Vibrant, colourful, fun and free, Brighton offers the energy of the city and freedom of the sea. It really is unique. A day at the beach has to include a trip to the iconic Brighton Palace Pier with its helter skelter and arcade games. Just next door you’ll find Sea Life Brighton home to giant turtles, sharks and seahorses. To the east of the Pier you’ll find the historic Volks Railway - Britain’s oldest electric railway built in 1883.

Head west and you’ll find the free Fishing Museum, tracing the city’s origins as a sleepy fishing village and a bit further along you’ll find British Airways i360 – the world’s tallest moving observation tower. Glide 450 feet into the air to see Brighton in all its glory!

The Royal Pavilion houses furniture and works of art including original pieces lent by HM The Queen and a magnificent display of Regency silver-gilt. The Royal Pavilion Tearoom, with its fabulous balcony, overlooks the Pavilion gardens, which have also been returned to their original Regency splendour.

Brighton is bursting with attractions: an outlandish Royal Palace, interesting museums, a beautiful beach, Brighton University, superb shopping and late-night pubs and clubs.

Stretching out into the sea is the iconic, neon-lit Brighton Pier. Expect amusements, rides and invigorating ocean views.

In the heart of the city, you’ll find an extravagant pleasure palace fit for a king. Brighton Pavilion was built for King George IV, who had architect John Nash reimagine it into the domed Indian style palace you can see today.

Brighton’s colourful network of shopping streets known as The Lanes are awash with vintage gear, antiques and quaint cafes.
How far?
1hr 20mins ride (or around 30 minutes by train from Polegate). Drop off and pick up point is outside the YHA at the Old Steine.

What's there?
A vibrant, exciting city known as 'London by the Sea'! See this link for lots of ideas: https://www.visitbrighton.com/things-to-do

Here are just a few...

The Royal Pavilion – Chinese and Indian-influenced holiday home of King George IV when he was Prince Regent. Stunningly decorated. See it to believe it!

Brighton Museum and Art Gallery – an eclectic mix of fascinating collections. Everything from Australian Aboriginal art to punk fashion from the 1970s.

North Laine – the coolest place to shop! If you want to explore Brighton’s more Bohemian shops, or you like Retro, this is a must.

Komedia – offers a huge range of live entertainment all year round. Choose from comedy acts, music or club nights. http://www.komedia.co.uk/brighton/

Explore Brighton – with these themed downloadable walking tours. Maps included so you don't get lost – amazing! http://www.visitbrighton.com/things-to-do/walking-guides/walking-tours

When can I go there?
Minibuses will go often at the weekend.
You can also jump on a minibus going to Polegate, Eastbourne or Lewes and catch the train.

Who do I ask if I want a special trip?
E-mail: minibus@bisc.queensu.ac.uk

If you’re feeling active then there are lots of sports to try on Brighton beach from watersports such as kayaking and stand-up paddle boarding to classic beach sports such as volleyball and Frisbee. https://www.visitbrighton.com/things-to-do/attractios/beach-and-seafront

If that sounds too hectic then why not indulge in the simple pleasure of a refreshing paddle and maybe skim a few pebbles across the water? Or if even if that is too much then grab a deckchair and really relax!