

BRISTOL TIMELINE

HERE IS A SELECTION OF KEY DATES IN BRISTOL'S HISTORY.

YEAR	EVENTS IN BRISTOL	OTHER EVENTS
1067	Surrenders to William the Conqueror	Work begins on Tower of London
1216	First Bristol mayor appointed	France invades England
1239	Diversion of River Frome to increase quayside	Birth of Edward I
1248	First major expansion of town	Seventh Crusade launched
1373	Becomes an independent city and county	Anglo-Portuguese alliance signed
1399	Bolingbroke (Henry IV) captures city	Richard II abdicates
1497	John Cabot sails to Newfoundland	da Gama rounds Cape of Good Hope
1542	Bristol made a Bishopric by Henry VIII	England invades Scotland
1552	Society of Merchant Venturers formed	Protestant prayer book imposed
1574	Elizabeth I visits city	War of Religion begins in France
1643	Captured for the Royalists by Prince Rupert	Sir Isaac Newton born
1645	City regained for Parliamentarians	New Model Army formed
1654	Cromwell orders destruction of Bristol Castle	Anglo-Dutch War ends
1698	Bristol officially joins the slave trade	Speed of sound calculated
1739	John Wesley establishes first Methodist chapel	Britain declares war on Spain
1766	Theatre Royal opens	Repeal of Stamp Act
1774	Edmund Burke becomes Bristol's MP	Robert Southey born
1786	Wills tobacco company founded	First convicts sent to Botany Bay
1809	Floating Harbour opened	Charles Darwin born
1831	Riots at Queen Square	Charles Darwin sails on <i>Beagle</i>
1836	Bristol Zoological Gardens opens	Charles Darwin returns on <i>Beagle</i>
1841	Bristol-Paddington rail service begins	Britain occupies Hong Kong
1843	ss <i>Great Britain</i> launched	Thames Tunnel opens
1864	Clifton Suspension Bridge opens	First Wisden Almanack
1883	Bristol Rovers founded as the Black Arabs FC	Brooklyn Bridge opens
1884	Corporation secures control of all docks	Siege of Khartoum begins
1894	Bristol City FC founded as Bristol South End	Harold Macmillan born
1909	University of Bristol gets Royal Charter	Peary reaches North Pole
1910	Founding of Bristol Aeroplane Company	George V becomes king
1911	Bristol miners strike	Marie Curie wins Nobel Prize
1932	First edition of Bristol <i>Evening Post</i>	Nazis are biggest party in German Reichstag
1940	Start of Bristol Blitz	Churchill becomes PM
1957	New Bristol Airport opens at Lulsgate	Sputnik I launched
1963	Bristol bus boycott	Beatles' first album
1968	First St Paul's Carnival	Martin Luther King assassinated
1969	Concorde's maiden flight from Filton	Apollo 11 moon landing
1970	ss <i>Great Britain</i> returns from Falklands	Concorde's first supersonic flight
1974	IRA bomb in Park Street injures 17	President Nixon resigns
2002	Shortlisted for European Capital of Culture	Hans Blix arrives in Iraq
2003	Concorde's last flight to Filton	Bush announces end of Iraq invasion
2006	Brunel 200 celebrations	Death of Saddam Hussein
2007	Abolition 200 commemorations	Gordon Brown becomes PM

