



# Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

## United Kingdom - Bath

### Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** London
- ✓ **Language:** English
- ✓ **Population:** ± 89,000
- ✓ **Sq. km:** ± 29
- ✓ **Currency:** Pounds (GBP - £)
- ✓ **Country code:** +44 (01225)
- ✓ **Visa:** Yes, not part of EU. Info [here](#).
- ✓ **Emergency phone:** 999
- ✓ **Vaccinations:** None



### History Recap Over 1 Drink

1801: UK formed. '15: Role in defeating Napoleon: Britain imperial power. 40s: Industrial Revolution, peak in 2<sup>nd</sup> half 19th Century. 80s: Irish separatist movement. 1906: Liberal government, welfare state. '14-'18: WWI, against Germany. '21: Foundation Irish Free State after 3 years war of independence – North still UK. '29: World stock market crash. '31: Economic crisis. '39: Germany invades Poland, UK declares war. '40: Churchill. Battle of Britain. German bombings. '44: Allied invade France on D-Day (6/6). '45: Germany surrenders. UK: UN Security Council. '47: Colony India independent. '48: National Health Service. '49: Founder member Nato. '56: Intervenes in Suez Canal Zone, US makes them withdraw. '61: UK application EEC vetoed by French president Charles de Gaulle → '73: joins. '79: Thatcher prime minister, free market policies, privatization state-run industries. '82: Falkland war Argentina. '93: Downstreet Declaration N-Ireland. '97: Blair - Labour Party. Diana dies. '99: UK takes part in war against Yugoslavia. 2000: Intervene in Sierra Leone. 01: UK supports US. '05: London bombings. IRA (Ireland) ends armed campaign. '07: Scottish independence parties. Blair. '08: Financial crisis. '10: Cameron. '11: Intervention Libya. '13: Anti-EU ideas start. '17: "Islamist" attacks. '20: Brexit.

### Travel Seasons

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Spring												
Summer												
Autumn												
Winter												
Budget												

Altitude: 238m. Climate: Oceanic Climate (Cfb).

### Bucket List For Free

- ☺ **Sights:** Pulteney Bridge, Sally Lun's, Pump Room, [Victoria Park](#), [Alexandra Park](#), The Circus, St. Nicholas Church, [Bath City Farm](#), Great Pulteney Street, Bath Street, [Green Park Station](#) (market). [Use Geocaching!](#)
- ☺ **Museums (free):** [Victoria Art Gallery](#), [Museum of Bath Stone](#), [Medical Museum](#).
- ☺ **Hiking:** [Bath Skyline Walk](#) (recommended!), [Little Solsbury Hill](#), Linear Park, Sydney Gardens.
- ☺ **In the area:** [Stonehenge](#) (take free side path – see blog), Avebury, Salisbury, Windsor, Lacock.

### Worth The Extra \$€¥

- 👍 **Museums & sights:** [Roman Baths](#), [Bath Abbey](#), [Holburne Museum](#), [No. 1 Royal Crescent](#), [Fashion Museum](#), [Jane Austen Centre](#), [Prior Park](#), [American Museum & Gardens](#), [Herschel Museum of Astronomy](#), [Museum of Bath at Work](#), [Museum of Bath Architecture](#), [Museum of East Asian Art](#), [Beckford's Tower](#), [Postal Museum](#), [Beaux Arts](#), [Dyrham Park](#), [Royal Mint](#), [Cheddar Gorge & Caves](#).
- 👍 **Wellness:** [Thermae Bath Spa](#) (recommended!).
- 👍 **Tours:** [Pulteney River Cruise](#), [Mumford's Vineyard](#).

## Budget Bites

- ⌘ **Big supermarkets:** Sainsbury's, Iceland Foods, Waitrose.
- ⌘ **Markets:** Bath Guildhall Market, (Bath Vintage & Antique Market).
- ⌘ **Local food:** Fish and Chips (*deep-fried*), Bangers and Mash (*sausages and mashed potatoes*), Black Pudding (*blood and pork fat pudding*), Shepherd's / Cottage Pie (*lamb / beef pie*), Steak and Kidney Pie Beef Wellington (*pasty steak*), Cornish Pasty (*meat and vegetable pastry*), Full English Breakfast (*incl. bacon-beans-sausages*), Sunday Roast, Toad in the Hole (*sausages in gravy*), Scotch Egg (*boiled eggs wrapped in sausage meat, then deep-fried*), Haggis (*minced sheep's heart, liver and lungs*), Scones, Eton Mess (*meringue and cream*), Eccles Cake (*pastry*).
- ⌘ **Go vegan:** Being vegan is ridiculously easy in Europe. Local vegan dishes: Laverbread (*boiled and pureed seaweed*), Bubble and Squeak (*fried mashed potato with cabbage*), Pease Pudding (*with split peas*), Water-based Porridge. Check vegan-friendly restaurants here: [Happy Cow – Bath](#). Also check out the by-now-basically-local Indian restaurants.

## Mama Said

- ☠ Europe in general, and also Bath, is very safe... but use your common sense like everywhere.
- ☠ Tap water is drinkable.

## Next?

- ➔ **In the UK:** Bristol, Swindon, Chippenham, Glastonbury, Salisbury, Southampton, Gloucester, London, Newport (*Wales*), Cardiff (*Wales*).
- ➔ **International destinations close by:** (*Wales, Ireland, Scotland*), France, Belgium, The Netherlands.

The Earth Becomes My Throne

## Sleep Cheap

- ❖ Hostels and alternative accommodation are very expensive in the UK, and even more so in Bath. (*Wild*) Camping is officially illegal, but you can get away with it if you're discrete.
- ❖ Go [Couchsurfing](#) or Housesitting ([20% discount for Trusted Housesitters via this link!](#)). Also check [WorkAway](#) or [HelpX](#) for work-exchanges.

## Festivals

- ⚙ Bath Festival: Arts, May.
  - ⚙ Bath Fringe Festival: Theatre, May – June.
  - ⚙ Jane Austen Festival: Literature, Sep.
- More festivals [here](#).

## Nights Best Spent

- ◆ **Nightlife areas:** Downtown.
- ◆ **Theatres:** Theatre Royal Bath, Chapel Arts Centre, Rondo Theatre, The Mission Theatre, The Little Theatre Cinema.

## Free-Riding?

- Walking is an excellent option to see the more subtle details of Bath.
- Biking is another fun way to explore downtown Bath. Bike rental is widely available.
- Bath city is connected with a reliable bus system, which is however quite expensive. For several journeys a day, a day pass is more economical. You can pay the driver. For intercity buses, your cheapest options are with budget lines like [Megabus](#) and [Flixbus](#) (*especially when you book ahead*), operating specific routes. For a wider bus network and more routes, use the local [National Express](#). The buses leave from the front of the train station.
- Bath's main train station is called 'Bath Spa' and is connected frequently with cities such as Bristol, London, Reading, Cardiff, Salisbury, Southampton etc. Prices are more economical the earlier you book (*it can get really expensive last minute*).
- Airports: Bristol Airport (BRS), London Heathrow (LHR), London Gatwick (LGW), London Luton (LTN), Birmingham (BHX).
- Hitchhiking is relatively safe, but not too common. You can also use apps like [Blablacar](#) for a cheap ride.