

Fourth European SCAT Workshop Bristol University

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

Chosen for its prime location, the Ibis Hotel is in the very heart of Bristol's renovated harbourside area and offers a modern style of accommodation. There is 24 hour reception and bar facilities, a restaurant and wireless internet connection throughout. Though if you didn't want to eat in, there are over

100 restaurants within a mile of the hotel and according to Google, over 300 pubs!



BOOKING:

We have made a block booking for you, and you are expected to book your room in your name before the 19th of May. When booking your room, just mention the "SCAT" meeting. Cancellation policy: you can cancel until the day of arrival without charge on your credit card.

GETTING TO THE HOTEL:

Arriving by air, there is only one airport in the city: <u>Bristol International Airport</u> (BRS). It is about 25 minutes away from the City Centre by car. There is also a frequent shuttle bus service that runs from the airport to the University: see the <u>Bristol Airport Guide</u>.

If arriving to any of the London airports, there are frequent and in most cases, direct <u>coach</u> <u>services</u> from the airports to Bristol (from London Victoria station, travel time is approximately 2 hours 30 mins).

The main train station in London for trains to Bristol is <u>London Paddington</u> (travel time approximately 1 hour 40 mins). Bristol is located about 200km west of London.

PARKING:

The hotel has with in 50 metres, we have two public car parks; Millennium square car park, & Britannia Parking. Reservations can be made by phone or by email directly to the hotel:

- 5 £ for an overnight stay, starting 5 pm on check-in day until 9 am on the check-out day
- 8 £ for 24 hours, starting from your entrance time in the parking.

£80.50

RATES & BOOKINGS

Single:

Monday	Twin or Double: £71.00		Thursday	Twin or Double: £81.00	
_	Single:	£65.50	-	Single:	£75.50
Tuesday	Twin or Double: £81.00		Friday	Twin or Double: £76.00	
-	Single:	£75.50		Single:	£70.50
Wednesday	Twin or Dou	ble: £86.00		_	

These prices include VAT and Continental breakfast



ELECTRICITY: Note that it's powered at 220 volts, plugs are three pinned rectangular bladed (Plug G)

TAP WATER: In the UK all water out of a tap is chlorinated and drinkable, though taste may vary according to local minerals. In Bristol the water is considered 'hard', owing to high levels of calcium and magnesium in the water. The greatest effect this will have on you is to make it harder to lather soap or shampoo while washing. But on the bright side, according to the <u>BBC</u>, drinking hard water might actually reduce the risk of heart disease!

GETTING AROUND: There are plenty of buses in and around Bristol and the main bus provider in Bristol is <u>First Group</u>, but it is quite a small city and the best way to get around is on foot. Black Taxis are plentiful and there are plenty of places to pick them up in the centre. You can also order them by phone, the firms that the university works with are <u>Swiftline Taxis</u> (0117 925 2626) and St Michael's Taxis (0117 925 1111).

PERSONAL SAFETY: Bristol is like any other city and has its fair share of crime. The actual chances of anything bad happening to you are very slim if you follow the same precautions as you would at home. Most street crime is opportunist, so don't make yourself vulnerable by putting yourself in situations where you may be targeted. For more information look at the <u>guide</u> given to new students.

