinds play a major part in the programme and full-day staff-accompanied excursions may include a day in Cardiff with its magnificent castle, the Roman city of Bath, Oxford and the cathedral city of Gloucester.

ACCOMMODATION

Our Bristol hosts live in the many suburbs of this large city and all are selected to give our students as easy a journey to the course premises as possible. Local transport to and from the school is at extra cost.

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE PRICE?

- ✓ Full-board homestay accommodation
 - ✓ 20 lessons of 45 minutes (15 hours) on 4 mornings and 2 afternoons per week. Maximum 16 students per class
 - ✓ Full-day staff-accompanied excursions: 1 mid-week + 1 on Saturday (except departure Saturday). Full-day London excursion always included with attractions such as London Eye, a London river boat cruise or Blue Badge guided tour always included.
 - ✓ Activities per week: 2 + 1 evening
- At extra cost: Airport transfers/Local transport



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USEFUL INFORMATION

HOW TO GET TO BRISTOL: **From Heathrow:** By Railair Link Coach to Reading every half hour (50 mins). From Reading Central Station by train to Bristol approx. every hour. (80 mins) • **By coach,** first one at 08.25, then every 60-90 minutes until 23.59. (2 hrs). **From Gatwick:** By coach, every 1 or 2 hours from 08.30. (Approx. 3 hrs 05 mins) • **By train to London Victoria,** train every 15 minutes, (30 mins). From Victoria by taxi or Underground to Paddington Station. From Paddington by train, one per hr. (1 hr 40 mins). **From London Victoria / St Pancras (Eurostar):** By taxi or Underground to Paddington. Then by train every hour to Bristol. (1 hr 40 mins) • **Alternatively by coach from Victoria;** service runs every hour on the hour (2 hrs 20 mins).

Visit: www.nationalrail.co.uk, www.nationalexpress.com

THE HOMESTAY: Living in an English home provides an ideal opportunity to practise the language. It may take a day or two to settle down, but with a little effort it can be a rewarding experience for everyone concerned. Since most English people live in small houses with gardens, and not flats, towns are larger in area and distances may be greater than students are used to. Most students will therefore travel by public transport between their accommodation and teaching centre.

LAUNDRY: Hostesses will be happy to do small amounts of washing for their students, together with their own wash. Clothes should be clearly marked with the student's name.

TELEPHONES: Students should always ask for permission before making telephone calls and remember to pay for any calls made. Ideally students should give their mobile phone numbers to their hostesses for emergency purposes.

BATHROOMS: In most cases students will have to share the bathroom/toilet with other members of the household. They, too, have to get to work and school on time, so students should try to fit in with them and leave the bathroom as they would wish to find it.

MEAL TIMES: Students should be at home and on time for meals but let their hostess know if they are going to be late or if they will not require a meal that they would normally have. Students must let their hostess know where they are going and at what time they expect to be back.

GOING OUT: English law protects young people under the age of 18 very carefully. EJO therefore has strict rules regarding going out unaccompanied and the times by which students should be home at night. For full details please refer to our General Information for Students. Student cards must be carried at all times. No students under the age of 18 years may spend a night away from home without prior WRITTEN permission from their parents or guardian.

MEDICAL CARE:

If students become ill while in England and need medical treatment their hostess will ensure that they see a doctor. For full details of students' rights under the NHS please refer to our General Information for Students. **All students must bring a signed Medical Consent Form with them to the centre** – see enclosed or download from our website https://www.ejo.co.uk/forms/pdfs/Medical_Information.pdf

CLOTHING: English summers can be unpredictable, and a few items of warm clothing and rainwear are essential. The following may also be useful: swimsuit, towels and sports shoes for the sports centre.

The student's name should be clearly marked on all clothes and other belongings.

POCKET MONEY: Students should allow £15 - £20 per week for bus tickets to and from the teaching centre. Our Local Organisers in each centre will assist with the purchase of passes or season tickets. Everything on our programme is included in the course price. However students will also want some extra money for shopping. The amount will vary from student to student but we advise students to keep their money locked in their suitcases and only take with them what they will require for the day.

DAMAGE: Students must pay for any damage caused to their hostess's property, even if it is accidental. We therefore strongly advise that students take out adequate insurance before coming to England.

SMOKING: In England, young people of 16 years of age and under are not allowed to buy cigarettes, nor smoke in public places. Smoking is now illegal inside all public buildings - cinemas, food shops, clubs, pubs, restaurants, etc. Students staying in a non-smoking household, who wish to smoke, are requested to do so only in the garden, unless their hostess gives them permission otherwise.

SECURITY: Sadly, theft is on the increase everywhere. Valuable items such as mobile phones, cameras, I-Pods, computer games, jewellery, money and keys should be kept locked away when not in use.

ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES: Electrical sockets in England may be different from those abroad and a special international adaptor may be required for mobile phone chargers, hairdryers, electric shavers, etc. These are inexpensive and readily available in most airport shops.

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