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BRIGHTON TRAVEL GUIDE

GETTING THERE & STAYING THERE

TRAVEL

BY TRAIN

Brighton Station is just a 15 min walk to The Thistle Hotel. Alternatively you can take a number 7 bus directly from the train station which drops you off a couple of minutes from the venue. Get off at North Street Stop C.

You can buy a day saver ticket on the bus which will give you unlimited travel around the city. There is also an app which allows you to buy an M ticket on your phone.

Information on bus travel can be found here - <http://www.buses.co.uk>

BY COACH

Brighton Poole Valley coach station is just a 2 minute walk away from the venue.

BY CAR

The nearest car park to the venue is The Lanes car park on Black Lion Street, Brighton, BN1 1ND.

Information on parking and tariffs of all car parks in Brighton can be found here - <http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/parking-and-travel/parking/car-parks>

BY AIR - FROM GATWICK AIRPORT

Travelling from Gatwick airport is very simple. The station is located at the South Terminal and just a short shuttle bus journey from the North Terminal. Trains frequently run to Brighton and the journey takes about 28 minutes. More information on can be found here - <http://www.thetrainline.com/stations/gatwick-airport>

ACCOMMODATION

The most convenient place to stay is at our venue, The Thistle. Rooms can be booked online. More details can be found here - http://www.thistle.com/hotels/united_kingdom/brighton/thistle_brighton/index.html

However, there are plenty of alternatives for different budgets. Some useful links to finding accommodation can be found here -

[http://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Hotels-g1897554-Brighton and Hove East Sussex England-Hotels.html](http://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Hotels-g1897554-Brighton%20and%20Hove%20East%20Sussex%20England-Hotels.html)

<http://www.booking.com>

<http://tourism.brighton.co.uk>

TOP 5 TOURIST HIGHLIGHTS

All of the following attractions are in easy walking distance from The Thistle Hotel.

BRIGHTON PIER

Visiting Brighton would not be complete without a trip to the iconic Victorian pier. Have stroll along the pier with an ice-cream and enjoy beautiful views of the coastline. A perfect place to take dolly photos! Admission is free.

BRIGHTON BEACH

With the pier as a backdrop, enjoy traditional seaside fun, a paddle in the sea, a ride on the merry-go-round and a stroll along the bustling Brighton promenade. Soak up the cosmopolitan atmosphere at one of the cafes and bars or relax on the famous pebble beach.

BRIGHTON PAVILION AND MUSEUM GARDENS

Visit Brighton's very own exotic palace! The spectacular seaside palace of the Prince Regent (George IV) transformed by John Nash between 1815 and 1822 into one of the most dazzling and exotic buildings in the British Isles. The Pavilion houses furniture and works of art including original pieces lent by HM The Queen and a magnificent display of Regency silver-gilt. The Royal Pavilion Tearoom, with its fabulous balcony, overlooks the Pavilion gardens, which have also been returned to their original Regency splendour. Entrance to the museum and gardens is free.

<http://www.brighton-hove-rpml.org.uk/RoyalPavilion/Pages/home.aspx>

BRIGHTON WHEEL

Hold on to your hats (and dolls)! Brighton's newest tourist attraction to the seafront comes in the form of the Brighton Wheel. The Wheel stands 45 meters in diameter and provides breath-taking, panoramic views of the coastline, surrounding architecture and landmarks.

<http://www.brightonwheel.com>

THE LANES/ NORTH LAINE SHOPPING.

The Lanes - Just a minute away from The Thistle Hotel. Once the heart of the fishing town of Brighthelmstone, Brighton Lanes' historic quarter is a fabulous maze of twisting alleyways, twittens and catcreeps offering an extraordinary mix of antiques and jewellery shops nestling alongside specialist contemporary and designer boutique fashion.

North Laine - Oozing retro chic, the Brighton North Laine shopping area is a bohemian bustle of criss-cross streets in the heart of the cultural quarter of the city. Home to over 300 unique shops in less than half a square mile the Brighton Laine area boasts the largest selection of independent retailers on the South Coast.

SHOPPING GUIDE

FABRIC

Brighton has some wonderful fabric shops. The following shops are a must see for all you dolly seamstresses!

BRIGHTON SEWING CENTRE, 68 NORTH RD, BRIGHTON, EAST SUSSEX BN1 1YD



A delightful shop stocking a wide range of quirky and cute prints, designer fabrics, trims, accessories and sewing equipment.

<http://www.brightonsewingcentre.co.uk/>

FABRIC LAND, 76 WESTERN RD, BRIGHTON. BN1 2HA

Budget friendly, fun fabrics and accessories.

<http://www.fabricland.co.uk/brighton.htm>

DITTO FABRICS, 21 KENSINGTON GARDENS, NORTH LAINE, BRIGHTON BN1 4AL

End of line designer fabrics at affordable prices and trimmings, ribbons, feathers, and buttons.

<http://dittofabrics.co.uk/>

FABRIC FAIR, 51 GARDNER ST, THE LANES, BRIGHTON BN1 1UN



Piled high with a diverse range of fabrics and trimmings from all over the world! Have a rummage and see what goodies you find!

C& H FABRICS: WESTERN RD, BRIGHTON BN1 2BA

Find a wealth of dressmaking fabrics, quilting fabrics and tools in this traditional store. And there are mannequins, sewing machines and a huge haberdashery.

<http://www.candh.co.uk/our-stores/brighton>

VINTAGE SHOPPING

Brighton hosts a wide variety of fabulous vintage, second hand and antique shops. The following site lists all the vintage shops and markets in Brighton.

Snoopers Paradise and Brighton Flea Market are two must see stores! Both are piled high with an eclectic mix of bric a brac, furniture, books, vintage fashion and toys! Who knows, maybe you will find a Kenner Blythe?!

<http://vintagebrighton.com/>

FOOD AND DRINK

Brighton has a diverse range of food and drink on offer to delight all palates. Take a peek at these local treats, only to be found in Brighton!

THE TEA COSY, 3 GEORGE STREET, KEMPTOWN, BRIGHTON



Put on your best frock and head down to The Tea Cosy for the most eccentric afternoon tea in Brighton. Oh, and do be on your best behaviour, the proprietor takes a dim view of those who don't mind their manners!

<http://www.theteacosy.co.uk/index.html>

ROCK OLA COFFEE BAR/ CAFÉ, 29 TIDY STREET, BRIGHTON, BN1 4EL



Calling all rockabillys! Pop into this laid back café and enjoy a milkshake and burger in a 50s/60s themed café with a free jukebox crammed with tunes from this era. Veggie/Vegan options are available.

<http://www.rockolacoffeebar.com/>

MOSHIMO, BARTHOLOMEW SQUARE. BRIGHTON. EAST SUSSEX. BN1 1JS



Located literally outside of The Thistle Hotel, this independent, award winning sushi restaurant offers authentic Japanese dishes. Vegan/veggie dishes are available.

<http://www.moshibrighton.co.uk/>

GELATO GUSTO, 2 GARDNER STREET, BRIGHTON, BN1 1UP



A visit to the seaside is not complete without indulging in an ice cream! Gelato Gusto is an Italian ice cream parlour in the North Laines who make small batches of gelato on the premises using fresh milk and cream from a local Sussex dairy. Get there early to avoid the queues! Vegan options available.

<http://www.gelatogusto.com/>

LA CHOZA, 36 GLOUCESTER RD, BRIGHTON, BN1 4AQ



Mouth wateringly gorgeous, authentic Mexican Street food in a colourful setting full of Day of the Dead skulls, skeletons, multi-coloured papel picado bunting and eye-popping floral upholstery. Veggie/vegan options are available.

www.lachoza.co.uk

THE PRINCE GEORGE, 5 TRAFALGAR ST, BRIGHTON, EAST SUSSEX BN1 4EQ



A proper old fashioned pub which serves real ales and an award winning vegetarian menu. Make sure you are hungry, the portions are very generous! Vegan options available.

<http://www.princegeorgebrighton.co.uk/>