Discover Brighton, the UK's most exciting seaside city

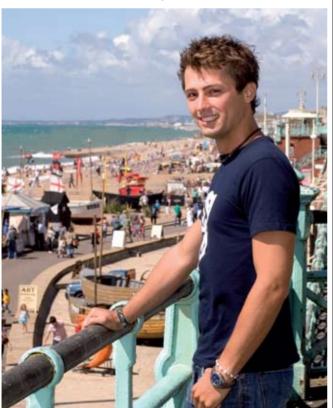
Nestled between rolling hills and the blue sea, it's easy to feel at home in Brighton. Described by Lonely Planet as 'one of England's gems', the city is lively and cosmopolitan with a friendly, relaxed vibe.

The beach

Brighton has one of the UK's most popular beaches – a place to hang out with friends, play sport, eat and drink, or just relax. The vibrant seafront is home to an artists' quarter, sports venues, lagoon, pier and marina, as well as a host of funky bars and cafés. Whether you want a brisk winter walk or a lazy summer picnic, the beach is at the heart of Brighton life.

The culture

Brighton has one of the UK's most thriving creative industries and its residents have a passion for the arts. Each year the city hosts the Brighton festival – England's largest arts festival. Now in its 43rd year, it brings together film, theatre, dance, comedy, literature, music, street performances and art.



The shopping

Brighton is a delight for shoppers, with several different shopping areas. You can find jewellery and chic designer labels in the 17th-century Lanes, vintage clothing and unique gifts in the North Laine or high-street favourites at Churchill Square and the Marina.

If you need a break from shopping you can relax with your laptop in one of the city's quirky coffee shops. Brighton is one of Europe's top cities for WiFi and you'll never be more than 10 minutes away from free wireless access.

The nightlife

People often say Brighton has a 'London culture' and the nightlife reflects this, offering something for everyone. The city has many theatres, galleries, cinemas, fashionable bars, live music and comedy, as well as some of the UK's best nightclubs.

Brighton is also great for dining. Brimming with over 400 restaurants (more per resident than anywhere outside London), it's easy to find great food and there are plenty of options if you're on a budget.

The people

With all of the above, it's no surprise that people in Brighton generally have a positive outlook and feel lucky to live in the city. The quality of life has attracted many creative and innovative people to the city – Brighton has a high business start-up rate, large number of freelancers and retains a higher proportion of its graduates than any other UK city.