



50 Things to do in Brighton

1. Take a tour of the Royal Pavilion

The incredible seaside palace of the Prince Regent (George IV), transformed by John Nash into one of the most dazzling and exotic buildings in the British Isles, is a Brighton must see. www.royalpavilion.org.uk

2. Go to the beach

Featured in Enjoy Englands Top 10 beach destinations, Brighton is officially one of the nation's favourite seaside cities. Fashionable, fun and funky, Brighton is loaded with style and offers everything you could want from a seaside holiday.

3. Experience Amazonia at the Sea Life Centre

With 150 species and 57 displays, you'll be hard pressed to find a more enjoyable day out for the whole family! You'll also discover Submarine Adventures, giant turtles and Amazonian Adventures. www.sealifeeurope.com

4. Discover Hove!

Just west of the city centre and resplendent with Regency townhouses, as well as a great beachfront, museum, shops and restaurants, Hove 'actually' is one of the most colourful locations in Brighton. www.visitbrighton.com/site/maps-guides-and-interactive/brightons-villages/hove

5. Go orbng or mountain boarding

It's quirky and its crazy! Jump into a 12ft PVC orb and hurtle down a hill on the beautiful South Downs at speeds of up to 30mph. Or for sun, surf and dirt, try extreme mountain boarding. www.orb360.co.uk and www.board360.co.uk

6. Check out some art and design at Brighton Museum

Love arts and culture? Brighton Museum and Art Gallery offers a range of dynamic and innovative galleries, including fashion and style and 20th century art and design, as well as changing exhibitions. www.brighton.virtualmuseum.info

7. Follow a Brighton Movie or Sculpture Map

Find out about Brighton and Hove's filmic legacies old and new, or discover the colourful sculptural heritage of the city, with one of our downloadable map trails. www.visitbrighton.com/site/mapsguides-and-interactive/guides

8. Take the train to Horror Hotel on Brighton Pier

Scared yet? You will be. The pier's ghost train to Horror Hotel will have you shaking in your seat. Thrill seekers should also check out the Super Booster, which rockets from 0-60mph in under 3 seconds taking you 38 metres up, before hurtling you back down again! Go on, we dare you! www.brightonpier.co.uk

9. Chill out at a cricket match

Sit back, relax and join the men in white as leather hits willow in Hove actually. You might even see a googly! Howzat! www.sussexcricket.co.uk

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10. Belt out a Lady Gaga song

Possibly the most liberating singing experience on earth! At Lucky Voice you get a private singing booth and all your fav tunes to belt out to your heart's content. bars.luckyvoice.com/karaoke/brighton

11. Try a spot of kayaking

From kayaking, rock climbing and abseiling to mountaineering, canoeing and bushcraft, Hatt Adventures offer a fabulous range of outdoor pursuits for the adventurous, big and small. www.thehatt.co.uk/adventures

12. Shop for art at the seafront galleries

Nestling under small Victorian arches on Brighton's beachfront lies the bohemian Artists' Quarter, housing a collection of quaint and funky artists' studio spaces. Grab a coffee as you sift through the eclectic artwork on display.

13. Learn to stand up paddle board

Ever fancied trying your hand at a board sport? Hove Lagoon Watersports is one of the country's premier watersports centres, offering windsurfing and stand up paddle board lessons, plus much more. www.lagoon.co.uk

14. Take a Bus Walk to the Chattri, Hangleton or Mile Oak

Take one of the Bus Walks for a fun day out. Ride by bus to a point in Brighton, follow the route instructions and after a brisk walk on the South Downs return to your bus stop for the journey home. www.visitsouthdowns.com

15. Take a stroll in Stanmer Park

Stanmer Park was named as one of Britain's Top 10 walks by the Independent. Throw on your walking boots and set off for the Great Wood, roam across the down land or stumble into Pudding Bag Wood! www.stanmerpark.co.uk

16. Take a trip on the world's oldest operating electric railway

The oldest remaining operating electric railway in the world - jump aboard Volk's Railway and pootle along the beachfront for superb views out to sea. (April - Sept) www.volkselectricrailway.co.uk

17. Relax in Kipling's Gardens and visit Grange Museum in Rottingdean

Named after the village's most famous resident, these delightful gardens are full of olde world charm. Check out the rose or herb garden or relax in the chalk garden. The nearby Grange Museum also houses Kipling memorabilia, as well as exhibitions of work by Sussex artists. www.rottingdean.uk.com

18. Indulge in a day at the Races

Fancy a flutter? Check out John Smith's Race Day, don your finest hats for Ladies Day or place a bet on your favourite gee gee at the seaside course where the turf meets the surf! www.brightonracecourse.co.uk

19. Take afternoon tea at the Grand

Savour your scones in sumptuous style at the lush De Vere Grand, with an afternoon tea to die for...smoked salmon sandwiches, chocolate dipped strawberries and naughty cream horns await. www.grandbrighton.co.uk

20. Go sightseeing on a bus

Get a flavour of the city with an entertaining commentary packed with fascinating facts and figures that even some of the locals don't know! Runs for the Easter weekend, then daily from 30th April - 19th September. www.city-sightseeing.com

21. Wander along the undercliff walk

Jump on the Volks Railway at Brighton Pier, jump off at Black Rock near the Marina, and rejuvenate with some sea air and a leisurely summer stroll along the impressive Undercliff Walk to Saltdean.

22. Join a treasure hunt or culture walk

Bursting at the seams with art, history and sheer quirkiness, Brighton's the perfect place to join a treasure hunt or take a culture walk with the Brighton Treasure Hunt Company. www.thebrightontreasurehuntcompany.co.uk

23. Take a trip to Blatchington Mill

The restored mill at West Blatchington is a Grade II listed building and well worth a visit. Find out about the history of milling and check out scale models of Shipley smock mill and Nutley post mill. Open Sundays and Bank Holidays from May to September. www.blatchington.virtualmuseum.info

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24. Explore Brighton with a VisitBrighton podcast!

Get out and about with one of our fantastic podcast trails to help you to explore different areas of the city. Each podcast has a different theme - from famous people and gay and lesbian history to arts and sculpture.

www.visitbrighton.com/site/maps-guides-and-interactive/podcasts

25. Swim in the sea

Long treasured by bathers and promenading tourists, visitors to Brighton beach can now take another comfort from the famous pebbly shores. Recently awarded Blue Flag status in recognition of its cleanliness and water quality, taking the plunge has never been cleaner!

26. Enjoy a pleasure cruise

Nothing quite like a life on the ocean waves. Enjoy a 45 minute pleasure cruise along the coast and past the 2 piers or join a 90 minute mackerel fishing trip. www.watertours.co.uk

27. Eat a picnic at Devil's Dyke

Pack the sarnies and ginger beer, pull out your best blanket and roll up to Devil's Dyke for a chilled out day on the Downs. Sit back, relax and take in the views north towards the Weald and south over the sea. Did you know it's also the largest chalkland dry combe in Britain? www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-devilsdyke

28. Go veggietastic at Terre à Terre

With veggie delights to turn the most avid carnivore, Terre à Terre brings a whole new meaning to the term vegetarian with a mouth-watering menu of sublime veggie dishes. Drop in and go veggietastic. Bring the kids, bring Gran, bring Aunt Flo – bring everyone! www.terreaterre.co.uk

29. Get fishy at Brighton Fishing Museum

Think you know your cod from your crayfish? Check out Brighton Fishing Museum, where you can sample shellfish, take in an olde traditional smoker and find out all there is to know about fishing in Brighton. You might even get the fishy low-down from a working fisherman! www.brightonfishingmuseum.org.uk

30. Drop in at the Duke of Yorks

A must for film buffs, the Duke of York's Picture House was one of the first cinemas in the world. They've got cracking art house films, mainstream fare, comfy seats, a huge pair of legs on the roof and they sell cake! (And wine too apparently, but we wouldn't know about that.) www.picturehouses.co.uk

31. Indulge in champagne and oysters at Riddle and Finns

Indulge in sumptuous seafood, sip chilled champagne and sit at marble topped tables, safe in the hands of the friendly, knowledgeable staff. The perfect post shopping or pre-theatre treat! www.riddleandfinns.co.uk

32. Buy vegetarian shoes in the North Laine area

Well known for its eco friendly and environmental approach to life, Brighton has its very own vegetarian shoe shop. Who says feet can't go veggie? www.vegetarian-shoes.co.uk

33. Take a tour of the old police cells

Ello, Ello, Ello. Learn about life on the beat in Brighton and visit the old police cells with this unique tour. See the fascinating collection of local Police memorabilia and find out all about the grisly goings on of 1844, when Constable Solomon was murdered by a prisoner. Summer only. www.oldpolicecellsmuseum.org.uk

34. See a show at the Theatre Royal Brighton

From Marlene Dietrich to Laurence Olivier, a host of thespians have trodden the boards at the Theatre Royal. Offering top West End plays, hysterical comedies and fabulous musicals, the Theatre Royal provide the best theatrical programme on the South Coast. www.ambasadortickets.com/Theatre-Royal-Brighton

35. Get down and dirty with a sewer tour

Brighton's Victorian sewerage system is one of the most magnificent examples of civil engineering of its kind and the sewer tours have become a popular attraction for tourists. Don't worry though; drainage and water disposal has come a long way in Brighton since Victorian times! 0845 278 0845

36. Laugh your socks off at Brighton Komedia

One of Brighton's premier live entertainment venues, Komedia offers around 700 performances of music, comedy, cabaret and theatre to choose from each year! www.komedia.co.uk

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37. Get spooky with a Preston Manor ghost tour

Join Daisy the Housemaid for eerie tales of Victorian séances and the chilling White Lady at Brighton's favourite haunted house. Watch out for slamming doors and mysterious wafts of lavender in the Morning Room. BOO! (April – Sept) www.prestonmanor.virtualmuseum.info

38. Visit Brighton Toy and Model Museum

A treat for the kids big and small! Brighton Toy and Model Museum is an Aladdin's cave of the finest toys and models, including mechanical toys, dolls house furniture and puppets dating back to the 1790s. www.brightontoymuseum.co.uk

39. Go bouldering at Yellowave Beach Sports

Anyone for beachminton or bouldering? Check out Brighton's award winning beach sports venue where sand based sports from volleyball to Ultimate Frisbee have taken the city by storm. www.yellowave.co.uk

40. Breeze up to the Downs

Jump aboard a bus linking the city with some of the area's finest countryside. With the Downs on the Doorstep, you're just minutes away from Devil's Dyke, Stanmer Park and Ditchling Beacon. www.visitsouthdowns.com

41. Take a guided woodland walk

From fishing and cycling to guided woodland walks, with over 40 years experience of Sussex, So Sussex are raring to share their knowledge of the stunning Sussex countryside. www.sosussex.co.uk

42. Check out the Chattri

A unique monument on the beautiful South Downs dedicated to Indian Soldiers who died in WWI, the Chattri was unveiled in 1921 by the then Prince of Wales. Accessible by bridleway, you can walk, cycle or even horseride your way there! www.black-history.org.uk/chattri.asp

43. Visit the Booth Museum of Natural History

Check out whale and dinosaur bones and over half a million other specimens, including natural history literature extending back over three centuries. www.booth.virtualmuseum.info

44. Visit the highest Parish church in Britain

St Bartholomew's Church is one of the great churches of the 19th century. The highest in Britain, it's a masterpiece of brickwork and a credit to its architect, Edmund Scott. A hidden gem. www.stbartholomewsbrighton.org.uk

45. Check out the Brighton Earthship

Earthship Brighton is a solar powered, eco friendly building built from used tyres. A great day out with a difference, tours are educational and fun. www.lowcarbon.co.uk

46. Experience Brighton from the air

Have you ever thought about seeing Brighton & Hove from a helicopter? www.helifly.co.uk. Or how about Brighton Scenic for your very own aerial guided tour? www.brightonscenic.co.uk. Trips leave from nearby Shoreham airport www.shorehamairport.co.uk

47. Have a Roasted Plum Crumble ice cream

Check out Scoop & Crumb for scrummy ice creams and sorbets including Rhubarb & Custard, Sherry Trifle, Real Tiramisu, Roasted Plum Crumble & Mixed Berry Burst. Yum! 5-6 East Street

48. Hire a bike and cycle across the Downs

What better way to experience the sensation of fresh air and open spaces, whilst getting some exercise and enjoying stunning views across Sussex and the sea? www.visitsouthdowns.com. For cycle hire visit www.gocyclebikehire.com and www.m-cyclehire.co.uk.

49. Download a Tourist Tracks MP3 Walking Tour

Forget wrestling with a bulky guide-book. With Tourist Tracks MP3 tours you get your very own one on one guide. Discover many of the city's historical highlights at the click of a button. www.tourist-tracks.com/tours/brighton.html

50. Feed the ducks at Queen's Park

Get quacking with the ducks in Queen's Park. Easy to get to, with something for everyone, Queen's Park was formerly a Victorian pleasure garden. The lake is a favourite attraction and feeding the ducks a tranquil way to spend a lazy afternoon before wandering around the wildlife or scented garden.

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