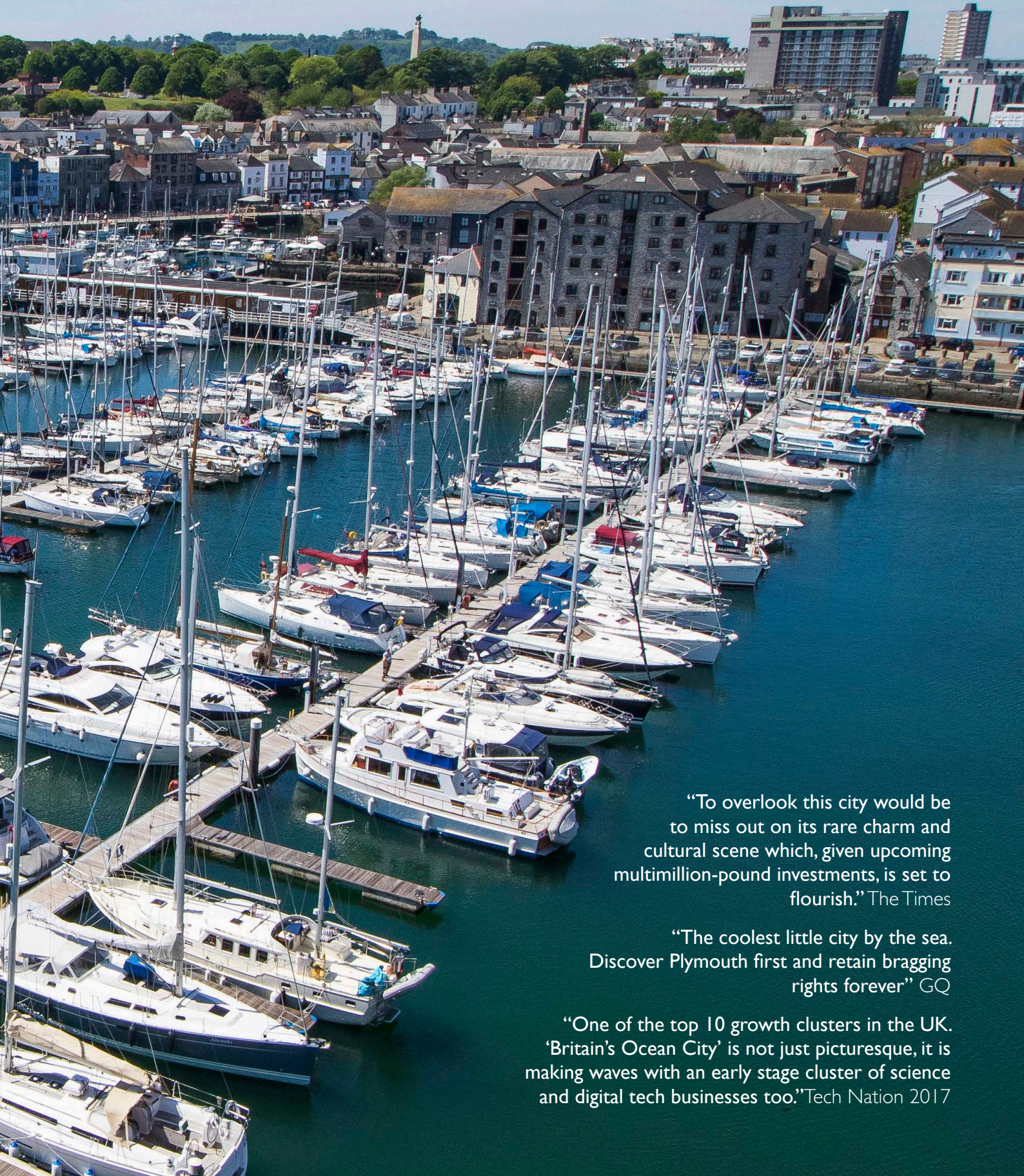


# LIVING AND WORKING IN PLYMOUTH



“To overlook this city would be to miss out on its rare charm and cultural scene which, given upcoming multimillion-pound investments, is set to flourish.” The Times

“The coolest little city by the sea. Discover Plymouth first and retain bragging rights forever” GQ

“One of the top 10 growth clusters in the UK. ‘Britain’s Ocean City’ is not just picturesque, it is making waves with an early stage cluster of science and digital tech businesses too.” Tech Nation 2017



Theatre Royal Plymouth is the best attended and largest regional producing theatre in the UK



Plymouth is the greenest city in the UK, with 40 per cent of the city being green space.



# AN EXCITING TIME TO WORK IN PLYMOUTH

**Located at the heart of the South West, Plymouth is a city by the sea with so much to offer. With an amazing quality of life, stunning waterfront location, buzzing city centre and fascinating maritime history, there is quite simply nowhere better to live, work and play than Britain's Ocean City.**

Plymouth is an ambitious city with huge growth potential and exciting major changes ahead. We have already seen the growth of the university, the redevelopment of Royal William Yard and Millbay, one of the UK's top 50 regeneration projects.

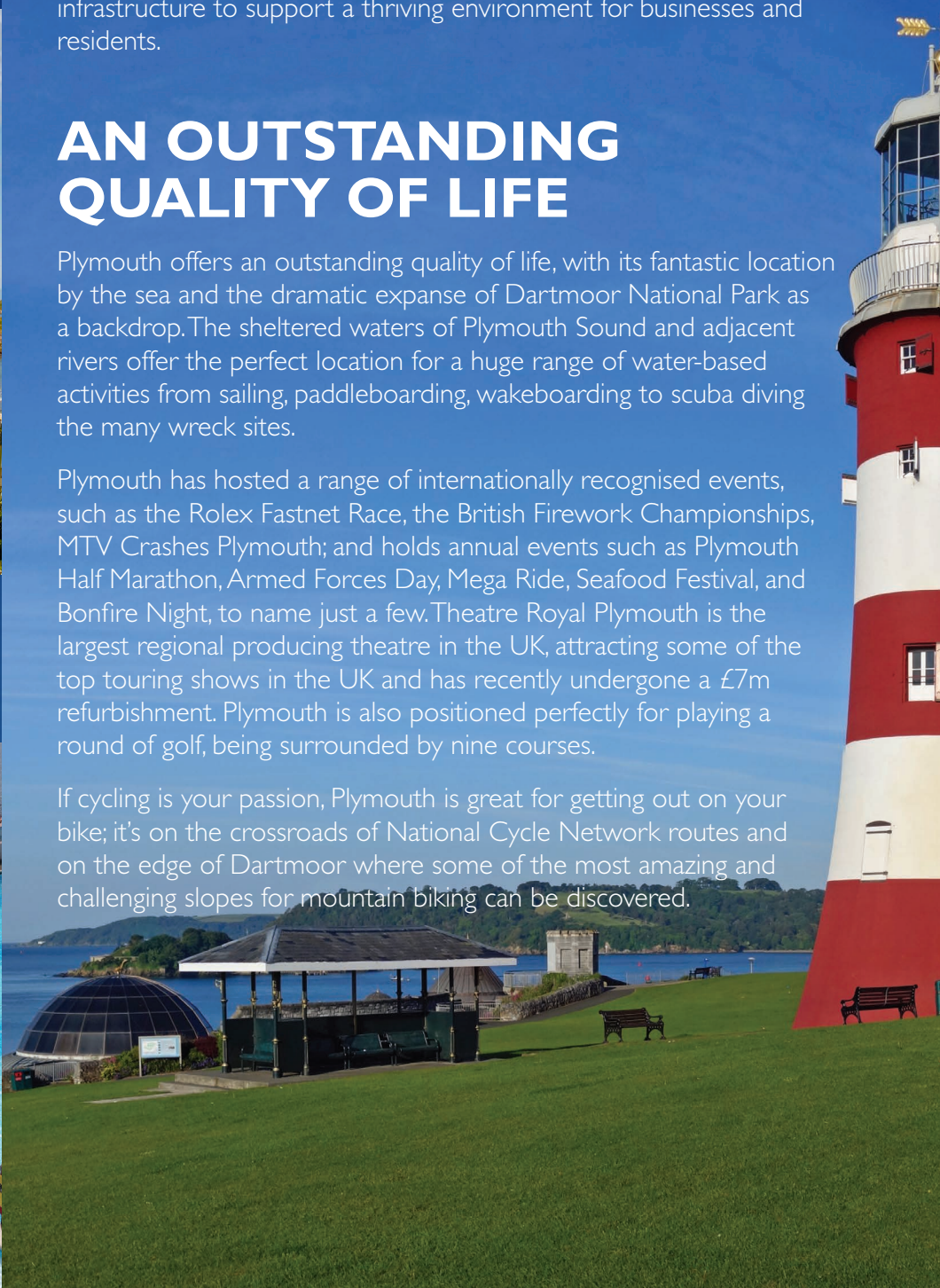
Over the next five years Plymouth will see an ambitious capital investment programme, driven by Plymouth City Council, with circa £100m each year to be invested into providing developments and infrastructure to support a thriving environment for businesses and residents.

## AN OUTSTANDING QUALITY OF LIFE

Plymouth offers an outstanding quality of life, with its fantastic location by the sea and the dramatic expanse of Dartmoor National Park as a backdrop. The sheltered waters of Plymouth Sound and adjacent rivers offer the perfect location for a huge range of water-based activities from sailing, paddleboarding, wakeboarding to scuba diving the many wreck sites.

Plymouth has hosted a range of internationally recognised events, such as the Rolex Fastnet Race, the British Firework Championships, MTV Crashes Plymouth; and holds annual events such as Plymouth Half Marathon, Armed Forces Day, Mega Ride, Seafood Festival, and Bonfire Night, to name just a few. Theatre Royal Plymouth is the largest regional producing theatre in the UK, attracting some of the top touring shows in the UK and has recently undergone a £7m refurbishment. Plymouth is also positioned perfectly for playing a round of golf, being surrounded by nine courses.

If cycling is your passion, Plymouth is great for getting out on your bike; it's on the crossroads of National Cycle Network routes and on the edge of Dartmoor where some of the most amazing and challenging slopes for mountain biking can be discovered.



# A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

**A wide choice of housing is available in Plymouth and the surrounding area and, with water surrounding approximately two-thirds of the city and moorland and countryside the remaining third, many residential areas have spectacular waterfront or country views.**

The city offers a wide variety of housing with large Victorian style houses in areas such as Stoke, Peverell, Mannamead and Hartley, all within close proximity to the city centre.

For more modern living with character and fantastic views, we have Royal William Yard, the former Royal Naval victualling yard and Mount Wise, Plymouth's new village by the sea.

Just outside the city, areas such as Plympton and Plymstock offer a wide range of housing with excellent community facilities such as shops, schools, libraries etc.

Towards the north of the city is Derriford which is also home to Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust, the largest hospital in the South West, and also only 10 minutes away from Dartmoor National Park. A wide selection of large detached properties can be found within this area.

Just outside of Plymouth is the South Hams, a region of rural and coastal Devon. To the north side it stretches to the edges of Dartmoor National Park, to the south it covers one of the most beautiful stretches of coastline in the UK from Torbay to Plymouth.

## GOOD FOOD

To relax and soak up the waterfront views and city's atmosphere Plymouth has a burgeoning reputation as a foodie heaven. Royal William Yard with its Grade I Listed former Royal Naval victualling buildings is coming alive with cafés, bars, restaurants and art galleries, including Le Bistrot Pierre, Wagamama and Las Iguanas to name a few.

Make the most of the city's fantastic local food produce by enjoying freshly caught fish, the UK's best Fish and Chips and a fantastic array of artisan bread, locally brewed beer, home grown wine and the most delicious cream teas, cream first of course!

Plymouth is home to the second largest fish market in England, and sells over 6,000 tonnes of fish each year! A fantastic place to get the freshest locally caught fish.



Average house prices in Plymouth are around 31 percent cheaper than the national average.



Plymouth boasts the second highest number of Gold Anchor marinas in the UK offering some of the best berthing facilities.





Plymouth has a strong pipeline of 10,000 construction jobs demonstrating the city's growth potential and commitment.



12% of Plymouth jobs are in the manufacturing industry, exceeding the national average of 8.3%



# IN GOOD COMPANY

Plymouth benefits from a vibrant mix of innovative, globally leading businesses ranging from marine and high tech manufacturing, healthcare to research, digital, arts and creative industries. There are plenty of opportunities to develop your career.

## HEALTH

Derriford Hospital, Plymouth is the largest teaching hospital trust in the south west. It employs more than 6,500 staff working in 350 different roles, plus hundreds of volunteers. It has a number of specialisms making it an exciting place to further your career, including supporting an aging population. There are also a number specialist medical companies operating at Plymouth Science Park.

### From a professionals perspective...

Peninsula Postgraduate Medical Education “consistently receives some of the best feedback and exam pass rates in the country”.

We have been top of the National Deaneries in the GMC survey for the last six years. This is a survey of all GPs in training across the country. The Plymouth area had a 97 per cent satisfaction rating from our trainees.

Our local scheme achieves these results from registrars due to the quality of trainers practising in the area, the patients, the practice teams and the fantastic surroundings combined with all that is on offer.

Many doctors like to have a special interest and we encourage this; you can undergo further training to become a GP with a specialist interest (GPSI). However, you do not need this additional qualification to work some sessions in hospital in your preferred specialty as a Staff Grade doctor. You can now become a trainer for new doctors after one year practising as a GP.

I studied in Scotland and then moved to Devon to train in general practice. After practising in the South East, I came back to Devon as soon as it was possible to return. The attraction was somewhere warmer to live with a better quality of life. In a recent cold snap when it was minus 12 degrees in the Midlands, and snow bound in Oxford, we had 12 degrees plus and sunshine here in Plymouth.

Plymouth has a long history of adventure and exploration. Now it's your adventure to come and explore medicine in primary care.

**Dr Peter von Eichstorff**



## CULTURE AND CREATIVE

Plymouth is home to an eclectic and diverse creative industries sector, which includes creative and digital media, audio-visual, design TV and film production, visual arts, music technology and games development. Made up of a vibrant mix of cultural businesses including the award winning theatre production centre TRP, a rich programme of arts and cultural performances across the year and a growing number of artists and creators the city's reputation as a centre for high quality creative industry is growing. With nationally and internationally recognised companies, such as Two Four Productions, Bluestone 360 and Sponge, having headquarters in Plymouth it's clear to see the growing creative and digital sector within the city has huge potential.

Creative industries are increasingly becoming an important ingredient to enhance productivity in Plymouth's traditional key sectors such as marine, manufacturing, medical and healthcare through the integration of creative technologies from enhanced design, to computer modelling, artificial Intelligence and gamification.

With major significant cultural activities on the horizon, including the £34m development to create 'The Box' Plymouth's cultural and heritage hub, and the internationally significant Mayflower 400 commemoration in 2020, Plymouth offers a bright opportunity for businesses to thrive.

## VISITOR AND LEISURE

Plymouth is a major driver in the wider regional visitor economy acting as a key centre from which leisure, business and studying visitors can explore Cornwall and Devon.

With plans to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower in 2020, the city has advanced regeneration plans for the railway station, plans for a new £50million investment boutique hotel on Plymouth Hoe and a new £50million investment by British Land to create a new leisure destination in Plymouth city centre. The city's visitor and leisure economy is growing and offers exciting opportunities for the future.

## SKILLED AND ADAPTABLE WORKFORCE

With two award winning universities, a thriving Art College and the expanding City College Plymouth, the city continues to develop and grow new talent and a business-focused potential workforce. The new £13m Regional Centre of Excellence for STEM facility at City College Plymouth will be vital for helping Plymouth employers meet their needs for highly skilled employees of the future.



90% of Plymouth postcodes are covered by Ultrafast broadband, rating Plymouth as the 5th in the country for broadband connectivity



A global centre of excellence for marine science and technology and has one of the largest clusters of expertise in the world.





**Plymouth ranks third for its quality of life against 20 of Britain's largest cities according to the Sustainable Cities index 2010**



**Plymouth's Drake Circus shopping centre won the accolade of UK Shopping Centre of the Year 2017.**



# A GREAT WORK LIFE BALANCE

Plymouth is not only a great city to work, with close proximity to the Moors, the water and a vibrant city centre offering everything from retail to food and arts and culture you'll be spoilt for choice with the leisure opportunities on your doorstep.

## SHOPPING

If shopping is your thing, you're in luck. The city centre, with its mix of large department stores, high street staples and boutique shops, is a spacious pedestrianised precinct, easy to access and navigate.

The West End offers a mix of small retailers, cafés and galleries, and the 150-stall indoor Plymouth Market where goldsmiths rub shoulders with produce growers and specialist delis.

To the east is Drake Circus, winner of UK Shopping Centre of the Year 2017, with all you would hope for or expect from a modern undercover mall experience – easy parking, more than 60 shops including top brands and a food court to refuel.

The Elizabethan streets of the Barbican, by contrast, offer a quirky treasure trove of artisan makers, arts and crafts, prints, paintings and sculpture.

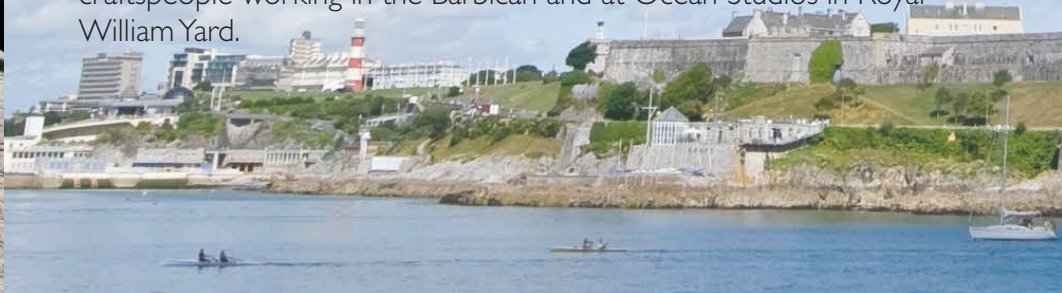
## ARTS AND CULTURE

Plymouth is the West Country's cultural and entertainment capital with a dazzling year round variety of performance, music and art venues, festivals and events. Headline acts amongst these include the Theatre Royal Plymouth, the UK's largest regional producing theatre, featuring a diverse programme of stage shows in its two auditoria. The Barbican Theatre offers drama and contemporary dance in an intimate setting, while Plymouth Pavilions presents an exciting mix of top comedy and music performers.

Plymouth University's Peninsula Arts and The Gallery at Plymouth College of Art curate an eclectic range of contemporary art and culture, with a cutting edge theatre and dance programme in The House. You can also catch the latest independent cinema and art exhibitions at Plymouth Arts Centre, on the Barbican.

Celebrated artists associated with Plymouth include George Passmore (half of the collaborative duo Gilbert and George), Beryl Cook, Robert Lenkiewicz and Royal Academy founder Sir Joshua Reynolds.

Today, the art scene is as dynamic as ever, supported by renowned independent galleries and represented by the many artists and craftspeople working in the Barbican and at Ocean Studios in Royal William Yard.



## HERITAGE

The Barbican alone boasts more than 200 listed buildings; turn any corner or explore any cobbled lane and you'll be faced with a Tudor or Jacobean gem, such as the facades of Merchant's House on St Andrews Street and Elizabethan House on New Street.

Another of those jewels in the city's crown – or perhaps the olive in its Martini – is the world-famous Plymouth Gin Distillery on Southside Street, a former Black Friar monastery dating back to the 1400s. Take a tour, see how it's made – and taste the tippie.

With Plymouth investing in the development of a new History Centre due to open in 2020 as the flagship building for the Mayflower 400 commemorations there'll be even more opportunities to find out more about Plymouth's rich and colourful history.

## OUTDOOR PURSUITS

Whether you're keen to explore by foot or by water, Britain's Ocean City has a fantastic array of outdoor pursuit options to help you make the most of your time outside of the office.

Swim outdoors in style at the beautifully renovated Art Deco seawater Tinside Lido on the Hoe foreshore, or the free family Mount Wise pools; the less hardy might prefer the superb indoor swimming and diving facilities at the Plymouth Life Centre, where Tom Daley and Tonia Couch have trained.

For the adventurous, the Mount Batten Water Sports and Activities Centre offers courses in kayaking, coasteering, climbing, stand up paddleboarding, powerboating and dinghy sailing.

Offshore, divers flock to explore wrecks and reefs – as do anglers keen to get among the conger, pollack and bass they hold.

The cruising waters of the Sound and the rivers Plym, Tamar and Yealm are, understandably, also a huge draw for sailors – particularly as Plymouth has such fine berthing facilities.

On land you can enjoy the green expanse of Plymouth Hoe, Saltram House or Mount Edgcumbe on a sunny afternoon, or take a walk along the South West Coast Path to enjoy nearly nine scenic miles across Plymouth. Offering a taste of the countryside beyond the city, the 10-mile but easy-going Plym Valley Trail follows the route of an old Great Western Railway track.

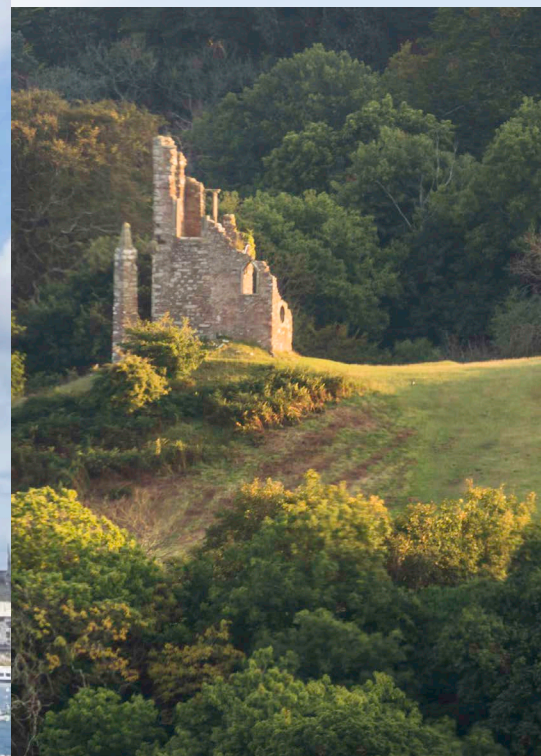
Further afield you've got the wild expanse of Dartmoor offering idyllic walks, rugged Tors and great terrain for walking, cycling or horse riding, whatever takes your fancy.



Plymouth is surrounded by nine golf courses - two more than St Andrews, Fife, the home of golf.



Whitsand Bay, a short drive from Plymouth, is home to Scylla Reef, created by the controlled sinking of Royal Navy frigate HMS Scylla.





Plymouth has been rated as one of the best place for families to live according to The Sunday Times



Plymouth is the 'coolest little city by the sea' according to GQ and ranked as one of the coolest places to live by The Times.



## COMMUTING AND TRANSPORT

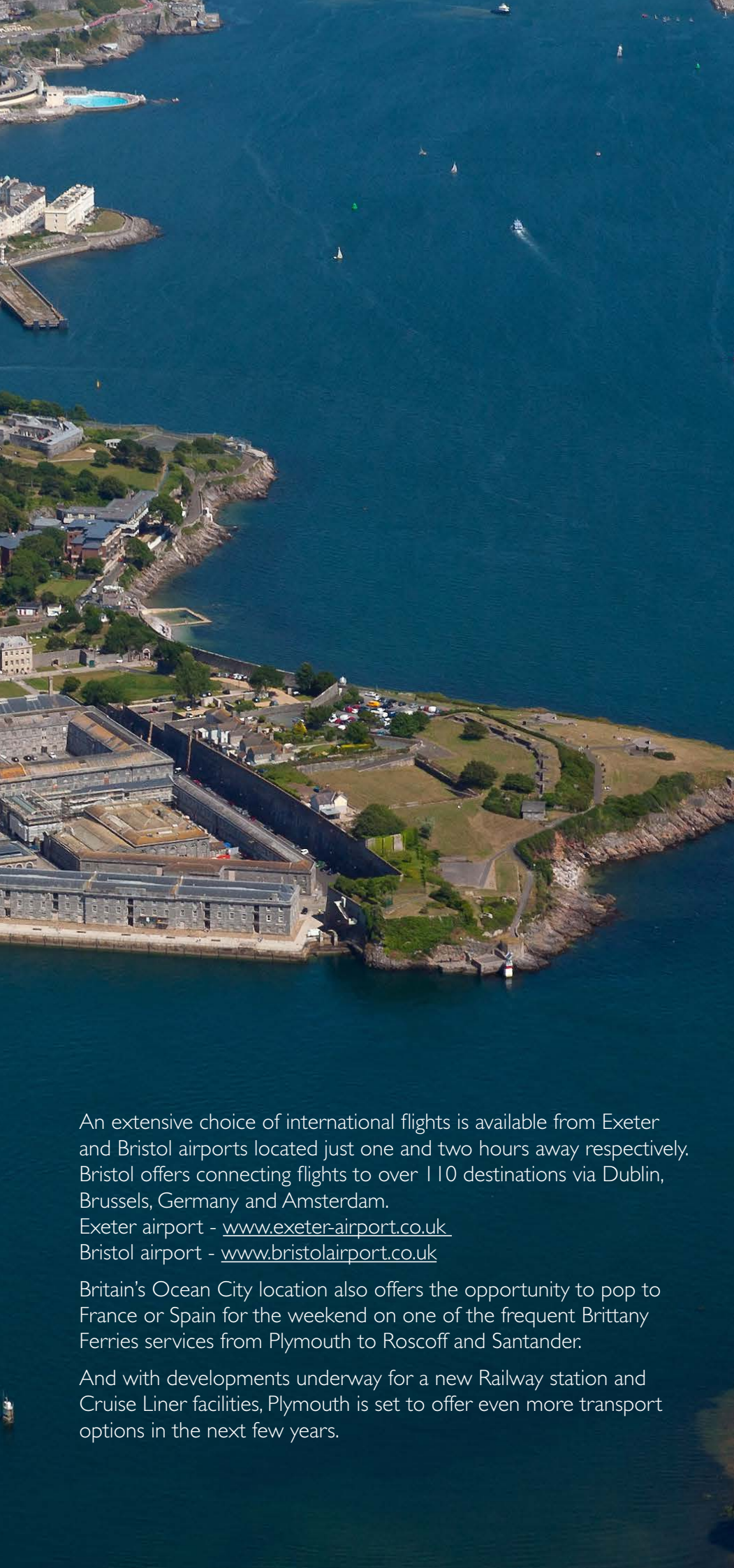
**Plymouth is easily accessible via main transport networks, including road, rail and sea and is just two hours by road from Bristol and three hours by train from London.**

Plymouth has a central train station situated just a short walk from the city centre, where the newly built Plymouth Coach Station can also be found.

There are 24 daily services running each way between Plymouth and London during the working week, three of which are high speed services offering journey times of just over three hours.

The latest rail timetables for the Tamar Valley and Looe Valley lines and other rural branch lines in Devon and Cornwall can be downloaded at [www.greatscenicrailways.co.uk](http://www.greatscenicrailways.co.uk)

Visit [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) for more information on trains serving Plymouth.



Plymouth benefits from an award winning local transport network.



The largest Naval Base in Western Europe the HMNB Devonport and home to luxury boat builder Princess Yachts International



An extensive choice of international flights is available from Exeter and Bristol airports located just one and two hours away respectively. Bristol offers connecting flights to over 110 destinations via Dublin, Brussels, Germany and Amsterdam.

Exeter airport - [www.exeter-airport.co.uk](http://www.exeter-airport.co.uk)

Bristol airport - [www.bristolairport.co.uk](http://www.bristolairport.co.uk)

Britain's Ocean City location also offers the opportunity to pop to France or Spain for the weekend on one of the frequent Brittany Ferries services from Plymouth to Roscoff and Santander.

And with developments underway for a new Railway station and Cruise Liner facilities, Plymouth is set to offer even more transport options in the next few years.



86% of Plymouth Primary and Secondary Schools were judged 'good' or 'outstanding' in August 2016



In Plymouth, there is a wealth of high quality STEM education available from primary school to university.



# SCHOOLS IN PLYMOUTH

**Plymouth benefits from a wide range of education options including academies, grammar schools, free schools and schools specialising in engineering, health and sport. The city also contains further and higher education colleges, private fee paying schools and two Universities. We have a diverse and comprehensive offer of education designed to meet the needs of all young people.**

To find schools in Plymouth visit [www.plymouth.gov.uk/plymouthschoolsdirectory](http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/plymouthschoolsdirectory).

Children in the city benefit from having the opportunity to enjoy high quality early years education to ensure an excellent start to their learning. 97% of three year olds take up the offer of an early education place. We place high importance in helping children to achieve a flying start to their learning and provide early years providers with a range of support measures designed to enhance their offer to children and parents.

This positive start is successfully built upon by primary schools that put learning at the centre of all that they do and who work in partnership to raise standards. Parents and carers have a 90% chance of obtaining their choice of primary school. Led by some of our outstanding primary schools, school leaders have well established arrangements for improving learning across the city.

The curriculum offered by primary schools is rich, broad and balanced, and is designed to embed the basic skills needed for success in later life. Culture awareness is encouraged and all children are encouraged to be actively involved in our Mayflower 400 Commemorations.

Secondary schools ensure that the city's young people continue to make progress by offering a curriculum that is relevant to meet the needs of a modern economy. Pupils enjoy a well-rounded education but at the same time can specialise in subjects such as engineering, health and sport. Plymouth schools have been successful in helping pupils to progress to become Olympic swimmers and divers and over 95% of Post 16 pupils' progress into employment, education or training, which is above the national average.

All schools are well supported with a range of services allowing pupil to progress through the key stages. Well established arrangements are in place for children whose first language is not English and provision for children with special educational needs and disabilities is highly effective with a strong local offer from good and outstanding providers.

## FURTHER AND HIGHER EDUCATION

**Plymouth University** - With more than 32,000 students, the University is the 9th biggest in the country and ranked among the top 10 modern universities in the UK. A winner of the Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education and shortlisted for University of the Year in 2012, the institution has come a long way since it was founded as a School of Navigation in 1862.

[www.plymouth.ac.uk](http://www.plymouth.ac.uk)

**University of St Mark and St John** - Awarded university status in 2013 meaning Plymouth is now home to two universities providing full and part-time higher education with a range of courses from foundation degrees and progression courses to honours degrees and postgraduate study.

[www.marjon.ac.uk](http://www.marjon.ac.uk)

**City College Plymouth** - One of the largest professional, vocational and technical colleges in the South West and rated Good with Outstanding features, the College has a national reputation for promoting enterprise and employability. The skills needs of the region are a priority for the College's new £13million state-of-the-art Regional Centre of Excellence for STEM (science technology, engineering and mathematics) and complements their other first class provision across all industry sectors. City College is one of the best places in the country to be an apprentice, with an achievement rate 14% above the national average.

**Plymouth College of Art** - A specialist independent Higher Education Institution (HEI) run by artist for artists. Founded in 1856, the college offers a range of Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Pre-Degree study across Art, Design and Digital Media – combining over a 160 years of history with up-to-the-minute thinking and cutting-edge facilities, including Fab Lab Plymouth in the college's new £8m Craft, Design and Fabrication Workshops. [www.plymouthart.ac.uk](http://www.plymouthart.ac.uk)

## DEVELOPING YOUR CAREER

If you're ambitious and keen to further develop your career prospects, Plymouth is well placed to support you. With a wide variety of higher and further education offers, apprenticeships and a well-defined STEM Plymouth strategy the city offers a multitude of ways that professionals can grow and develop.

Numerous networking groups and support providers including STEM Plymouth, Building Plymouth, Plymouth Area Business Council, Plymouth Manufacturing Group, Plymouth Social Enterprise Network, Devon Chamber of Commerce and the Federation of Small Businesses are also prevalent in the city, offering business support, networking opportunities and growth avenues for businesses.



Plymouth has over 50,000 students studying in the city, potentially providing a highly skilled and adaptable workforce



Plymouth's digital sector is a growth industry and ranks as the eighth highest location for job growth in digital industries in the UK.



# INTERESTED?

If you would like more information, advice or support about relocating to the city please contact Plymouth City Council's Economy, Enterprise and Employment team

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