



Travel Guide and Activities



Useful Information

Climate

The south coast of England is known to have one of the warmest climates in the UK, but the weather can still be unpredictable, so it's a good idea to carry a light waterproof jacket or umbrella. It is quite possible for the weather to be warm, cold, sunny, raining, and windy... all in the same day!

Money

The currency in Brighton, as in the rest of the United Kingdom, is the British Pound Sterling (£/GBP).

Telephone Country Code

The telephone country code for the United Kingdom, including Brighton, is +44.

Electricity

230 V; 50Hz – 3-pin

Tap water

Tap water in Brighton is safe to drink, unless there's a sign to the contrary (eg on trains), meeting strict health and safety regulations set by the UK government.

Your Brighton Bucket List

Must-See Sights and Travel Essentials

Brighton is a bustling, cosmopolitan city located just an hour from London by train. It is famous for its pebble beach, unique shopping districts, and bohemian vibe. The city has a rich cultural and artistic heritage, with a calendar full of festivals, music events and exhibitions throughout the year.

[Check out the Monthly Activities Calendar](#)

5 Things to Do

- Stroll along the Brighton Palace Pier
- Visit the Royal Pavilion
- Relax on Brighton Beach
- Check out Brighton Museum and Art Gallery
- Explore the charming streets of The Lanes



Transportation

Transportation within Brighton is well-developed, featuring various options for getting around. The city has an extensive bus network operated by several companies. Additionally, cycling is popular due to dedicated bike lanes.

Public Transport Info

Brighton's public transport network is primarily managed by Brighton & Hove Buses, with frequent services running throughout the city and to nearby areas. Student passes and day tickets are available, making travel more affordable and accessible.

Weekly tickets start at £15.50 for Student City Saver on mobile app / £29 travel card. More information can be found [here](#).

Useful Links

[What's On](#)

[Things to Do](#)

[Weather in Brighton](#)

Legal Driving Age

The legal driving age in the UK is 17 years old. Most car hire companies require that you be at least 21 years old and have an international or European driving license.

Alcohol Age

The legal drinking age in England is 18 years old. You must be at least this age to purchase alcohol or enter licensed premises. Many places will ask for identification if you look below the age of 21.

Smoking Laws

Smoking is not allowed in enclosed public spaces, including bars, restaurants, and public transport in the UK. Designated smoking areas are usually available outside such establishments. The minimum age for purchasing cigarettes or tobacco products is 18.

Insurance

Students must have adequate health, accident and travel insurance while attending any of our programmes.



British Public Holidays

Public holidays falling on a weekday

2026: 01 Jan, 03 Apr, 06 Apr, 04 May, 25 May, 31 Aug, 25 Dec, 28 Dec

Visa Requirements

Students may require a student visa to enter the UK. Please contact us for more information.

[Visa Requirements](#)

Cost of Living

Bottle of water / soda (0.33 litre)
£0.60-£1.20

Coffee/Cappuccino (Starbucks)
£2.30-£3.00

Fast-Food combo meal
£4.50-£6.00

Meal, inexpensive restaurant
£10.00-£25.00

Fitness club (monthly, 1 adult)
£25.00-£70.00

Public transport (local transport)
£2.50 (one-way)

Public transport (monthly pass)
£50.00-£80.00