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WELCOME TO OXFORDSHIRE

Home to a city of dreaming spires, historic market towns, villages of honey-coloured stone, rolling hills and waterways, Oxfordshire delivers the great outdoors, heritage, culture, entertainment and countless experiences.

Enjoy its cosy pubs, memorable dining options and delightful accommodation. Soak up the grandeur of stunning stately homes and amazing museums or go on a spree in its contemporary shopping centres and artisan markets.

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OXFORD AN INTRODUCTION



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On a trip to **Oxford** be sure to squeeze in a visit to a world-class museum before a picnic in one of the city's tranquil parks. Stroll along Oxford's pastel-hued **High Street** lined with independent boutique shops and coffee bars, before joining the **River Cherwell** at **Magdalen Bridge** for a leisurely punt along the river.



Take a walking tour of Oxford City Centre with **Oxford Official Walking Tours** or **Oxford Tour Guides**, where ornate buildings in distinctive golden stone can be found around every corner. The **University of Oxford**, the oldest university in the English-speaking

world, is made up of 39 colleges - many dating back to medieval times with immaculate lawned quads, grand dining halls and ornate chapels.

Visit the world-famous **Bodleian Libraries**, home to the University's oldest teaching and examination room, the **Divinity School**.

Make sure that you leave time to explore and enjoy the eclectic variety of places to eat and drink the city has to offer, from chic five-star restaurants to buzzing pubs and cafes.



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BOATHOUSE
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SCHOOL



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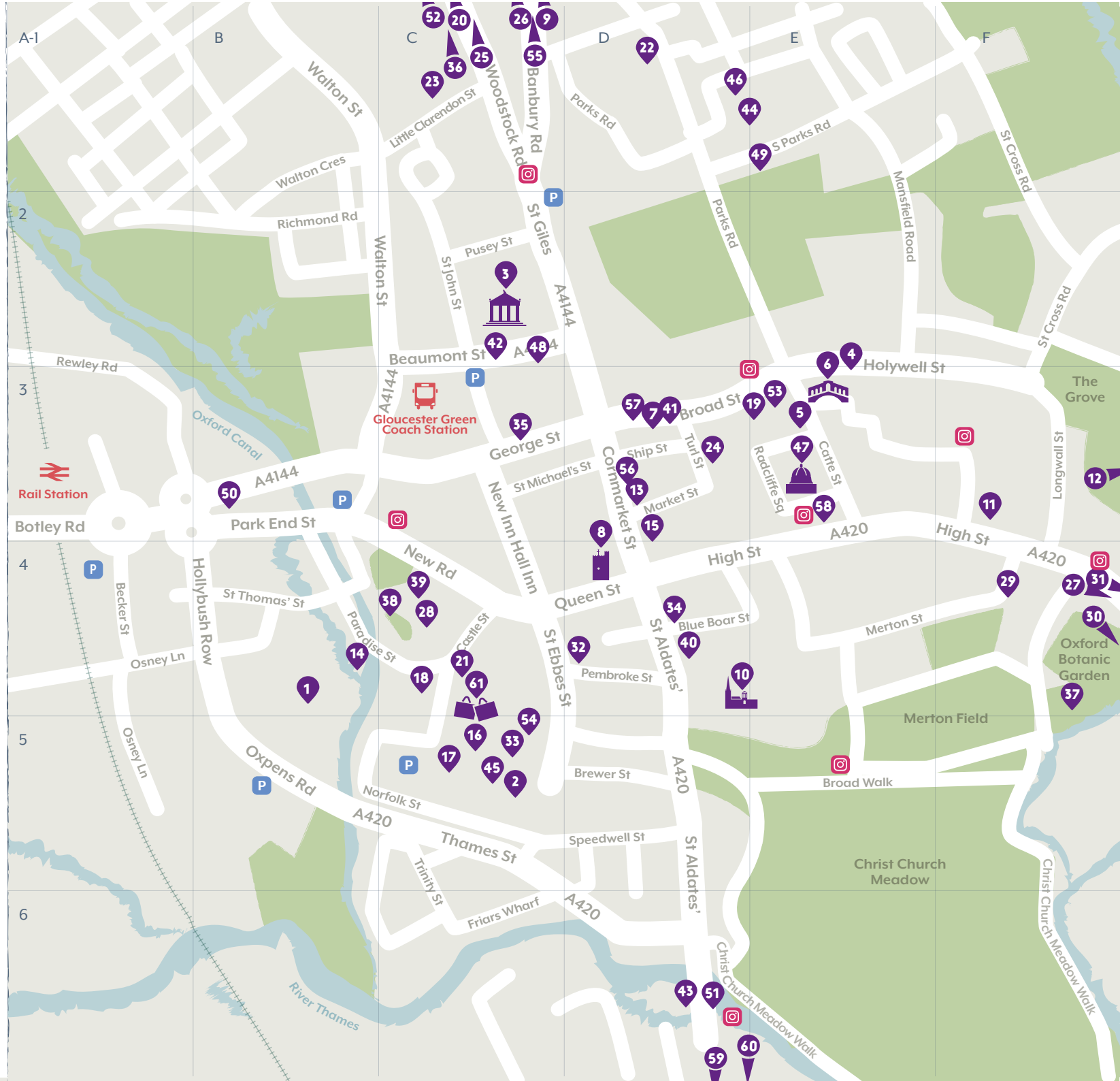
GREAT PHOTO SPOT

100m

500ft

SCALE

GRID SQUARE = 900ft/275m



WHERE TO SHOP AND EAT IN OXFORD

Oxford is a hub of top-notch shopping and dining choices with high street shops and eateries next to independent retailers and cafes and exclusive designer brands - all waiting to be enjoyed!

WESTGATE OXFORD

Westgate Oxford is a top retail, lifestyle, and leisure destination, a stone's throw away from the historic Oxford Castle Quarter, and home to more than 100 top brands and 20 restaurants, bars, and cafés as well as a **Curzon** five-screen cinema. The centre's stunning rooftop terrace offers panoramic views of Oxford's city skyline while you enjoy dining and drinking options including **Six by Nico**, offering its delicious six course tasting menu which changes every six weeks, **Pho**, **The Alchemist** and **Mowgli**.



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GLOUCESTER GREEN MARKET

Located just off bustling **George Street**, the **Gloucester Green Market** is a traditional open-air market that operates from Wednesday through to Saturday.

Here you will find a vibrant selection of fresh and seasonal fruits and vegetables, cheese, baked goods, sweets and more. Don't leave without trying the delicious street food served here, inspired by global cuisines.

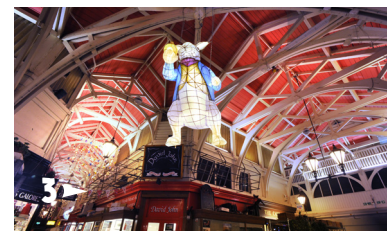


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THE COVERED MARKET OXFORD

Home to a collection of independent shops, **The Covered Market Oxford** dates back to the 18th century and is a hub of wonderfully tucked-away retailers selling everything from books to clothing. Eating here is an experience you won't find

anywhere else in the city; kick start your day with a full English breakfast at **Brown's Cafe**, or quench your thirst at a juicery or a coffee shop. Nearby at **Knoops** on Turl Street, discover the perfect chocolate drink.



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HIGH STREET

Oxford's picturesque and busy **High Street**, known locally as '**The High**', runs from **Carfax Tower** all the way down and east to **Magdalen Bridge**. Aside from the multiple colleges lining the way, Oxford's High Street features a

plethora of independent and high-end retailers, restaurants and the **Visitor Information Point**. In addition, Oxford's High Street boasts England's original coffeehouse - one that's been around since the 1650s!



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LITTLE CLARENDON STREET

Buzzing **Little Clarendon Street** has a cheese shop, cafes, bars and restaurants including **KIBOU**, offering contemporary Japanese dining. Walk to the end of Little Clarendon Street and you will

find yourself in the relaxed and bohemian area of **Jericho**, which boasts independent shops, bookstores and unique drinking and eating establishments.

WHERE TO SHOP AND EAT IN OXFORD

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FOOD & DRINKS



CULTURE



HIDDEN GEMS

Build these recommendations into your Oxford itinerary
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OXFORD'S GREEN SPACES

Offering leafy sanctuaries from the bustling city, Oxford's green spaces are open to the public all year round. Take some tranquil time out from your city break in these historic parks.

PORT MEADOW

One of **Oxford's** hidden gems, **Port Meadow** is a beautiful open area of ancient meadowland, north-west of the city centre and just a 5-minute walk from **Jericho**, offering a tranquil retreat for visitors and locals alike. Home to grazing horses and a herd of pedigree Old English Longhorn cattle, Port Meadow lies alongside the **River Thames** and has provided inspiration for **Lewis**

Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland* and **JRR Tolkien's** *Lord of the Rings*.



CHRIST CHURCH MEADOW

Ideal for short scenic walks and picnics, **Christ Church Meadow** stretches from **Christ Church** to the banks of the River Thames and **River Cherwell**. The meadow itself is an open expanse of

rugged greenery, peppered with rare English Longhorn cows. Walk around the meadow to take in a variety of wildlife, watch the rowing boats passing by on the river, or see the college boathouses.



SOUTH PARK

In **East Oxford**, at the end of **St Clement's**, you'll find **South Park**. The largest park in the city, with 50 acres of open green space, South Park often plays host to events and festivals throughout the year. It's the perfect park for dog walks, sun-bathing, and meeting with friends before lunch at one of the many excellent restaurants on **Cowley Road** or **St Clement's**. South Park also boasts excellent views over the dreaming spires of Oxford, especially in the mesmerising light of dawn or dusk.



UNIVERSITY PARKS

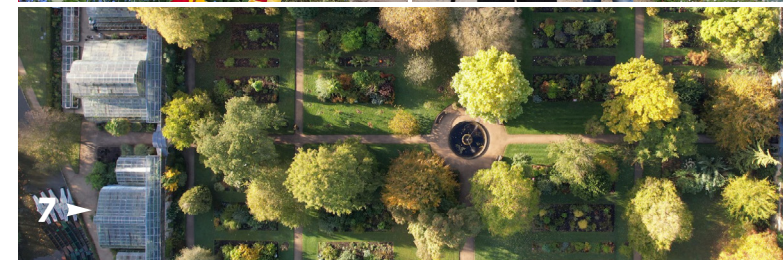
University Parks offers the perfect escape from the hustle and bustle of the city but is also conveniently located right at the city's heart. The beautiful park, originally created by **Merton College** and now owned by the **University of**

Oxford itself, offers a choice of peaceful walks. Feed ducks at the pond and discover the park's **Genetic Garden** and collection of rare trees before wandering back towards the city centre along the bank of the River Cherwell.

OXFORD BOTANIC GARDEN

The **University of Oxford Botanic Garden** is the UK's oldest botanic garden, founded in 1621 to grow plants for medicinal research. Situated in the heart of Oxford, the historic garden is an oasis of

green in the city centre. Take a stroll around the formal walled garden; see exotic, tropical and carnivorous plants in the glasshouses, and enjoy the lush herbaceous borders of the informal lower garden.



OXFORD'S GREEN SPACES

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Stretch your legs further with a walk along the Ridgeway Trail [Read More | p.62](#)

- 1 ► PORT MEADOW
credit: Tim Hall
- 2&3 ► CHRIST CHURCH MEADOW
- 4 ► SOUTH PARK
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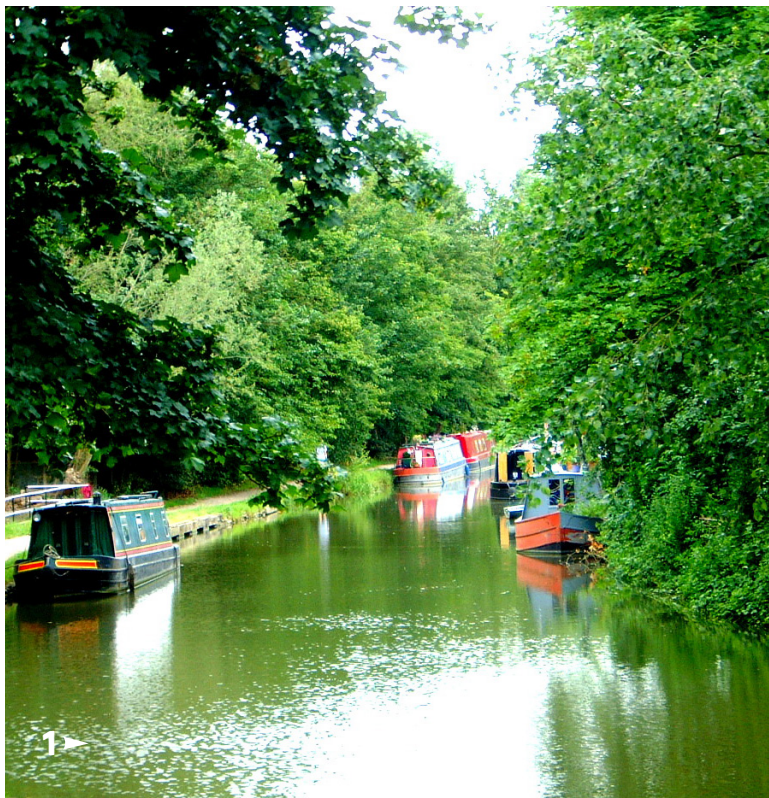
WHERE THE LOCALS LIVE: BEYOND THE CITY CENTRE

Travel just beyond Oxford city centre and you will find great attractions and local culture in many of the city's districts - each with their own unique identity.

JERICOHO

Once an industrial area due to its proximity to the **Oxford Canal**, **Jericho** is now one of **Oxford's** most sought-after areas to live with an excellent choice of pubs, restaurants and shops. It's a laid-back, bohemian neighbourhood, characterised by hip cocktail bars and quiet residential streets

of Victorian terraces. **The Old Bookbinders Ale House** is a charming neighbourhood pub loved by locals for its delicious (and surprising!) menu of French cuisine. For a fun evening, head to **The Harcourt Arms** or **Jericho Tavern** for some live music, or enjoy expertly-mixed cocktails at **Raoul's Bar**.



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CULTURE



HIDDEN GEMS



SUMMERTOWN

To the north of the city centre, **Summertown** is a leafy suburb that is lined with cosy cafes, boutique shops, and many independent restaurants and eateries. **North Parade** and **South Parade** are colourful shopping streets, perfect for picking up an

artisan gift or pastry to take home. On a Sunday **Summertown Farmers Market** springs to life, offering a tempting array of incredible fresh produce. Find entertainment at the **North Wall Arts Centre**, which showcases upcoming artists across comedy, theatre and dance.

COWLEY ROAD

Cowley Road is a vibrant, multicultural area to the east of Oxford with many restaurants, shops, bars and arts venues. The area's unique character is celebrated every July at the **Cowley Road Carnival**, which boasts live music, a lively parade and delicious street food. One

of the most diverse restaurant scenes in the city, Cowley Road boasts the hottest spots for food shopping and restaurants. The tiny, crammed **Maroc Deli** is a total gem, and just a few yards away is bustling **Arbequina**, masquerading under the name of 'R Neville Chemists', which serves truly exceptional tapas.

ST CLEMENT'S

Adjacent to Cowley Road, **St Clement's** is another street bustling with a variety of eclectic restaurants and bars - the **Oxford Brookes University** campus is nearby, giving the feel of a buzzing student district.

Visit one of several pubs for a drink, quiz or live music! Wander on from **St Clement's** and you will come to **South Park**; a beautiful, vast green space overlooking Oxford's dreaming spires.

BEYOND THE CITY CENTRE

Discover nearby green spaces in the city
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- 2 ➤ NORTH WALL ARTS CENTRE




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OXFORDSHIRE AN INTRODUCTION

Walk across the ancient chalk downs of the **Ridgeway** and climb to the top of **White Horse Hill** for enchanting views over the whole of **Oxfordshire**, with its rolling hills dotted with sheep, criss-crossed with hedges and circled by red kites, continuing endlessly into the horizon. Simply relax and take a break as you admire the scenery, but don't stop for too long – for there is so much to see and do on your journey across the county.



Standing in the ancient and unspoilt countryside of the **Chiltern Hills** stretching across the south of Oxfordshire, it feels like you might be the first traveller to discover this land. Venture north through the county, however, and you'll discover thousands of years of culture.

Meandering across the county, the **River Cherwell** and **River Thames** provide beautiful riverside walks. Follow the River Thames to shop in a farmers' market in one of Oxfordshire's traditional market towns, such as **Wallingford**, **Abingdon** or **Henley-on-Thames**.

The two rivers converge in **Oxford**, an architectural gem and the county (and world's) intellectual heart. Piercing Oxfordshire's skylines with its spires and domes, the lively city provides an energetic contrast to the tranquillity of Oxfordshire's countryside.

Let the River Cherwell guide you north through the county, towards the uplands known as 'ironstone country', with pretty villages built of the richly coloured local Hornton ironstone, the market towns of **Banbury** and **Bicester**, plus welcoming pubs and blissfully quiet walking trails.

Head west in the county and you will find that some of the most beautiful **Cotswold** towns and villages, such as **Burford** and **Minster Lovell**, are in Oxfordshire. Relax with an afternoon tea in a charming, honey-coloured Cotswold building.

With a wealth of natural beauty, Oxfordshire is an unmissable county bursting with character. Take some time to explore beyond the city of Oxford, because there is so much more to discover.



OXFORDSHIRE County Map



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| 3 Bicester Heritage D3 | 24 Hilton Garden Inn Abingdon Oxford Hotel D5 |
| 4 Bicester Hotel Golf and Spa D3 | 25 Hook Norton Brewery C2 |
| 5 Bicester Village D3 | 26 Kelmscott Manor B4 |
| 6 Blenheim Palace C3 | 27 Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons E4 |
| 7 Blenheim Palace Lodge Retreat C4 | 28 Milton Hill House D5 |
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| 9 Cogges Manor Farm C4 | 30 Mollie's Oxfordshire C5 |
| 10 Cotswold Farm Park B3 | 31 Old Abbey House D5 |
| 11 The Cotswold Letting Agency B4 | 32 Oxfordshire Museum C3 |
| 12 Courtyard by Marriott Oxford South D5 | 33 Old Swan C4 |
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| 14 The Crown & Thistle Abingdon D5 | 35 Silverstone Museum E2 |
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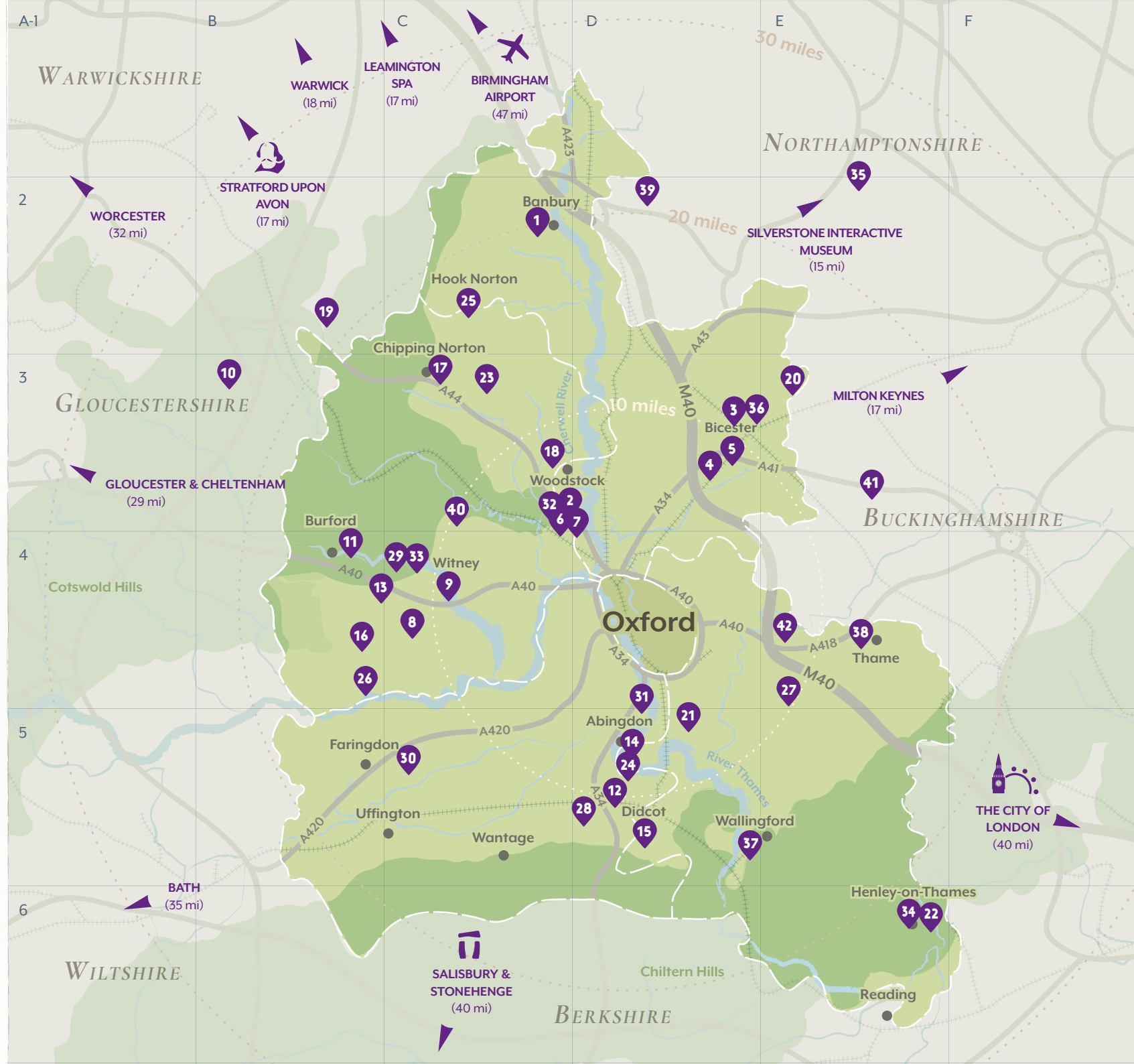
MAIN ROADS

TRAIN LINES

2mi 5km SCALE

DISTANCE FROM OXFORD

GRID SQUARE = 9.3mi/15km



CHERWELL

THE IMPRESSIVE NORTH

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HIDDEN GEMS



- 1 ► ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BANBURY
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- 2 ► BICESTER VILLAGE
- 3 ► HOOK NORTON BREWERY

North Oxfordshire offers rich rewards for its visitors. Centred in the valley of the **River Cherwell**, with the **Oxford Canal** alongside, there are landscapes of beautiful countryside with picturesque villages and the market towns of Banbury and Bicester to explore.

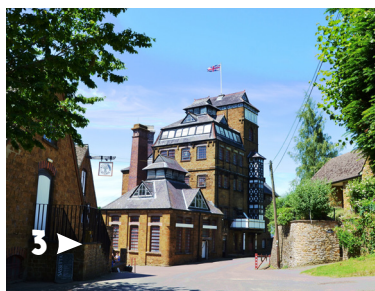
Banbury is set amidst the gentle rolling hills in the north of the district. At its heart is the canal quarter with **Tooley's Boatyard**, the oldest dry dock working boatyard on the inland waterways, and **Banbury Museum** which has two exhibition spaces dedicated to the town's history, whilst a third, the **Pye Gallery**, hosts a variety of touring exhibitions. The Museum's shop stocks a good range of literature and information on the local area. The canal quarter is also home to **Lock 29**, an appealing venue with artisan food and drink outlets and a delightful terrace overlooking the canal, and **The Light**, an exciting entertainment centre with a premium seven screen cinema, 10 lane bowling alley, and waterfront restaurants. The atmospheric lanes of the Old Town are well worth exploring and you will also want to see the "Fine Lady" from the famous Ride a cock horse to **Banbury Cross** rhyme, a beautiful bronze statue set close to the Banbury Cross at the meeting point of the roads from **Oxford, Warwick** and **Shipston-on-Stour**.

Bicester lies just 12 miles northeast of Oxford, marrying the charm of a historic market town with the appeal of the globally renowned shopping destination, **Bicester Village**. Delight in direct trains from **London Marylebone** in just under



an hour and luxurious shopping in the Village, as well as the charming **Garth Park gardens** and delicious dining in one of the town's welcoming pubs or restaurants.

The uplands northwest of Banbury are known as 'ironstone country', with pretty villages built of the richly coloured local **Hornton** ironstone, welcoming pubs, and interesting walking and cycling routes. Well worth a visit is the moated manor house of **Broughton Castle**, built in the 14th century and used as a film setting for both **Shakespeare in Love** and **The Madness of King George**.



There is a rich brewing heritage to discover in the village of **Hook Norton**, near **Chipping Norton**, where you can enjoy a tour of the Victorian **Hook Norton Brewery** which is still thriving today and supplying many local pubs.

Built in the late 18th century to carry commercial barges between Coventry and **Oxford**, the Oxford canal follows the scenic course of the River Cherwell. You can explore the canal by hiring narrow boats at either **Lower Heyford** or **Thrupp**, or enjoy one of the towpath or circular walks. The stretch of the canal between Banbury and Oxford is also accessible by train, with stations at **Banbury, Lower Heyford, Tackley** and **Oxford**.

The district has a strong tradition of festivals and events, ranging from **Banbury's Canal Festival** and the motor-themed events at **Bicester Heritage** (also home to **The Sky Wave Distilling Company**) to **Cropredy's Fairport Convention music festival** which is held in August each year.

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A central location with excellent transport links, North Oxfordshire is not only a rewarding destination, but also an ideal touring centre. A wide range of overnight accommodation provides ease of access to many world-famous destinations, including **Silverstone Circuit** and **Museum, Blenheim Palace, Oxford, Warwick Castle, Stratford-upon-Avon**, and the **Cotswolds**.



CHERWELL THE IMPRESSIVE NORTH

Walk along Oxford Canal to explore the heart of the Cherwell Valley
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- 1 ► OXFORD CANAL NEAR BANBURY
- 2 ► BICESTER HERITAGE





It's shopping, but better

Bicester Village is a shopping destination home to more than 150 luxury fashion and lifestyle boutiques, nestled in the heart of the Oxfordshire countryside. Come for the shopping, stay for the food with exceptional offerings from Cecconi's, farmshop restaurant & cafe, Ottolenghi and more.

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SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE HILLS & VILLAGES

Enjoy a picnic in **Wallingford** Castle Meadows and Castle Gardens, discover the river Thames with a boat trip or take a walk along the Thames to Days Lock or **Dorchester on Thames** and visit Dorchester Abbey. **The Springs Resort & Golf Club** provides hotel and lodge accommodation nearby.

Waterperry Gardens, just a stone's throw from Oxford, has been delighting visitors for years with 8 acres of historic and inspirational gardens nestled in the Oxfordshire countryside between Wheatley and Thame.

Nearby **Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons** is a country house hotel set in elegant gardens in the Oxfordshire countryside. A site of gastronomic excellence, the restaurant, helmed by Chef Raymond Blanc OBE, has held two Michelin stars for 40 years.

You can also visit the town of **Didcot** and stop at **Didcot Railway Centre** to see a unique collection of **Great Western Railway** steam engines.

Visit **Henley-on-Thames**, home to the famous Henley Royal Regatta and one of the most beautiful towns in Oxfordshire. Its riverside location, surrounded by wooded hills and green fields, lends itself to relaxation. Whilst there, overnight at the luxury boutique hotel, **The Relais Henley**.

Like many traditional market towns, **Thame** grew from Anglo-Saxon roots but has since developed its own individual character whilst preserving its rich history; ancient medieval buildings stand alongside Georgian and Victorian architecture and the iconic boat-shaped high street stands as testimony to the market place for which it was originally designed.



**SOUTH
OXFORDSHIRE
HILLS AND
VILLAGES**

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HISTORY

Use the River
Rapids bus service
to journey through
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- 1 ► DORCHESTER ON THAMES
- 2 ► LE MANOIR AUX QUAT'SAISONS
- 3 ► DIDCOT RAILWAY CENTRE
- 4 ► HENLEY-ON-THAMES

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VALE OF WHITE HORSE ANCIENT BEAUTY



The **Vale of White Horse** stretches from the edge of **Oxford** to the threshold of the **Cotswolds**. Its enchanting landscape is marked by a mysterious pagan past - the very name comes from the oldest chalk figure in **Britain**, dating back over 3,000 years.

It offers many walking and cycling trails. Mile upon mile of the **Thames Path** leads you to wonderful waterside pubs, hidden villages and glorious countryside. **Wayland's Smithy** is one of the most impressive prehistoric tombs in Britain.

Abingdon-on-Thames is the largest town in the Vale, its historic town centre dominated by the grandeur of the 17th century County Hall. It presides over the cobbled Market Place, a favourite café haunt for walkers and cyclists taking a break from the Thames Path and other routes in the surrounding countryside.

Nearby are the contemporary **Hilton Garden Inn Abingdon Oxford** and **Courtyard by Marriot Oxford South** hotels as well as **The Crown & Thistle** coaching inn plus the Grade II listed **Old Abbey House**, a boutique self check-in hotel.

Wantage is an ancient market town and birthplace of **King Alfred the Great**. Visit the award-winning **Vale & Downland Museum** which tells the story of the **White Horse**. **Grove**, on the outskirts of Wantage, has grown from a settlement recorded in the **Doomsday Book**.

Faringdon has been welcoming visitors for many centuries. Take a break in one of the quirky coffee shops, or climb to the top of the hill above Faringdon to see the gothic **Folly Tower** and views across four counties. Nearby grab a drink, eat or stay at **Mollie's Motel & Diner**.



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Journey through the Vale of White Horse using the Ridgeway Trail itinerary
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- 1 ► UFFINGTON WHITE HORSE
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- 2 ► MOLLIE'S MOTEL & DINER

WEST OXFORDSHIRE GATEWAY TO THE COTSWOLDS

West Oxfordshire is characterised by the rolling hills of the **Cotswolds**, offering excitement for any visitor.

Burford is an ancient town nestled in the countryside. Stroll down the picturesque **High Street**, lined with idyllic stone cottages, boutiques, pubs and restaurants. Explore Burford's alleyways and lanes where you can immerse yourself in medieval history and charm.



Experience timeless Cotswolds life at **Cogges Manor Farm** in **Witney** and stroll around the picnic orchard and walled garden of the historic farmstead and have fun feeding the friendly farm animals!

Woodstock is a picturesque Georgian town located on the edge of the **Oxfordshire Cotswolds**. Visit the **Wake up to Woodstock** website to find out about events, shopping, restaurants and more. The newly refurbished and luxurious **The Feathers** hotel, and **The Bear Hotel** make great bases from which to explore the county.

The town borders the estate of magnificent **Blenheim Palace**, home to the 12th Duke of Marlborough and the birthplace



of Sir Winston Churchill. A masterpiece of Baroque architecture with 90 acres of award-winning Formal Gardens and Parkland landscaped by Capability Brown, **Blenheim Palace** provides an awe-inspiring experience for visitors. Stay in the grounds in luxury self-catering holiday lodges at **Blenheim Palace Lodge Retreat**.

Further north lies **Charlbury** and **Chipping Norton** and nearby **Fairytale Farm**, plus accommodation options including **TreeDwellers** luxury treehouses at Cornbury Park Estate and the stylishly refurbished Grade II listed **Heythrop Park Hotel** set in 440 acres of parkland.

Further south in the district explore **Bampton**, otherwise known as the TV village of Downton, and **Kelmscott Manor** the country home of William Morris. In nearby Clanfield **The Double Red Duke** offers the perfect bolthole.



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- 2 BLENHEIM PALACE
- 3 KELMSCOTT MANOR

OXFORDSHIRE'S SCREEN AND LITERARY LINKS

Oxfordshire has been the location for countless films and TV series, and has also been the inspiration for some of the world's best-loved novels and characters.

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HISTORY

Feel like you're in Downton Abbey with a decadent afternoon tea
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HARRY POTTER

Much of the **Harry Potter** series was filmed in Oxford. Wander through the cobbled streets of **Oxford** and visit the magical places that were brought to life. At **Christ Church** you'll find the Tudor dining hall which provided inspiration for Hogwarts

Great Hall. See if you can spot the area where Harry spent time recovering in the **Hogwarts Infirmary** when you visit the **Divinity School**, or the location where **Draco Malfoy** was turned into a ferret by **Mad-Eye Moody** under the giant oak tree in **New College**.



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DOWNTON ABBEY

The **Oxfordshire Cotswolds** and its picturesque villages frequently appeared in the popular TV drama. **Bampton** plays the part of the Yorkshire village of **Downton** in every series, and **Cogges Manor Farm** may also be better known as **Yew Tree Farm**.



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HIS DARK MATERIALS

Author **Philip Pullman** has been inspired by Oxford, having studied at **Exeter College** during the 1960s, and still lives in the city today. Exeter College may be better known to readers as **Jordan College**. **Godstow Abbey**, the **Trout Inn** and **Oxford Botanic Garden** also feature in Pullman's literary works. Step into the world of the BBC/HBO adaptation by visiting **Oxford Botanic Garden**, The **Bridge of Sighs** and **New College**.

AGATHA CHRISTIE

Dame Agatha Christie is loved worldwide for her compelling crime novels and famous sleuths; including **Hercule Poirot** and **Miss Marple**. **Wallingford** is the home of Christie, and the inspiration

for much of her work. Visit **Wallingford Museum**, for a permanent Christie exhibition, and nearby a life size bronze statue showing the Queen of Crime seated on a bench overlooking the Kine Croft.

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Charles Dodgson, better known as **Lewis Carroll**, wrote his famous tales of **Alice in Wonderland** in Oxford, the city where Carroll lived and studied for nearly fifty years. The dining hall of **Christ Church** houses treasures associated with the whimsical tales; see if you can spot the stained-glass window where **Alice**, the **Cheshire Cat** and other characters feature, and the wooden chair with the Cheshire Cat's wide smile carved into it. When leaving Christ Church onto **St Aldates**, you will find **Alice's Shop**, where the real Alice bought sweets as a young girl. A landmark for Alice enthusiasts, Alice's Shop featured as **The Old Sheep Shop** in **Alice Through the Looking Glass** and was even illustrated by **Tenniel** in the first edition of the book.



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Some Oxfordshire traditions are as quirky as Alice in Wonderland!
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- 1 ➤ OXFORD BOTANIC GARDEN
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- 2 ➤ ALICE'S SHOP AND CHRIST CHURCH

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LINKS

Spot many of
these sites during
a 2-day visit to
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- 3 ▶ THE MORSE
BAR
- 4 ▶ MAGDALEN
COLLEGE

MIDSOMER MURDERS

Follow in the footsteps of **Inspector Barnaby of Causton CID** and the characters of the hugely popular detective series. Discover the various filming locations -

INSPECTOR MORSE, LEWIS
AND ENDEAVOUR

The city of Oxford is the setting for the books and TV series of **Inspector Morse** and **Lewis**, and most recently **Endeavour**. Enjoy a drink at **The Morse Bar** in **The Randolph Hotel Oxford**, a **Graduate by Hilton** or the



THE CHRONICLES OF
NARNIA

C.S. Lewis studied at **University College** and was later appointed English Fellow and Tutor at **Magdalen College**. It was here that he wrote the beloved

LORD OF THE RINGS

Walk in the footsteps of legendary **Lord of the Rings** author **J.R.R. Tolkien** in Oxford. Relax with a drink in the **Eastgate Brasserie**, as Tolkien did with friend and fellow member of the **Inklings** writing group C.S. Lewis. Wander among the greenery of **Oxford Botanic Garden**, where Tolkien used to spend time, or visit **Exeter College**,

particularly **Wallingford**, which served as the drama's fictional town of **Causton**. **Thame**, at the foot of the **Chiltern Hills**, also frequently features.

White Horse pub where the detectives spent time deliberating over cases. Amble along the **River Thames** where many bodies were hidden, sit on the steps of the **Ashmolean Museum**, the location of many scenes, or visit **Exeter College** where Morse had his fatal heart attack.



children's series, the **Chronicles of Narnia**. Visit **St Mary's Passage** and see if you can spot the carved fawn in one of the door frames, the inspiration for **Mr Tumnus**. Keep an eye out around the city for lampposts made by **Lucy & Co!**

where Tolkien studied for his undergraduate degree. Immerse yourself in culture at the **History of Science Museum** - Tolkien worked on words near the beginning of the letter W for the First Edition of the **Oxford English Dictionary** in the same building - or at the **Ashmolean Museum**, which houses a collection of gold rings thought to be the inspiration for **The One Ring**.

Visit the BODLEIAN LIBRARIES

Officially opened in 1602, the Bodleian Libraries has welcomed famous scholars through the ages, from monarchs to iconic writers, including Oscar Wilde, C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien.

Tour the historic spaces (that you might recognise from popular film and TV series), and the city of Oxford, visit free exhibitions featuring the libraries' rich collections, or treat yourself to a memento from the library shop and more.

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ADVICE FROM THE LOCALS

There is so much to see and do in Oxfordshire, it's tricky knowing where to start! We asked local Oxfordshire people to pick out their favourite places to go, from essential first-time-visit spots to hidden gems.

VEGAN SPOTS IN THE CITY

“At first glance, it might seem like **Oxford** doesn't have many options for vegetarians and vegans. On closer inspection, though, you'll find that it's easy to eat plant-based in the city!

I'd recommend heading to **Jericho**, where you'll find **The Gardeners Arms** Oxford's only 100% vegetarian and vegan pub.”

- NICOLA FROM OXFORD



BROWSE A BOOKSHOP

“I could spend an eternity at **Blackwell's Bookshop** on **Broad Street**. Their collection of books is huge, you could while away an entire afternoon browsing the miles of shelves in the shop”.

- MICHAEL FROM BICESTER

GET YOUR BEARINGS

“When I moved to Oxford a few years ago I went on an **Oxford Official Walking Tour** which gave me a very good introduction to the history of the city and university.

Each time my friends visit Oxford and we have a stroll through the city they say there is something magical about it that makes you want to come back!”

- JACK FROM KIDLINGTON



EXPLORE BANBURY

“**Banbury** is a little market town in the north of Oxfordshire. It's home to the 16th century **Ye Olde Reindeer Inn**, used by **Oliver Cromwell** as a base during the **Civil War**, and the 18th century **Tooley's Boatyard**, where you can take a guided tour of the narrow

boat workshop beside the canal. Banbury is ideal as a base to travel to **Warwickshire** and **Stratford-Upon-Avon**, and nearby **Broughton Castle**, so I would recommend it to anyone visiting Oxfordshire!”

- JOSHUA FROM BANBURY



ALL ABOUT THE VIEWS

“I never get bored of the view over Oxford's skyline - the dreaming spires always spark my imagination. The best places to take in the view are from the Rooftop

Terrace Bar at **The Store** on Broad Street, **Westgate Oxford** shopping centre's roof terrace or the rooftop restaurant at the **Ashmolean**.”

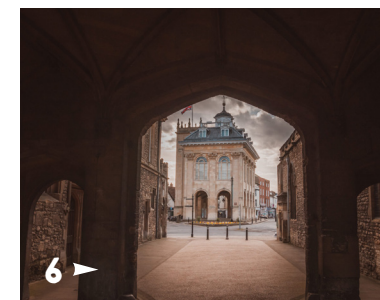
- LEIGH FROM WITNEY



HIDDEN GEM BY THE THAMES

“I am a big fan of the **Abingdon Museum** in the famous **County Hall** built in 1682. You can look down from the museum galleries and watch the crowds of people in the market square below. There's always something going on in **Abingdon's Market Square** too!”

- MAUREEN FROM THAME



ADVICE FROM THE LOCALS

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- 1 ➤ BLACKWELL'S
- 2 ➤ WALKING TOUR
- 3 ➤ BANBURY FINE LADY
- 4 ➤ LAMPREYS BUILDING, BANBURY
- 5 ➤ THE STORE
- 6 ➤ ABINGDON

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AFTERNOON TEA IN OXFORDSHIRE

There's nothing more refined and delectable than enjoying a classic afternoon tea surrounded by the lush Oxfordshire countryside or the beautiful City of Dreaming Spires. Fortunately, there are numerous venues to discover - each with something unique to enjoy! We've highlighted a few places guaranteed to tickle your tastebuds.



OXFORD RIVER CRUISES

Enjoy an indulgent afternoon tea, made with home-made scones with jam and clotted cream, a selection of finger sandwiches and cakes, while enjoying the stunning scenery on the River Thames in and around Oxford. This relaxing afternoon cruise sails downstream from **Folly Bridge** taking in the best-known reach of the **River Thames** in Oxford. Travelling down the **University Regatta Course** the boat goes past **Christ Church Meadows** and the **University College Boat Houses** Alternatively take tea at The Folly, Oxford's Unique Riverside Restaurant.

THE BEAR HOTEL

Whatever the weather, enjoy the full afternoon tea experience at The Bear Hotel, a former 13th century coaching inn sitting serenely at the centre of the charismatic market town of Woodstock. Tuck into a classic selection of dainty finger sandwiches, warm homemade scones and an irresistible selection of cakes, served with Twining's classic loose leaf tea. Feeling decadent? The Celebration Afternoon Tea is served with a chilled glass of Laurent-Perrier Champagne - the perfect way to make your tea-time sparkle!



HEYTHROP PARK HOTEL

Treat yourself to a delicious afternoon tea at **Heythrop Park**. Savour three tiers of sandwiches, speciality cakes and scones heaped with clotted cream and preserves, while you soak up the surroundings. Afternoon tea is also served with speciality loose-leaf teas as British as the occasion or coffees. Add some extra sparkle with a chilled glass of prosecco or champagne.



THE RANDOLPH HOTEL OXFORD, A GRADUATE BY HILTON

Enjoy a quintessentially English afternoon tea in The Drawing Room at **The Randolph Hotel Oxford, a Graduate by Hilton**, an Oxford landmark in the heart of the city. Expect a range of delicacies with a contemporary twist. Upgrade to Sparkling Afternoon Tea with a glass of English Sparkling Wine.



MINSTER MILL

Located on the banks of the river Windrush in the picture-perfect village of Minster Lovell in West Oxfordshire, Minster Mill offers traditional full afternoon tea with freshly baked warm fruit and plain scones, assorted homemade cakes and pastries, strawberry and raspberry preserves, clotted cream and a selection of freshly cut sandwiches. Enjoy this with your choice of Newby teas or coffee, or treat yourself to the Laurent-Perrier champagne afternoon tea with a glass of champagne.



AFTERNOON TEA IN OXFORDSHIRE

Combine an afternoon tea with a fun event for an unforgettable day in Oxfordshire
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- 1 ► OXFORD RIVER CRUISES
- 2 ► THE BEAR HOTEL
- 3 ► HEYTHROP PARK
- 4 ► THE RANDOLPH HOTEL
- 5 ► MINSTER MILL

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A CITY BUILT ON THE WATER

OXFORD'S RIVER AND CANALS

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No visit to Oxford is complete without exploring the city's waterways - the mighty River Thames which flows through to London, the River Cherwell and the historic Oxford Canal, over 200 years old.

The waterways offer an opportunity to explore the hidden side of the city, take part in exciting activities and to see the city from a different perspective.

EXPLORE THE OXFORD CANAL

A short walk from the city centre takes you to the start of the **Oxford Canal**. Dug by hand over 200 years ago, it runs for 77 miles. It was an important trade route, with the unique narrow boats originally pulled by horses carrying goods to London and the rest of the country.



Now it is an oasis of peace and quiet. Take a walk along the towpath you will see wildlife, passing boats and can learn about the canal's history as you follow the **Oxford Canal Heritage Trail**.

You can even hire a narrowboat for a day trip or longer and really explore with **College Cruisers**.

EXPLORE THE RIVER THAMES

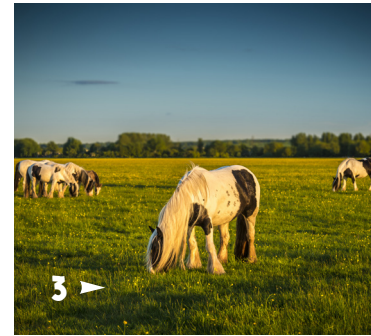
Just a short walk from the city is the famous **Head of the River** public house and **Folly Bridge** over the **Thames**, which marks the finish line for university rowing races. Walk along the towpath and you will often see the Oxford University rowing crews practicing and may be lucky enough to watch a race.

Visiting **Christ Church Meadow** is a must-do, with its circular path taking you alongside both the Thames and the **River Cherwell**.

Nothing can beat a walk around **Port Meadow**, an ancient area of grazing with incredible open views across the Thames, wildlife and cosy local pubs.

The **Thames Path National Trail** also comes through Oxford on its 183-mile route from the source of the Thames all the way to London. Oxford is an excellent base to explore it in sections.

Overnight at the **Mercurie Oxford Hawkwell House** near Iffley Lock, a 10-minute drive from Oxford's city centre.



THINGS TO DO - MESSING ABOUT ON THE RIVER

Enjoy a different view of Oxford by getting onto the water.

You must try punting - the unique flat-bottomed boats you push along with a pole (take champagne and strawberries for a picnic!) There are several places you can hire one on both the River Thames and River Cherwell including **Cherwell Boathouse**.

If you have time to explore further, take a boat trip. **Salter's Steamers** offer regular passenger ferries along the Thames, stopping at several points and continuing on to **Abingdon-on-Thames**. You can take the boat back, or jump off along the way and enjoy a walk back to the city along the Thames

Path, or you can even take your bicycles. Salter's also rent out small motor-boats you can sail yourself.

Providing a range of luxury boat trips, including an evening cocktail cruise, **Oxford River Cruises** explores the Thames. Jump aboard at **The Folly River Restaurant**.

PLACES TO EAT AND DRINK

There are many fantastic places alongside Oxford's waterways for a drink, a quick lunch or a full three-course and more dinner.

Visit experienceoxfordshire.org for a full list of waterside cafés, pubs and restaurants.

OXFORD'S WATERWAYS LOOP WALK

Following the historic canal from the centre, a short 2-mile walking route takes you along the canal and then across to Port Meadow, with its open skies and views, then back to the city alongside the River Thames.

For a longer and more complete experience, the 7-mile route continues to the village of **Wolvercote**, with its local shop and cosy pubs. Back along the Thames Path National Trail, with views right across Port Meadow, and into the city again. Go out for a pub lunch and enjoy a walk back.



OXFORD'S RIVERS AND CANALS

Love being on the water? Continue your journey north through Oxfordshire on the Oxford Canal
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Or journey south along the River Thames
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- 1 ► OXFORD CANAL
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- 2 ► RIVER THAMES
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- 3 ► PORT MEADOW
- 4 ► SALTER'S STEAMERS

ONLY IN OXFORDSHIRE QUIRKY TRADITIONS

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Oxfordshire is home to an array of quirky traditions that make the county unique.

MERTON COLLEGE TIME CEREMONY

Once a year, on the night the clocks go back, students of **Merton College** partake in the tradition of the **Merton College Time Ceremony**. Created by undergraduates in 1971, the ceremony involves students dressing in full academic dress whilst walking backwards around the **Fellows' Quad** with a glass of port in their hand, from 02:00BST for an hour until 02:00GMT, to allegedly maintain the space-time continuum.

POOH STICKS

The **World Pooh Sticks Championships** takes place at Sandford Lock on the Thames in May (date to be confirmed). Taking inspiration from the beloved children's book, **Winnie the Pooh**, anybody can take part to become the Pooh Sticks world champion. You just need to pick your stick and drop it upstream on one side of a bridge and whoever's stick appears on the other side of the bridge is the winner!

MAY MORNING

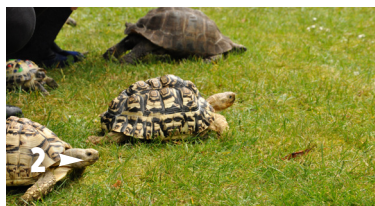
One of **Oxford's** well-loved traditions, held every year on the 1st of May, sees citywide celebrations for the coming of Spring, bringing the community together for what is known as **May Morning**. **Morris Men** dance across the city, and the choristers of **Magdalen College**

choir sing the day in from the **Great Tower** at 6am with **Hymnus Eucharisticus**, attracting flocks of people to **Magdalen Bridge** before celebrations continue throughout the morning.



BUN THROWING

Bun Throwing in Abingdon is a famous tradition in Oxfordshire dating back 400 years. Local dignitaries throw currant buns from Abingdon County Hall Museum on days of celebration; attracting huge crowds all hoping to catch a bun!



THE CORPUS CHRISTI TORTOISE FAIR

Corpus Christi's Tortoise Fair is one of the lovelier eccentricities at Oxford and has at its heart the **Tortoise Race**, in which tortoises from various colleges race to get to the edge of a ring of lettuce. It's thought to have been started in the 1920s. Corpus' own tortoises are named Oldham and Foxe - whose care is presided over by a "**Custos Testudinum**" or "**Tortoise Keeper**", elected at the start of each year.



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Whether you're visiting **Oxfordshire** from near or far, the county has so much to offer that we're sure you'll want to make the most of it. So, we've crafted some inspiring itineraries to help you plan your visit - whether you want an action-packed minibreak in **Oxford** or a peaceful week exploring the beautiful countryside of the county.

Maybe you'd like to time your visit to include one of the UK's top music festivals, or perhaps seeing **University of Oxford** students graduating in their academic robes is on your bucket list.

Whatever you're up to in Oxfordshire, use **#ExperienceOx** on social media to share your experiences with us. We'd love to hear from you!

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These are just ideas - Oxfordshire is yours to make your own.

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HIDDEN GEMS

With ornate buildings, pristine quads and grand dining halls, stepping into a University of Oxford college is like stepping into another world. The students of the University come and go from their colleges every day, but these annual University occasions give you a sneak peek into student life.

In the Autumn, around mid-October, Oxford students make their way to the **Sheldonian Theatre** in their academic robes, or "Sub Fusc", for 'Matriculation'; the official ceremony welcoming new students to the University, which is performed solely in Latin.

As the summer months draw near, you'll see the students nervously walking toward the **Examination Schools**, again in their Sub Fusc robes, for their exams in June.

Also in June, glimpse the **University of Oxford's** most prestigious annual ceremony, *Encaenia*, when the University awards honorary degrees to distinguished men and women. Some participants, including the



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Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor, take part in a procession through Radcliffe Square and the **Divinity School** to the **Sheldonian Theatre**, where the ceremony takes place.

To celebrate the end of the University year, colleges throw extravagant balls for their students. In the summer evening breeze, see students' ball gowns and tails fluttering as they arrive at their college balls.

In mid-summer and towards early autumn, catch the students throwing their mortarboards in the air as they celebrate their graduation!



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From traditional pubs to buzzing bars, live performances to late night clubs and everything in between, there are plenty of things to see and do in this vibrant city once the sun goes down.

OXFORD CASTLE QUARTER

Next door to ancient **Oxford Castle & Prison**, **Oxford Castle Quarter** is home to a bar and, housed in a former prison, **Malmaison hotel** with its stylish Malmaison Bar & Grill.



WESTGATE OXFORD

Westgate Oxford's Roof Terrace is the perfect backdrop for the centre's mix of contemporary casual and fine dining restaurants and bars including **Six by Nico** and more. With panoramic views of Oxford including the dreaming spires,

Westgate Oxford's Roof Terrace is the perfect place to rewind and relax. For a more active evening out, try your luck at **Flight Club**, a one-of-a-kind social darts experience. Its unique concept includes six fast-paced games appealing to everyone from total beginners to arrows experts.



EAST OXFORD

Towards the east of Oxford, **Cowley Road** and **St Clement's** are a vibrant hub for nightlife. With buzzing bars, restaurants offering a variety of contemporary

cuisines, and fantastic live music destinations, from larger clubs to independent music hub **Truck Store**, **East Oxford** is a treasure trove for things to do in the evening.

THEATRE

Immerse yourself in Oxford's thriving arts and culture scene with a touch of drama or comedy. Oxford's larger theatre the **New Theatre** is home to some of the biggest names in entertainment. and, only a stone's throw away,

book in for a weekday pre-theatre dinner at **Treadwell** in The Store hotel. Visit the **Oxford Playhouse** and for independent performances, **North Wall Arts Centre** put on incredible productions and events.



PUBS AND BARS

Mingle with intellectuals in Oxford's bars and pubs. From cocktail bars including the **Cosy Club** and **The Snug** at **The Randolph Hotel Oxford**, **Graduate by Hilton** to rooftop venues offering sweeping views of Oxford's skyline like the Rooftop

Terrace Bar at **The Store**, Oxford has a plethora of options. For something more low-key, relax in some of the oldest pubs in Britain. We recommend **The Turf Tavern**, **Lamb & Flag** and **The Bear** in the city centre, or relax on the bank of the **River Thames** at **The Head of the River**.



STAYING OVER IN OXFORD

Stay in Oxford overnight and take a day trip to a top visitor attraction during your stay
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- 2 ▶ SIX BY NICO
- 3 ▶ FLIGHT CLUB OXFORD
- 4 ▶ NEW THEATRE OXFORD
- 5 ▶ COSY CLUB OXFORD
- 6 ▶ THE STORE'S ROOFTOP TERRACE BAR

STAYING OVER IN OXFORD

CHORAL EVENSONG

If you wander around Oxford in the evening, as you pass the **University of Oxford** college chapels you'll hear the faint music of the college choirs

CLASSICAL MUSIC CONCERTS

Oxford's streets are often lined with signs and posters advertising upcoming classical music concerts - including performances by the **Oxford Philharmonic Orchestra**. Oxford's stunning and historic venues play host to a busy

singing. Immerse yourself in the experience of **Choral Evensong**, which happens every evening during University term-time and starts between 5:15pm and 6:45pm depending on which college you visit.

calendar of concerts and recitals. See world-renowned musicians and artists play in intimate venues such as the **Sheldonian Theatre** and the **Holywell Music Room**, said to be the oldest purpose-built music room in Europe.



JAZZ

Dance the night away at lively jazz concerts in unique venues such as **The Mad Hatter**, an eccentric speakeasy cocktail bar in East

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48 HOURS IN OXFORD A HIGHLIGHTS ITINERARY

DAY 1
9:30am



Kickstart your weekend by climbing the tower of the **University Church of St Mary the Virgin** for the highest view over Oxford. As you exit the Church, take a stroll around cobbled Radcliffe Square to drink in 360° views of the **Radcliffe Camera**.



10:30am



To maximise your time, pre-book an **Oxford Official Walking Tour** for a guided walking tour around more of Oxford's iconic sites and locations. Tours are led by knowledgeable guides with afternoon tours including entry into one of the **University of Oxford's** 39 colleges.

Alternatively, if you prefer not to walk, the **City Sightseeing Oxford** open-top bus tour is a great way to discover Oxford's most iconic sites. Listen to your guide (or commentary in 14 languages) as you are driven around, with the option to hop-on and hop-off at 20 different stops across the city.

1pm



Allow a little time for shopping and browse the independent shops and eateries in **The Covered Market**. The whole family can choose a picnic for the afternoon; why not enjoy a freshly made sandwich, pastry, pie or a dish from an extensive selection of world cuisines?



Do you know the best film and literary sites in Oxford?
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- 1 ▶ OXFORD OFFICIAL WALKING TOURS
- 2 ▶ CITY SIGHTSEEING
- 3 ▶ OXFORD COVERED MARKET

Whilst in the heart of the city, don't miss **Modern Art Oxford**, one of the UK's leading contemporary art spaces, as well as Oxford's incredible museums. Choose from the **Ashmolean Museum**, Britain's first public museum and home to world-famous artefacts and collections, the **History of Science Museum**, the **Museum of Natural History** and neighbouring **Pitt Rivers Museum**, the University of Oxford's quirky museum of anthropology and world archaeology.



Alternatively, The **Museum of Oxford** tells the history of the city. Best of all... they are all free! Always a city for browsing literature, Oxford's **Blackwell's** bookshop is also worth nipping into.

A wonderfully unique way to spend your time in Oxford, join the **Oxford Official Ghost Tour** (every other Saturday). This tour will show you all you need to know about every spooky site and eerie nook and cranny of Oxford, including its most famous ghost.

Or, fill your evening with world-class **Choral Evensong** in an Oxford college chapel. These take place every evening during University of Oxford term-time and start between 5:15pm and 6:45pm depending on which college you visit. We recommend joining the Choirs of the grand **Christ Church Cathedral** for an unforgettable evening.

Relax in **The Store**, an inviting luxury lifestyle hotel in the heart of Oxford. Enjoy a cocktail in the **Rooftop Terrace Bar**, before heading to **Treadwell** restaurant for untraditionally British cuisine.

Start your day with an exhilarating morning on the water. Take a punt on the river - a truly timeless Oxford tradition - from **Cherwell Boathouse** to see the city from a different perspective. Alternatively, from Folly Bridge take a chauffeured cruise down the River Thames from **Salter's Steamers**, or **Oxford River Cruises** and admire the views of **Christ Church** in the distance.

ITINERARY:
48H IN OXFORD

2pm



- 4 ▶ ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM
- 5 ▶ MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
- 6 ▶ PITT RIVERS MUSEUM
- 7 ▶ OXFORD GHOST TOUR
- 8 ▶ CHERWELL BOATHOUSE

7pm



9pm

DAY 2
10am



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11am

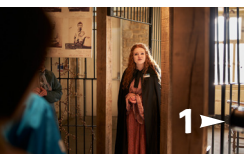


Take a guided tour of **Oxford Castle & Prison** and discover the fascinating stories of the building's 1,000-year history. Explore the Saxon St George's Tower and descend deep underground to the 900-year-old crypt.

Noon



Close by is **Westgate Oxford**, home to more than 100 top brands, restaurants, bars, and a boutique cinema. Grab lunch with a panoramic view of Oxford's dreaming spires on Westgate's rooftop terrace. **Six By Nico** delivers an affordable and delicious six course tasting menu which changes every six weeks, with each iteration drawing inspiration from a memory, place, or idea.



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1pm

- 1 ▶ OXFORD CASTLE & PRISON
- 2 ▶ MINI PLANT OXFORD
- 3 ▶ SHELDONIAN THEATRE

Wander down to the historic **Oxford Botanic Garden** to experience



an oasis of green in the city centre. The UK's oldest botanic garden, founded in 1621 as a physic garden growing plants for medicinal research, Oxford Botanic Garden features a formal walled garden, exotic plants in glasshouses and lush herbaceous borders.

Take the 11X bus from the nearby Queens Lane bus stop on High Street

and treat yourself to an afternoon tour at the state-of-the-art BMW Group MINI Plant in Oxford (Monday to Thursday only), the birthplace and heart of MINI production. An Oxford landmark, it opened its doors in 1913 producing several famous car models over the years, including the Morris Minor and the classic Mini, which revolutionised the small car market in 1959.

The prebooked plant tours offer the opportunity to explore the MINI museum before moving into the body shop to see how 1,200 robots and employees produce the basic framework of the MINI. It's then on to the final assembly hall, to watch live as the MINI takes shape.

2:30pm



Back in the city wander up Oxford's winding High Street, bordered with imposing college walls and independent shops, restaurants and cafes.



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Take a moonlit walk around central Oxford and see the historic University buildings from a different perspective. Relax in **The Randolph Hotel Oxford**, a **Graduate by Hilton**, an icon of Oxford. Enjoy a tippie at the famous **Morse Bar**, before sitting down for dinner in **The Alice** to savour seasonal British dishes with a contemporary twist.

6pm

Read more on the nightlife in Oxford p.48 ▶

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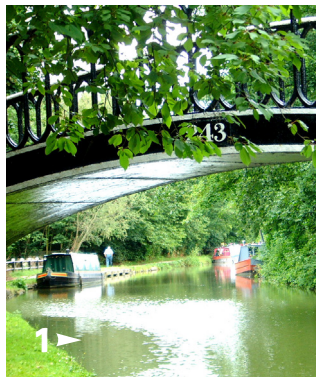


THE OXFORD CANAL

OXFORD TO BANBURY

Built in the late 18th century to carry commercial barges between Coventry and Oxford, the Oxford Canal is one of the country's most beautiful inland waterways to explore. This route along the towpath takes you through the picturesque scenery of the Cherwell Valley as the canal follows the gentle meandering course of the River Cherwell to Banbury.

Oxford



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Begin your walk along the Oxford Canal from the city centre, following the canal through **Jericho** to the north of the city to enjoy the open views of **Port Meadow**. Cross Port Meadow to enjoy a pint at **The Perch**, a historic thatched pub. At **Upper Wolvercote**, leave the canal towpath to explore the ruins of **Godstow Abbey** and visit **The Trout Inn**, a 17th century pub overlooking the **River Thames** and a favourite of Colin Dexter's **Inspector Morse**.

Learn more about the Cherwell Valley
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Thrupp

(11km from Oxford)

Continuing north past **Kidlington**, you might want to stop for refreshments at **Thrupp** - a pretty canal side village where rose-covered terraced houses line the towpath and there are two popular pubs, **The Jolly Boatman** and **The Boat Inn**, as well as a tea room. From here the canal follows the winding course of the Cherwell river, joining with it for occasional stretches.

Tackley

(7.5km from Thrupp)



Tucked away close to the canal, **Tackley** is a characterful rural village of stone buildings and a church of Saxon origin. Home to a couple of quaint bed and breakfasts and a well-stocked village shop with a café, the village makes a good base for exploring the local countryside.

Rousham House

(7km from Tackley)



Further north up the canal, the towpath brings you past the grounds of **Rousham House & Gardens**, a Jacobean country house with wonderful gardens which can be visited. The gardens were landscaped by William Kent in the early 18th century and represent the first phase of English landscape design. Many of the features created in the 18th century are still there today.



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At **Lower Heyford Wharf**, Heyford railway station is directly beside the canal, with trains back to Tackley and Oxford or ahead to Banbury. The village of **Lower Heyford** marks approximately the halfway point between Oxford and Banbury and options for an overnight stay include a canal side bed and breakfast as well as **Heyford House** and **The Holt Hotel**. The village's pub, **The Bell Inn**, dates from the 17th century and there is also a café/bistro at Lower Heyford Wharf with gardens overlooking the canal.

Refreshed from a stop in Heyford, continue along the canal as it follows the winding course of the River Cherwell north to **Aynho Wharf**. This is one of the waterway's most appealing stretches as it turns into more open countryside and you will pass the picture-postcard lock-keeper's cottage at **Somerton Deep Lock**. Close to Aynho Wharf is the **Great Western Arms**, a traditional country pub serving the local **Hook Norton** ales.



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and drink outlets. Make sure you take a guided tour of the historic **Tooley's Boatyard** which dates from 1788 and is the oldest dry dock working boatyard on the inland waterways.

There are inviting cafes and pubs in the **Old Town**, including the 16th century **Ye Olde Reindeer Inn** where the wood panelled **Globe Room** is believed to have been used by **Oliver Cromwell** as a base during the **Civil War**. Finally, don't leave Banbury without sampling Banbury cakes - delicious spiced and currant-filled pastries which have been made to a secret recipe for over four hundred years!

Return to Oxford in 20-30 minutes on Chiltern Railways direct service to the city.

ITINERARY: OXFORD CANAL

Lower Heyford
(0.8km from Rousham)



Aynho
(16.6km from Lower Heyford)

Banbury
(11km from Aynho)

- 1 ▶ OXFORD CANAL
- 2 ▶ ROUSHAM HOUSE
- 3 ▶ LOCK 29

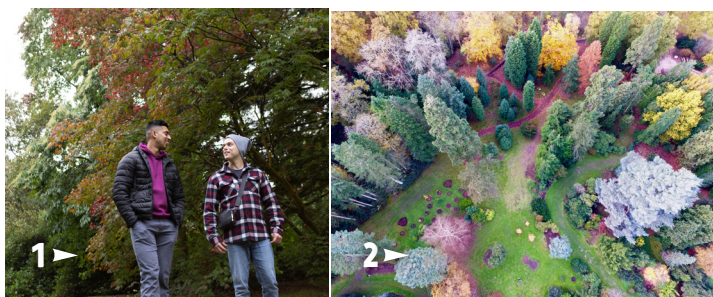


THE RIVER RAPIDS OXFORD TO HENLEY-ON-THAMES

The River Rapids is a bus service (X40) linking Oxford with South Oxfordshire. Here we pick out some of the many things to see and do along the route and onwards on connector 23.

Harcourt Arboretum
(25 mins from Oxford)

The **University of Oxford's** arboretum is in the small village of **Nuneham Courtenay**. The 130-acre site is open all year round and contains the best collection of trees in **Oxfordshire**, with seasonal highlights including wildflower meadows, rhododendrons and bluebell woods along with plenty of children's activities.



- 1 to 3 ► **HARCOURT ARBORETUM**
- 4 ► **WALLINGFORD-ON-THAMES**
- 5 ► **RIVER & ROWING MUSEUM**

Dorchester-on-Thames
(8 mins from Harcourt Arboretum)

Stroll around the cute-as-a-doormouse village of **Dorchester-on-Thames**, a village of timber-framed houses. The main attraction in the village is the medieval Abbey, built in the 12th century.

Benson Marina
(8 mins from Dorchester-on-Thames)

A great stop from which to walk along the tranquil banks of the **River Thames** or sit and admire the views of green fields, pretty meadows, farmland and forest from the comfort of the **Waterfront Café**.



Wander the cobbled streets of **Wallingford** and discover the town's links with both crime novelist **Agatha Christie** and **Midsummer Murders**, as well as the ruins of **Wallingford Castle** and the excellent **Wallingford Museum**.

The small village of **Nuffield** is the location of **Nuffield Place**, once home to **William Morris**, founder of the **Morris Motor Company**, and his wife. Their home and personal possessions are just as they left them, the décor and furnishings intact.



A picturesque riverside town, home to the famous **Henley Royal Regatta** (1st to 6th July 2025), **Henley Festival of Music and Arts** (9th to 13th July 2025) and the award-winning **River & Rowing Museum**. Explore the town on a self-guided walk, browse the independent shops, visit the **Farmers Market** (2nd Saturday or 4th Thursday of the month) or take a stroll along the river Thames.

ITINERARY: RIVER RAPIDS

Wallingford
(15 mins from Benson Marina)

Nuffield
(12 mins from Wallingford)

Henley-on-Thames
(14mins from Nuffield)

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Exploring the River Thames by Bus and Boat

BY BUS: THAMES TRAVEL

The X40 links Oxford and Wallingford with buses every 30-minutes Monday to Saturday, hourly Sunday and most public holidays. The 33 links Oxford and Wallingford from the Market Place stop with Nuffield and Henley-on-Thames with buses every hour, daily.

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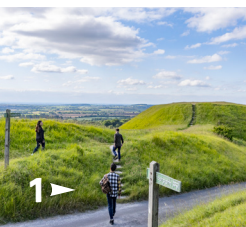
THE RIDGEWAY NATIONAL TRAIL IN OXFORDSHIRE

WHITE HORSE HILL TO THAME

The Ridgeway Trail stretches 140 kilometres across scenic countryside from Avebury in Wiltshire to Ivinghoe Beacon in Buckinghamshire and through two Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty: the Chiltern Hills and the North Wessex Downs. This routeway is steeped in history, having been used by traders and invaders as far back as 5,000 years ago. Today it is enjoyed by walkers, cyclists and horse riders seeking far-reaching views, historic sites and wildlife.

White Horse Hill is only 29 kilometres from Oxford, and 20 kilometres away from Watlington. Follow our trail from White Horse Hill to Thame for a taste of how much there is to see and do in this area.

Faringdon



White Horse Hill and Uffington
(10.3km from Faringdon)

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Learn more about the Vale of White Horse
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Begin in **Faringdon**. The town is full of heritage, immediately noticeable in the quaint town centre where you will find old coaching inns, Georgian fronted buildings and the 17th century town hall. Now occupied by a diverse array of independent shops, cafes and restaurants, the town centre is a hive of activity. A five-minute walk from the town centre, you will find Faringdon's **Folly Tower**. Built in 1935 by Lord Berner, the 100ft high tower sits on a hill amongst a circular woodland, providing panoramic views over the town and beyond.

Explore The Ridgeway's history at White Horse Hill, where you will find the internationally renowned **Bronze Age White Horse** carved into the chalk hillside. This is the highest point in **Oxfordshire** with views across 6 different counties, and is hugely popular with dog walkers, picnickers and kite fliers alike. There is plenty of parking in the National Trust car park at **White Horse Hill**.

From White Horse Hill, walk or ride for 2.3 kilometres along **The Ridgeway** to the prehistoric long barrow of **Wayland's Smithy**. It is also worth venturing off the hills into nearby **Uffington** village where there are pubs, a small museum and a waymarked trail to learn more about the historic buildings in the village.

Base yourself in **Wantage** to discover the stories of **King Alfred the Great** who was born in the town in 849AD. This historic market town offers independent shops, places to eat and a theatre, as well as the **Vale & Downland Museum** which has won awards for being family friendly. Head west to villages such as Sparsholt for a nice lunch at **The Star Inn** or **Kingston Lisle** to see the **Blowing Stone** which King Alfred used to summon his army to battle against the Vikings.

Walk up to The Ridgeway to see **Segsbury Camp** hillfort, passing along the chalk stream called the **Letcombe Brook** and through the historic village of **Letcombe Bassett** where you may like to stop for lunch at **The Greyhound Inn**. There is also a great day's cycle ride from Wantage eastwards along a signed cycle route through the Lockinges and Ginges and Hendreds villages, then up to The Ridgeway to head westwards back to Wantage. There are some great pubs and historic buildings to look out for in the villages, including a village shop from a bygone age in **East Hendred**!



Goring and **Streatley** is where The Ridgeway meets the River Thames and another **National Trail**, the **Thames Path**. Linked by a bridge in 1837, Streatley and Goring are picturesque riverside villages with numerous places to eat, making this a perfect spot for a break.

From Goring, follow The Ridgeway to walk 8.5 kilometres along the river to the historic market town of **Wallingford**, with independent shops, places to eat and stay and a small museum. Families will enjoy Wallingford's riverside playground and campsite.

ITINERARY: RIDGEWAY TRAIL

Wantage

(14km from White Horse Hill along Ridgeway
Bus links to Oxford: Stagecoach S9)



- 1 ➤ WHITE HORSE HILL
- 2 ➤ WANTAGE MARKET
- 3 ➤ WANTAGE VALE AND DOWNLAND MUSEUM

Streatley Goring

(24km from Wantage along The Ridgeway)



Wallingford

(10.6km from Goring)

Watlington
(17.7km from
Wallingford)

From Wallingford, there is a scenic day's walk along The Ridgeway to the attractive historic town of **Watlington**. This area is known as the **Chiltern Hills**, famous for its parklands and beechwoods. The first stretch passes along **Grim's Ditch**, a ditch and bank boundary thought to date back to Saxon times. Watlington is where a huge hoard of Viking coins was famously found in 2016. Some of these coins displayed the head of King Alfred the Great and a replica display can be seen in Watlington's library.



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Coach stop**
(17km from
Watlington
Coaches to London,
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and Gatwick)
**Haddenham &
Thame Parkway
train station**



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Finish your journey in the thriving market town of **Thame**, perfectly situated at the foot of the Chiltern Hills, just 23 kilometres from Oxford. From historic buildings to beautiful parks, the **Thame Museum**, **The Players Theatre**, and a vibrant **High Street** - Thame has lots of exciting attractions and activities to enjoy.

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EXPLORE THE COTSWOLDS WOODSTOCK TO BURFORD

It's easy to see more of Oxfordshire using public transport. Follow the route of the Stagecoach S7 service linking Woodstock to Witney and the Stagecoach 234 service linking Witney to Burford to discover many fascinating places along the way. The buses run roughly every 20-30 mins Monday to Sunday. Alternatively consider Stagecoach's S2 bus from Oxford to Cheltenham via Witney, Burford and Northleach.

Woodstock Blenheim Palace

Start your journey in the historic town of **Woodstock**, home to the **Oxfordshire Museum**, as well as antique shops, and great pubs and restaurants. No visit to Woodstock would be complete without a visit to **Blenheim Palace**, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** and birthplace of **Sir Winston Churchill**.



Long Hanborough (10 mins from Woodstock)

A few minutes further is **Hanborough** train station. The station is on the **Great Western Railway** line linking **London Paddington** to the **Cotswolds**, and close by are the **Oxford Bus Museum** and **Morris Motors Museum**. Both tell the story of transport in **Oxford**, including the production of cars by **Morris Motors**.

North Leigh (1 hour walk from Long Hanborough)

Further along is **North Leigh Roman Villa**, one of the largest villas from Roman Britain set on the banks of the **River Evenlode**. It's a 2.5 kilometre walk from the bus stop on the main road, but worth the pretty walk to see a near complete mosaic tile floor dating back to the 3rd century.

Witney (18 mins from Long Hanborough)

Jump back on the bus and the next stop is the old market town of **Witney**. The town is home to **Cogges Manor Farm**, where visitors can feed the pygmy goats, play in the adventure park, or learn about the history of the 13th century manor house. In the old milking parlour you'll find Cogges Kitchen serving breakfast, lunch and cake!



Change buses in Witney and travel through the picturesque village of **Minster Lovell**. Explore the riverside ruins of 15th century **Minster Lovell Hall**. Stop at the charming **Old Swan** or **Minster Mill** hotels for a delicious meal or relaxing overnight stay.



Another 8 kilometres from Minster Lovell, leave the bus in **Shilton**. Nearby is **Crocodiles of the World**, the UK's only crocodile zoo, with plenty of photo opportunities, feeding displays, crocodile talks and much more.



Finally, the route stops in **Burford**, frequently referred to as the 'gateway to the Cotswolds'. Home to rows of idyllic honey stone cottages, tea shops and boutiques, Burford is a place full of character and Cotswold charm.

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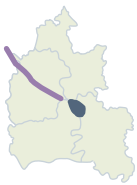
Minster Lovell (9 mins from Witney)

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Shilton (15 mins from Minster Lovell)

Burford (8 mins from Shilton)

- 1 ► **BLenheim Palace**
- 2 ► **WITNEY**
- 3 ► **COGGES MANOR FARM**
- 4 ► **MINSTER LOVELL HALL**, credit Backyard Productions
- 5 ► **OLD SWAN**
- 6 ► **CROCODILES OF THE WORLD**
- 7 ► **BURFORD**



ACROSS THE COTSWOLDS OXFORD TO WORCESTER

Spanning four counties, Great Western Railway's Cotswold Line journeys past the dramatic Malvern Hills and through the orchards of the Vale of Evesham, running alongside the River Evenlode, via pretty towns and quaint villages of honey-coloured stone, charming churches and country pubs.

Oxford

Depart from **Oxford**, having seen the colleges, castle and culture of the city. A delightful train journey across rolling countryside is the perfect way to see more of England from your base in Oxford.

Long Hanborough (10 mins from Oxford)

Your first stop is **Hanborough** train station. Close by, via bus, is **Blenheim Palace** in the town of **Woodstock** with 30% off Palace, Park & Garden tickets for visitors arriving by bus.



Charlbury (7 mins from Long Hanborough)

From Hanborough the line enters the **Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty**. **Charlbury**, once a clearing in the **Wychwood Forest** and now an idyllic market town, lends itself to gentle strolls past historic buildings and cottage gardens. Cornbury Park near Charlbury is home to **Wilderness Festival** and **TreeDwellers**, a high end tree-top sanctuary nestled in ancient woodland.

Kingham (9 mins from Charlbury)



Kingham is a peaceful village, surrounded by the rolling hills of Cotswold countryside and offering a true taste of rural Cotswold life. Hole up in **The Wild Rabbit**, a top foodie destination, before grabbing some fresh air - Kingham is an excellent centre for walking and cycling.

From Kingham, your journey will take you beyond the borders of Oxfordshire to the picturesque town of **Moreton-in-Marsh**, which dates back 1,000 years to the Saxon era. Explore Moreton's elegant High Street which houses antique emporiums, galleries and tea rooms. Stop for a break at a pub or restaurant, including one said to be the inspiration for The Prancing Pony in JRR Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings*.

Nearby is **Batsford Arboretum**, the country's largest private collection of trees and shrubs. Wander through 56 acres of wild gardens and marvel at stunning views across the **Evenlode Valley**.

Moreton-in-Marsh rail station is the pick up-point for **Go Cotswolds'** guided tours. Why not book a tour to discover more of the Cotswolds?



Hop off the train at **Evesham**, a historic riverside market town nestled in the **Vale of Evesham** - the "fruit and vegetable basket of England". So much fruit grows around Evesham that the town hosts a famous Blossom Trail every April/May, which winds through 45 miles of pretty countryside. To soak up some culture, visit the **Almonry Museum** or the art-deco **Regal Cinema**.

Finally, finish your journey in **Worcester**. One of the oldest cities in the country, Worcester is famed for its magnificent Cathedral, fascinating Civil War history and world-renowned industrial past... and **Worcestershire Sauce**. Head to the bank of the **River Severn** for great views of the Cathedral and city from a different perspective.

ITINERARY: ACROSS THE COTSWOLDS

Moreton-in-Marsh (7 mins from Kingham)



Evesham (17 mins from Moreton-in-Marsh)

Worcester Foregate Street (30 mins from Evesham)

Transport

Great Western Railway's Cotswold Line runs from London Paddington via Oxford to Worcester or Hereford. Trains leave Oxford roughly every hour.

Detailed timetable information is available at GWR.com

- 1 ► WOODSTOCK
- 2 ► TREEDWELLERS
- 3 ► BATSFORD ARBORETUM
- 4 ► GO COTSWOLDS

EASY DAY TRIPS FROM OXFORD

As one of the most centrally located cities in England, Oxford is the perfect place to base yourself to explore other parts of the country. Excellent transport links makes it easy to travel around Oxfordshire and beyond.

STONEHENGE

Walk in the footsteps of your Neolithic ancestors at Stonehenge - one of the wonders of the world and the best-known prehistoric monument in Europe. Travelling by train to **Salisbury** takes just over two hours, and the journey time to drive by car is just over one hour, giving you plenty of time to explore this wonderful English Heritage site.



credit: Edward Haylan

SILVERSTONE MUSEUM

An immersive visitor attraction, just 20-minutes from Junction 10 of the M40, which celebrates Silverstone and British motor racing. Over 60 hands-on exhibits give visitors the opportunity to try out a variety of activities - from operating a wind tunnel, commenting on an F1 race, and climbing into a replica Grand Prix car.



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BATH

With frequent services on the rail route between Oxford and Bath taking just over one hour, the beautiful city of Bath is the perfect day trip destination. Built for pleasure and relaxation, Bath has been a wellbeing destination since Roman times, boasting the only natural thermal hot springs in Britain you can bathe in.

Drive time:
1 hour 20 minutes

Take a day trip on the train from Oxford to Worcester across the Cotswolds
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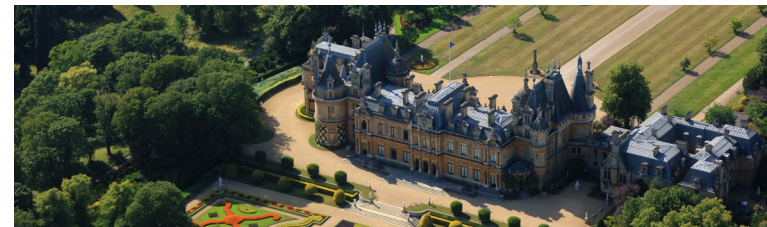
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Drive time:
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Transport:
Great Western Railway (GWR) train,
1 hour 20 minutes

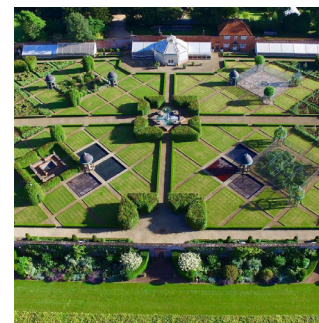
WADDESDON MANOR

Waddesdon, a unique French Renaissance-style château, was built in the 1870s by Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild to house his art treasures and entertain fashionable society. Just a forty-minute drive away, this astonishing collection can be enjoyed as it would have been originally displayed within the opulent interiors of the Manor. Outside, formal Victorian gardens and rolling parkland can be enjoyed year-round.



COTSWOLD FARM PARK

Adam Henson's Cotswold Farm Park offers a wide range of annual activities for visitors of all ages allowing them to interact closely with over 50 rare breeds of farm animals and learn about farming, both past and present. The Ox Shed restaurant, where you can indulge in their famous Gloucester Beef Burgers, savour a hearty Farmer's Full English, or enjoy homemade cakes and bakes, uses locally sourced ingredients.



THENFORD ARBORETUM

The creation of Lord and Lady Heseltine, a visit to Thenford Arboretum is a must for all gardening enthusiasts. Spread out over seventy acres and featuring a collection of more than 3,000 trees and shrubs herbaceous borders, water gardens and more, the arboretum is open to visitors on 19 days a year, from Snowdrop days in February, right through to Autumn open days in October.

LONDON

Less than an hour's journey via train from Oxford, London's lively city atmosphere is not to be missed. Take in a show in the West End, stroll around the UK's most famous museums, and marvel at some of the grandest monuments in Europe.



credit: Mary R Smith

DAY TRIPS FROM OXFORD

Drive time:
40 minutes

Drive time:
1 hour

Drive time:
1 hour

Drive time:
1 hour 30 minutes

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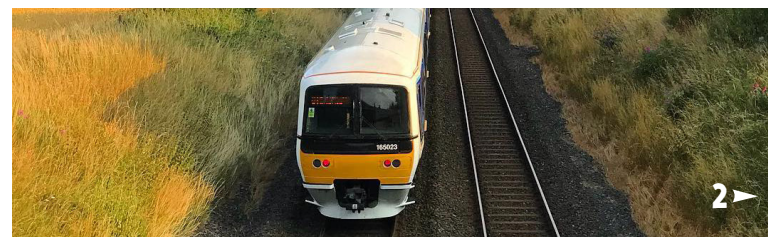
BY COACH

Linking London and Oxford, **Stagecoach** operates the **Oxford Tube** which provides a 24/7 service Oxfordtube.com **Oxford Bus Company** also operate an airline coach service which connects High Wycombe and Oxford 24/7. Find out more at theairlineoxford.co.uk

BY RAIL

Great Western Railway (GWR) has a regular service from **London Paddington** stopping at Didcot, Reading and Oxford and north through the county to the Cotswolds.
GWR.com

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chilternrailways.co.uk



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TRAVELLING AROUND OXFORDSHIRE

BY BUS

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stagecoachbus.com/about/Oxfordshire

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The **City Sightseeing Bus** is an excellent way to explore the city, its history and highlights, and offers the option to hop on and off whenever you like. Plus, City Sightseeing Oxford offer a fantastic range of walking tours of Oxford too! Tickets are valid for 24 to 48 hours.

citysightseeingoxford.com



BY TRAIN

Explore West Oxfordshire via the **Great Western Railway (GWR) Cotswold Line** (see itinerary p.66 ►). To discover South Oxfordshire, catch the **GWR** train to Paddington and alight at Didcot Parkway for local transport options.

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BY BOAT

Hire a narrowboat to explore the length of the county from a different perspective. Travel along the River Thames, River Cherwell or Oxford Canal or take a river cruise with **Oxford River Cruises** or **Salter's Steamers**.

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ON FOOT

Oxford city centre is entirely walkable - and we recommend you explore by foot to see the most of the city! If you're finding your bearings, **Oxford Official Walking Tours** offer award-winning tours of the city. There are plenty of stunning countryside walks across Oxfordshire, including the **Ridgeway Trail** (see itinerary p.62 ►) or **Thames Path**. oxfordofficialwalkingtours.org

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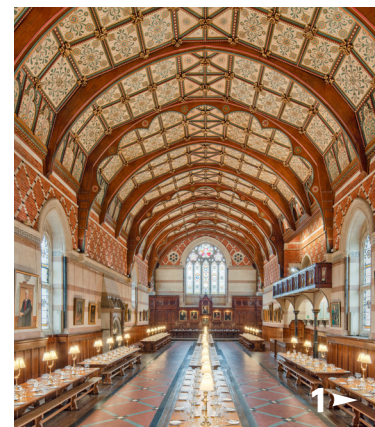
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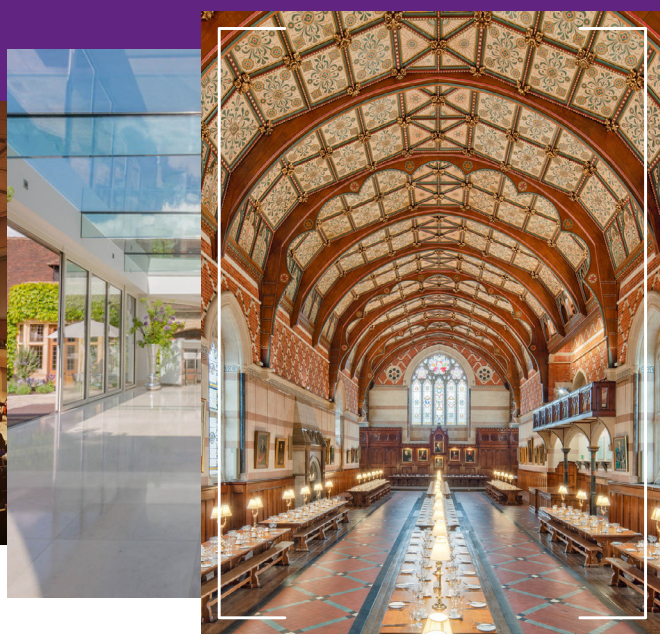
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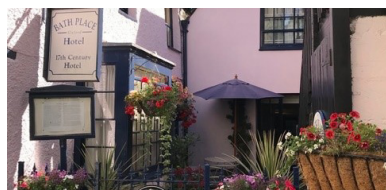


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WHERE TO STAY

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BATH PLACE HOTEL

E3 City

The Bath Place Hotel consists of 17th century cottages assembled around a beautiful flagstone courtyard in the centre of Oxford. The family run hotel nestles between New College, the Bodleian Library and the Sheldonian Theatre. From £180 B&B for a Double Room



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THE BEAR HOTEL

C3 County

This 13th century coaching inn perfectly combines history, culture and luxury.

The Bear Hotel sits serenely in the charismatic market town of Woodstock, a short walk to nearby Blenheim Palace. Full of period features, oak beams and rich interiors, this hidden gem is perfect for a relaxing break to explore the surrounding attractions.

Enjoy award-winning dining in the restaurant, with a quintessential English Afternoon Tea.

The 54 elegant bedrooms are traditionally furnished with modern features. For a touch of decadence, you're in great company, choose a spacious Deluxe Suite, favoured as a romantic getaway by Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton.

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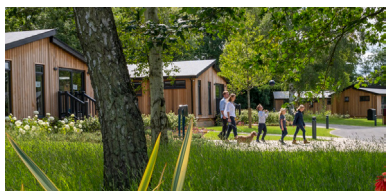
BICESTER HOTEL GOLF AND SPA

D3 County

Bicester Hotel Golf and Spa is a 4-star country club resort set among beautiful acres of the Oxfordshire countryside. With 52 spacious rooms and suites, this family owned estate is surrounded by quaint gardens and a glorious golf course, perfect for getaways and sporting retreats.



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C3 County

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darwinescapes.co.uk/blenheim-palace-lodge-retreat • 01993 835020 • Bladon Road, Bladon, Woodstock, OX20 1PT



THE BUTTERY

D3 City

The Buttery Hotel offers six deluxe en-suite bedrooms and is located on historic Broad Street in Oxford.



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THE CROWN & THISTLE ABINGDON

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This Grade II listed coaching inn comprises three individual buildings clustered around a cobbled courtyard, framed by 200-year-old wisteria.



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📍 C3 County

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HILTON GARDEN INN ABINGDON OXFORD HOTEL

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HOLIDAY INN OXFORD

📍 C1 City

Holiday Inn Oxford has completed a £12 million renovation which includes 66 bedrooms, creating a total of 220 contemporary bedrooms, including excellent Executive and Family rooms for up to 2 adults and 2 children.

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holidayinn.com/oxford • 03719 429086 • Peartree Roundabout, Woodstock Road, Oxford, OX2 8JD



KEBLE COLLEGE

📍 D1 City

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📍 E4 County

Founded by renowned chef Raymond Blanc OBE, Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons stands as one of Britain's most treasured manor house hotels. Known for its culinary mastery, Le Manoir proudly holds two Michelin stars and was recently honoured with the prestigious three Michelin keys.

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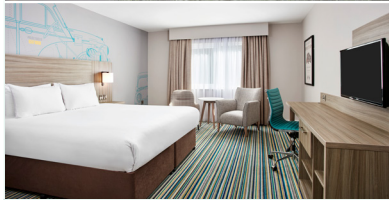
📍 C1 City

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MERCURE OXFORD HAWKELL HOUSE HOTEL

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MINSTER MILL

📍 C4 County

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THE RANDOLPH HOTEL OXFORD, A GRADUATE BY HILTON

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The Randolph is more than just a place to lay your head. Make yourself at home in the cosy Morse Bar, an ode to "Inspector Morse" by Colin Dexter, sip on a bespoke cocktail in the bohemian-style Snug, indulge in a quintessentially British afternoon tea in the Drawing Room, or enjoy all-day dining at The Alice, the onsite restaurant with a playful, contemporary twist serving unique interpretations of classic British dishes.

Located inside the hotel, Wellness at The Randolph is a welcome retreat for locals and travellers alike. Offering manicures and pedicures, massages, facials, and wellness treatments in partnership with Germaine de Cappucini, the Wellness Centre is the perfect place to relax and recharge during your time in Oxford. The Wellness Centre features a Thermal Suite, too, with a bio sauna, steam room, jacuzzi, and more.



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THE RELAIS HENLEY

📍 E6 County

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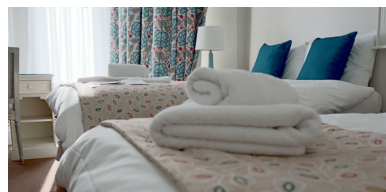
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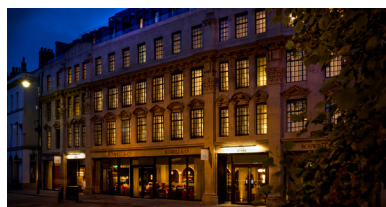
ST MARGARET'S HOTEL

📍 C1 City

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📍 City


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To book your event, get in touch with the Conference Oxford team. They will provide you with the information, advice and support necessary to ensure a successful event that will create a lasting impression.



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📍 C4 County

A unique and beautiful wedding venue in the Cotswolds, Caswell House is exclusively yours for your special day.

caswellhouse.co.uk • 01993 701064 • OX18 3NJ



MILTON HILL HOUSE

📍 D5 County

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miltonoxfordshire.co.uk • 01235 831474 • OX13 6AF




OXFORD FINE DINING

📍 County

This event catering provider has an extensive portfolio of weddings, corporate events and private dining experiences catering in Oxfordshire. From deliciously cultivated menus, using the finest ingredients to vast experience in bespoke event design, they offer a truly unique catering experience, guiding you through your ideas and elevating your vision.

oxfordfinedining.co.uk • 01865 728240 • Unit 12, Oddington Grange, Weston on the Green, Oxfordshire, OX25 3QW



RHODES HOUSE

📍 E1 City

This recently refurbished grade II* listed gem in Oxford combines the elegance and style of the 1920s Arts and Crafts movement with modern conferencing and meeting facilities. New and sensitively restored accommodation allows guests to stay at Rhodes House year-round in 34 ensuite guest rooms.

rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/venue • 01865 282599 • South Parks Road, Oxford, OX1 3RG



SCHWARZMAN CENTRE

📍 C1 City

The Stephen A. Schwarzman Centre for the Humanities will provide a new home for research and teaching in the humanities at Oxford University, and an exciting range of outstanding venues for all of Oxford.

The Schwarzman Centre will be a dynamic hub dedicated to the humanities and will open in 2025.

New facilities will include a 500-seat concert hall and a 250-seat auditorium, as well as flexible performance and exhibition spaces for music, dance, and art.

These venues will feature programming from Oxford students and faculty, local community-based organisations, and leading international artists.

schwarzmancentre.ox.ac.uk • schwarzmancentre@humanities.ox.ac.uk • Radcliffe Observatory Quarter, Woodstock Road, Oxford, OX2 6GG



WHAT TO SEE AND DO



ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

📍 C2 City

The Ashmolean is the University of Oxford's art and archaeology museum. Britain's first public museum, it's home to 500,000 years of human history and creativity, from ancient Egypt to modern art, and much more. Open daily, 10am - 5pm. Admission is free.

ashmolean.org • 01865 278000 • Beaumont Street, Oxford, OX1 2PH



ACTIVATE LEARNING

📍 B4 City & C2 County

Activate Learning is a forward-thinking education group working across further and higher education, apprenticeships and training. They transform lives through learning.

Activate Learning has two colleges in Oxfordshire, including Banbury and Bicester College and City of Oxford College and University Centre, offering a variety of education and training opportunities for the local community ranging from entry level, full-time academic and vocational study programmes, apprenticeships, leisure courses and university-level qualifications.

To find out more, visit Activate Learning at one of their Open Events.

activatelearning.ac.uk • 0800 6126008





BICESTER VILLAGE

📍 D3 County

Bicester Village is an open-air shopping destination, home to more than 150 luxury fashion and lifestyle boutiques – in the heart of the Oxfordshire countryside.

Enjoy exceptional dining from Cecconi's, farmshop restaurant & cafe, La Tua Pasta, Ottolenghi and Shan Shui, as well as five-star guest services including Hands-free Shopping, Personal Shopping and Reserved Parking.

It's shopping, but better.

Visit BicesterVillage.com to discover more.

thebicestercollection.com/bicester-village • 01869 366266 • 50 Pingle Drive, Bicester, OX26 6WD





BICESTER HERITAGE

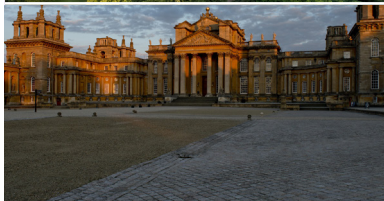
📍 D3 County

Bicester Motion is a world-leading business community, shaping the future of mobility. It is a globally recognised centre of excellence where like-minded brands can thrive, delivering the solutions that society needs for tomorrow.

It is now home to over 50 pioneering mobility businesses which collectively contribute in excess of half a billion pounds to the UK economy. It is based at an atmospheric 444-acre former WW2 RAF Bomber Station and hosts nationally acclaimed events of all types from its incredible base, which is positioned 90 minutes from half of the UK's population.

Globally, there's no other location like it.

bicesterheritage.co.uk • 01869 327928 • The Station Armoury, Building 123, Buckingham Road, Bicester, OX26 5HA



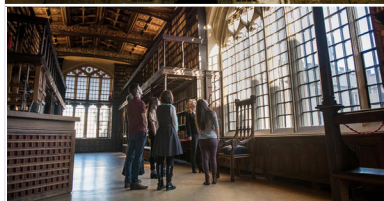
BLenheim PALACE

📍 C3 County

Home to the Dukes of Marlborough since 1705, Blenheim Palace was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1987. Set in over 2,000 acres of 'Capability' Brown landscaped parkland and designed by Vanbrugh in the Baroque style, Blenheim Palace is also the birthplace of one of Britain's most famous leaders, Sir Winston Churchill.

With over 300 years of history to share and one of the most important and extensive collections in Europe, the magnificent stately home has a rich variety of cultural highlights and an extensive programme of special events and exhibitions. The total Estate expands into a further 10,000 acres outside of the designated UNESCO World Heritage Site and focuses on care for the land through sustainable means, pursuing net zero, the growth of the local economy, the provision of affordable homes, apprenticeship training and supported community groups as part of its ambition to make this part of Oxfordshire a fairer and better place.

blenheimpalace.com • 01993 810530 • Woodstock, Oxfordshire, OX20 1UL



BODLEIAN LIBRARIES

📍 E3 City

The Bodleian Library was founded by Sir Thomas Bodley and officially opened in 1602. Since then, the Bodleian Libraries has grown to be the largest academic library system in the UK.

In its reading rooms generations of famous scholars have studied through the ages, amongst them monarchs, Nobel Prize winners, British Prime Ministers and writers including Oscar Wilde, C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien.

Tour the historic library spaces and city, view special collections in free exhibitions and events, and pop by the shop and café.

visit.bodleian.ox.ac.uk • 01865 287400 • Broad Street, Oxford, OX1 3BG



CHERWELL BOATHOUSE

📍 C1 City

Punting is a truly timeless, slightly eccentric, quintessentially Oxford, idyllic pleasure.

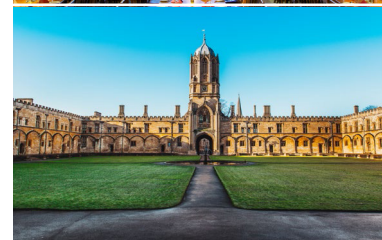
Take a leisurely punt upstream, about half an hour from Cherwell Boathouse is The Victoria Arms. Downstream takes you through the lovely University Parks, a great spot for picnics and games with the kids.

Suitable for novices and experts alike, students, corporate parties, families, and groups of friends can all enjoy this unique Oxford experience.

Alongside is one of Oxford's best restaurants with AI fresco dining.

Punting season: mid-March – mid-October, 7 days a week from dawn to dusk. £22 per hour weekdays, £24 weekend. 6 people to a punt.

cherwellboathouse.co.uk • 01865 515978 • Bardwell Road, Oxford, OX2 6ST



CHRIST CHURCH

📍 D4 City

Walk in the footsteps of academics, kings and queens, Alice in Wonderland and even a few wizards!

Christ Church is located in the heart of the city centre and is one of Oxford University's largest colleges. Many well-known people have been educated at the college including scientists, historians, politicians, sports people, lawyers and authors.

Alice in Wonderland was written there by 19th-century mathematics Tutor Charles Dodgson (Lewis Carroll) and the architecture, people and way of life at Christ Church have also inspired film-makers, making many of its buildings and interiors famous around the world. As well as featuring in the Harry Potter films, it was also used in The Golden Compass, X-Men: First Class and the TV detective series Inspector Morse, Lewis and Endeavour.

The Meadow is open throughout the year (except 25 December), offering a peaceful and beautiful space for everyone to enjoy. Stroll along the pathways and take in the views of the river, the buildings of Christ Church and Oxford's famous skyline. Follow the Meadow Trail to find out about this historic space and the plants, flowers, and animals that make it so special.

Christ Church is open throughout the year. As a working college and cathedral some areas may close from time to time.

For full details on what to see, opening times, ticket prices, guided tours, services and events visit the Christ Church website. Please note that booking in advance is essential for groups of 12 or more.

chch.ox.ac.uk • 01865 276492 • St Aldate's, Oxford, OX1 1DP



COGGES MANOR FARM

📍 B3 County

Cogges Manor Farm is a unique historic farmstead, made famous as Yew Tree Farm in Downton Abbey. A hidden gem in Witney, a Cotswolds market town renowned for its wool trade heritage, not least the world-famous Witney Blanket.

Explore the beautiful Grade 2* listed Manor House (mentioned in the Domesday Book), with its Cotswold stone barns, dairy and stables.

Enjoy the walled garden, orchard, and seventeen acres of open space. Children can have fun on the adventure play fort and ride-on tractors.

In summer, play croquet on the Manor lawn, see baking on the range or get creative with children's crafts (selected dates). Seasonal events include fetes, festivals and outdoor theatre.

Shop for gifts and farm produce in the visitor centre, and enjoy delicious food, a cream tea or glass of fizz at Cogges Kitchen Café (also open to non-ticket holders).

- Farm open daily February half term - October.
- See rare-breed animals: Oxford sandy and black pigs, Cotswold and Oxford Downs sheep, plus goats, hens, ducks, guinea pigs & rabbits, farm cats, Easter chicks.
- Pick up an explorer pack and follow the meadow trail.
- Downton Abbey's Yew Tree farm tours on selected dates.
- Cogges is also a wedding venue and available for private parties and corporate events.

Free parking OX28 3FR



cogges.org.uk • 01993 772602 • Church Lane, Witney, OX28 3LA



COTSWOLD FARM PARK

📍 B3 County

Adam Henson's Cotswold Farm Park is the ultimate countryside holiday and family day out destination, offering a wide range of annual activities for visitors of all ages. Guests can meet over 50 flocks and herds of farm animals, including Gloucestershire Old Pigs, Cotswold Sheep and Highland Cattle.

cotswoldfarmpark.co.uk • 01451 850307 • Guiting Power, Cheltenham, GL54 5FL



CURZON OXFORD

📍 B3 County

Curzon Oxford, which lies at the heart of the city of dreaming spires, houses five spacious and comfortable screens as well as two beautifully appointed chill-out areas. With its mix of Hollywood blockbusters and independent cinema, Curzon Oxford has an eclectic film programme with something for everyone.

curzon.com/venues/oxford • 01233 555644 • Westgate Shopping Centre, Oxford, OX1 1NZ



CROCODILES OF THE WORLD

📍 B4 County

Crocodiles of the World is the UK's only Crocodile Zoo near Witney and is home to over 100 crocodiles, including endangered species. Enjoy feeding displays, photo opportunities, crocodile talks and much more.

Use the once in a lifetime opportunity and participate in the Keeper Experience. Help the experienced keepers at Crocodiles of the World with the animal feedings and learn more about the different crocodile species. Select from:

- Adult Croc Keeper
- Junior Croc Keeper
- Meet the Meerkats Experience
- Monitor Lizard
- VIP Experience

crocodilesoftheworld.co.uk • 01993 846353 • Burford Road, Brize Norton, OX18 3NX



DIDCOT RAILWAY CENTRE

📍 D5 County

Didcot Railway Centre is so much more than just a train ride!

Explore the golden age of the Great Western Railway and savour the sights, sounds and smells of steam as you explore this 24 acre living museum which includes the largest collection of locomotives, vehicles and artefacts from any one single railway company in the world.

Stroll through the original 1932 engine shed which houses a collection of engines, the carriage shed with an extensive collection of coaches and wagons, the transfer shed which houses a unique broad gauge exhibit, the one of a kind steam railmotor and new for 2025, the vehicle display. On some open days Didcot Railway Centre also opens their workshops so you can go behind the scenes and some of the projects they are working on.

Didcot Railway Centre started in the most humble of settings and to this day is still largely run by volunteers. Four schoolboys were good friends and spent time together at Southall footbridge, which gave a magnificent vantage point over the GWR main line and entrance to the locomotive shed. The 4 loved to watch the trains coming and going and thought it would be a travesty if the fate of these beautiful engines was not preserved in some way. This being the pioneering era, the boys decided that if no one else was willing to do anything about this, they would. They would save a locomotive!

One of the four wrote a letter to The Railway Magazine. The letter was sent in April 1961 and published in August. It asked for support to raise the £1,130 needed to find the purchase of an engine. Money came in, and in May 1962, the Great Western Preservation Society was formed. By 1964 they had raised enough to purchase engine number 1466. The rest as they say, is history. To this day, Didcot Railway Centre still owns 1466, which is an integral part of their collection together with about 30 other locomotives, plus numerous other coaches, wagons and items of memorabilia a lot of which is displayed for the public to enjoy.

They have open days throughout the year, which includes an array of steam days, discovery days and special events. See the calendar on their website for full details.

didcotrailwaycentre.org.uk • 01235 817200 • Didcot Parkway Station, Station Road, Didcot, OX11 7NJ



FAIRYTALE FARM

📍 C3 County

Fairytale Farm is a family-friendly attraction dedicated to creating magical experiences for visitors of all ages.

With a combination of enchanting tales, interactive exhibits, adventure play and friendly animals, Fairytale Farm provides a unique and engaging environment for families to explore and enjoy.

New for 2025:

- Mad Hatters Crazy Snooker: the UK's only outdoor accessible crazy golf
- The Queen of Hearts Playground: A playground especially designed for under 4s
- New dinosaurs in Dino Valley

Climb inside giant toadstools, travel back to the time of the dinosaurs or let off steam in Rapunzel's Kingdom indoor play.

Where else can you meet mermaids, rabbits, sleeping beauty, alpacas, fairies, sea horses, ducks, chickens and magic?

And make some time for the Beanstalk Café, serving Lavazza coffee, locally baked cakes and delicious meals.

fairytalefarm.co.uk • 01608 238014 • Fairytale Farm, Southcombe, Chipping Norton, OX7 5QH



FLIGHT CLUB OXFORD

📍 C5 City

Whether it's delicious cocktails, celebrating the weekend with a Brunch Social, or getting competitive with Social Darts, pop into this stunning bar on the Westgate rooftop terrace!

flightclubdarts.com/location-oxford • bookings@flightclubdarts.com • OX1 1TR



THE HAPPINESS HORSEBOX

📍 County

Unique adapted vehicle providing access to countryside and equestrian activities for people with disabilities. An inclusive service run by a not for-profit enterprise.

happinesshorsebox.co.uk • 07825 737498 • SN7 7QL



HENLEY RIVER & ROWING MUSEUM

📍 E6 County

Visit the River & Rowing Museum in its beautiful riverside location in Henley-on-Thames. The doors of the museum open onto the art and stories of the River Thames, the town of Henley and the international sport of rowing. Visit rrm.co.uk for up to date listings of what's on.

rrm.co.uk • 01491 415600 • Mill Meadows, Henley-on-Thames, RG9 1BF



VISIT HENLEY-ON-THAMES

📍 E6 County

Henley-on-Thames is arguably one of the most beautiful towns in England and was recently voted by The Times as one of the best places to live in the English countryside.

Home of that other well-known TV detective, Detective Barnaby of Midsomer Murders fame, Henley's riverside location, surrounded by a Chiltern landscape of wooded hills and green fields, lends itself to relaxation, long lunches, overnight stays and shopping.

There's a pub where Charles I drank, a Chantry house, a butcher that smokes his own meat and independent shops still offering the personal touch.

Image credit: abakosmediaphoto

henleytowncouncil.gov.uk • 01491 576982 • Council Offices, Town Hall, Market Place Henley-on-Thames, RG9 2AQ



HISTORY OF SCIENCE MUSEUM

📍 E3 City

Located on Broad Street in Oxford, the History of Science Museum is housed in the world's oldest surviving purpose-built public museum building. Discover beautifully intriguing inventions and devices from different cultures, places and times in human history. Don't miss the story of the museum's founder, Lewis Evans – or Einstein's Blackboard.

hsm.ox.ac.uk • 01865 277293 • Broad Street, Oxford, OX1 3AZ



HOOK NORTON BREWERY

📍 C2 County


Come and experience the sights and sounds of brewing unchanged in over 6 generations. Hook Norton Brewery run tours of the 5-storey Victorian Tower Brewery 7 days a week and have an on-site cafe and shop along with a free brewery and village museum.

The shire horse team, which they still use to deliver beer, can be found in the stables and they run the original steam engine on the first Sunday of each month.

The Brewery also have rooms available for private hire, parties, meetings and weddings. Alongside that they also brew a wide range of award-winning cask ales, keg beers and lager.



hooky.co.uk • 01608 730384 • Brewery Lane, Hook Norton, Banbury, OX15 5NY




IF OXFORD

City

IF Oxford, the city's science and ideas Festival offers 100 interactive events and activities across fantastic venues in Oxford.

if-oxford.com • info@if-oxford.com • Oxford



JUNKYARD GOLF CLUB

C4 City

The craziest golf club in the world is in Oxford! Crazy golf and epic cocktails - get ready to take a walk on the weird side!

junkyardgolfclub.co.uk/oxford • OX1 1PB



KELMSCOTT MANOR

B4 County

Visit Kelmscott Manor, the inspirational Cotswold retreat of William Morris he described as 'Heaven on Earth'. This Grade I listed house was loved by Morris as a survival of traditional craftsmanship in harmony with the nearby village and surrounding landscape. Open April – October. Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays, 10.30am - 5.30pm

kelmscottmanor.org.uk • 01367 252486 • Kelmscott, Lechlade, GL7 3HJ



LOCAL WALKS OXFORDSHIRE

County

Fancy a new adventure? Discover 200+ walks in the county – download the 'Oxfordshire Walks' app on your app store. The app guides you around the route, showing your position on the map as you walk. It also allows you to suggest new walks and send feedback on each walk.

localwalks.co.uk/oxfordshire-walks • Oxfordshire



MINI PLANT OXFORD

F4 City

Experience MINI car production, visiting the state-of-the-art plant and see the MINI take shape and the magic happen! This iconic plant, which produces one of the world's best-known car brands, provides a fascinating insight into the most modern processes in vehicle manufacturing.

visit-bmwgroup.com/en/experience/plant-oxford-tour/ • 01865 824000 • Eastern ByPass Road, Cowley, Oxford, OX4 6NL




MODERN ART OXFORD

D4 City

Modern Art Oxford is one of the UK's leading contemporary art spaces with a changing exhibitions programme, a Studio offering creative activities for all, as well as a fantastic Shop and Café. Take a moment to reflect and explore as you encounter world-leading contemporary art, curated by their expert team.

modernartoxford.org.uk • 01865 722733 • 30 Pembroke Street, Oxford, OX1 1BP



MUSEUM OF OXFORD

D4 City

The Museum is located in the Town Hall in the centre of the city and provides a fantastic starting point to a visit to the city. Two galleries show the changing story of Oxford through its history and people, from Romans and Anglo-Saxons to the first Cowley factory workers, the infamous Cutteslowe Walls and the city's rich heritage through times of conflict and industry.

Through objects, videos, audio and interactive displays, the exhibitions uncover what makes Oxford such a special place to live, work and study.

A visit could take around 30 minutes to two hours. The Museum is wheelchair accessible and the Town Hall has level access via the north entrance near Carfax Tower.



Visit the Museum of Oxford's website to find out what's on. Follow them on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and TikTok, and join their monthly mailing list to get the most up-to-date information about MOX. They look forward to seeing you soon!

Opening hours - Monday to Saturday, 10am-5pm.

No fixed entrance fee, pay what you can on arrival.

Facilities – Audio Tours (multi language, BSL and family), gift shop, level access, hearing loop, sensory backpacks, gender neutral toilets, baby change.

museumofoxford.org • 01865 252334 • Town Hall, St Aldate's, Oxford, OX1 1BX



NEW THEATRE OXFORD

C3 City

New Theatre Oxford is the region's largest live entertainment venue. Showcasing the finest west-end musicals, acclaimed comedians, inspirational opera, atmospheric dance and international live music since 1934. Historically hosting Bob Dylan, Queen, Laurence Olivier, Kate Bush, Nick Cave, Miriam Margolyes, The Smiths and Sir Ian McKellen to name but a few.

atgtickets.com/venues/new-theatre-oxford • 24-26 George Street, Oxford, OX1 2AG



THE NORTH WALL ARTS CENTRE

C1 City

The North Wall connects artists and audiences from Oxford to make, share and access art of the highest quality.

thenorthwall.com • 01865 319450 • OX2 7JN



OXFORD BOTANIC GARDEN & ARBORETUM

F4 City / D5 County

Visit Oxford Botanic Garden, the UK's oldest botanic garden and Harcourt Arboretum, home to 130 acres of British woodland, open wildflower meadows and trees.

obga.ox.ac.uk • 01865 610300 • OX1 4AZ / OX44 9PX



OXFORD CASTLE AND PRISON

📍 C4 City

Uncover 1,000 years of history at the Oxford Castle & Prison. Step back in time with expert tour guides and witness fascinating stories come to life.

Hear the great tales of Empress Matilda and the fate of Mary Blandy and step inside a padded jail cell.

Ascend St George's Tower, the oldest non-religious building in Oxford and venture into the atmospheric crypt of St George's Chapel, rumoured to host ghostly inhabitants.

Touch the stones where Oxford University is rumoured to have begun and stand in the birthplace of Geoffrey of Monmouth's Legend of King Arthur. Explore the confines of the prison's D-Wing and debtors tower and learn about their youngest inmates.

After your guided tour, you can take your time wandering through the prison cells and the exhibition space at your leisure – who will you meet in the padded cell?

Don't miss the chance to head outside and climb Oxford's iconic mound, remnants of the historic motte and bailey castle. Experience all this through a guided tour lasting approximately 50 minutes.

Visit the Oxford Castle & Prison website today for the latest opening times, exciting upcoming events, and ticket prices.

Your historical adventure awaits!

oxfordcastleandprison.co.uk • 01865 260663 • 44-46 Oxford Castle, Oxford, OX1 1AY



OXFORD COVERED MARKET

📍 D3 City

In the heart of Oxford, the 250-year-old Covered Market has become famous for being one of the oldest continually operating markets in the country and offers unique shopping, independent retailers, and cosy eateries. Discover food, gifts, fashion, and more while enjoying its lively atmosphere and evening events.

oxford-coveredmarket.co.uk • 01865 250133 • Market Street, Oxford, OX1 3DY



OXFORD INTERNATIONAL STUDY CENTRE

📍 D4 City

This private tutorial college and language school in the centre of Oxford offers a range of programmes for residents, international students and visitors. Courses are available for anything from 1 week to a full year, and lesson times can be flexible to suit working arrangements if needed.

oxintstudycentre.com • 01865 201009 • 7 St Aldates, Oxford, OX1 1BS



OXFORD PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

📍 E3 City

The Oxford Philharmonic Orchestra boasts some of the finest instrumental musicians who under the direction of Music Director Marios Papadopoulos have shaped the Orchestra's distinctive sound.

Over the past 26 years, the Orchestra has evolved into a world class symphony orchestra which enjoys relationships with some of the most distinguished musicians in the world, many of whom will join the Orchestra for its 2024/25 season, including Maxim Vengerov, Martha Argerich, Sir Bryn Terfel, Sir John Rutter, Víkingur Ólafsson and Sir Andrés Schiff.

Alongside performing regularly in Oxford and London, the Orchestra has recently been on tour to Germany, Austria, Dubai, Japan and the United States. This season sees the Orchestra present a new and exciting Bach Mendelssohn Festival which will showcase and celebrate the works of both composers in a variety of programmes, including the debut of the newly formed Oxford Philharmonic Choir.

At home in Oxford, in addition to its busy concert season, the Orchestra presents FUNomusica Family Concerts, a chamber music series, and the annual Oxford Piano Festival, where top pianists share their wisdom in a jam-packed week of masterclasses and recitals.

Find out more and browse the Oxford Philharmonic's 2024/25 season at oxfordphil.com.

oxfordphil.com • 01865 987222 • Broad Street, Oxford, OX1 3AZ



OXFORD PLAYHOUSE

📍 C2 City

Oxford Playhouse is at the heart of cultural life in the city and region and produces a wide range of live performances. Their programme includes the best of British and international drama, family shows, contemporary dance and music, student and amateur shows, comedy, lectures and poetry.

oxfordplayhouse.com • 01865 305305 • Beaumont Street, Oxford, OX1 2LW



OXFORD RIVER CRUISES

📍 D6 City

Glide down the river on one of the elegant sightseeing boat trips, in the heart of the historic city of Oxford, for an unforgettable river experience and one of the most memorable things to do during your visit.

oxfordrivercruises.com • 01865 987147 • No.1 Folly Bridge, Oxford, OX1 4JU



OXFORDSHIRE ARTWEEKS

County

Discover Oxfordshire's creative talent during a free three-week festival of 100s of open studios and pop-up art exhibitions in every corner of Oxfordshire from 3rd-26th May.

The festival encompasses nearly five hundred art spaces, artist open studios and events in interesting places throughout May, including Oxford Colleges, medieval barns, Cotswold manor houses, gorgeous gardens and more.

Explore painting, photography, ceramics, sculpture, jewellery, textiles, glass art, furniture and more.

Before Christmas, many Artweeks artists and makers also host or take part in festive fairs and events.



artweeks.org • 01865 865596 • Oxfordshire



OXFORDSHIRE MUSEUM

C3 County

Explore the stories of Oxfordshire and its people. Located in central Woodstock, the museum includes tranquil gardens, café and shop. Check out their regular programme of events (for all ages) and exhibitions. Free Entry. Woodstock library is also located inside the museum.

oxfordshire.gov.uk/oxfordshire-museum • 01865 897519 • Fletcher's House, Park Street, Woodstock, OX20 1SN



OXFORD UNIVERSITY MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

D1 City

An iconic mix of nineteenth-century architecture and contemporary displays.

Marvel at the wonders of Earth, science, and nature.

oumnh.ox.ac.uk • 01865 272950 • OX1 3PW



PITT RIVERS MUSEUM

D1 City

The much-loved Pitt Rivers Museum is unique with its densely packed Victorian display cases containing anthropological and archaeological artefacts from all around the world and across time!

prm.ox.ac.uk • 01865 613000 • OX1 3PW



PROJECT ACTIVE

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Project Active Ltd offers outdoor adventures from guided walks and paddleboarding to cycling tours for individuals or groups. Experience the breathtaking landscapes of Blenheim Estate, the Cotswolds' rolling hills, or the stunning Oxfordshire countryside with Ben as your personal guide, with all equipment and bespoke packages.

project-active.co.uk • 07940 733102 • 3A Market Place, Woodstock, OX20 1SY



SALTER'S STEAMERS

D6 City

Salters Steamers is a family run passenger boat business operating for over 165 years.

They offer a wide range of short trips to all day cruises, private events, and self drive hire, such as motor boats, punts and row boats.

salterssteamers.co.uk • 01865 243421 • Folly Bridge, Oxford, OX1 4LA



SHELDONIAN THEATRE

E3 City

Experience history coming to life at the Sheldonian Theatre, the ceremonial heart of the University of Oxford. Gaze up at the magnificent painted ceiling, enjoy unbeatable, 360-degree views of Oxford's iconic skyline and explore the traditions and ceremonies of the historic Oxford University.

sheldonian.ox.ac.uk • 01865 277299 • Broad Street, Oxford, OX1 3AZ



SILVERSTONE MUSEUM

E2 County

Silverstone Museum offers an immersive journey through the history of British motorsport. Visitors can explore interactive exhibits, iconic machines, racing memorabilia, and learn about the legendary Silverstone Circuit. Suitable for all ages, it combines technology, history, and excitement for motorsport fans.

silverstonemuseum.co.uk • enquiries@silverstonemuseum.co.uk • Silverstone, Towcester, Northamptonshire, NN12 8TN



THE SKY WAVE DISTILLING COMPANY

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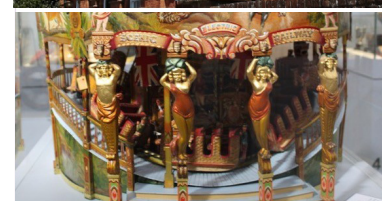
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waddesdon.org.uk • 01296 820414 • Waddesdon, Ayslebury, Buckinghamshire, HP18 0JH



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TOUR OPERATORS



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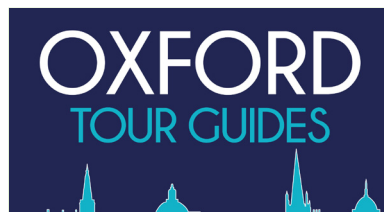
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The Cherwell Boathouse is an iconic Oxford punt station and restaurant on the banks of the river Cherwell close to the centre of Oxford. The restaurant serves seasonal modern English food, with an award-winning wine list and friendly service throughout the year.

Both the restaurant and Marquee overlooking the river are wonderful places to celebrate all types of occasion. They can cater for corporate days out, functions and parties with conference facilities and option of punting alongside.

Restaurant Open All Year | Punting Open Mid March - Mid October
Restaurant Lunch: 12-2.30pm | Restaurant Dinner: 6pm-9.30pm | Punting 10am - dusk



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[cosyclub.co.uk/location/oxford](#) • 01865 479876 • 20 Cornmarket Street, Oxford, OX1 3EY



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PHO

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Pho can be found at the top of the Westgate Oxford shopping centre and is a healthy Vietnamese restaurant with loads of vegan and gluten free options. Over a third of the menu is vegan, and nearly all of it is gluten-free, so it's a great destination for people who follow those particular diets.

Whether you're looking for a quick bite to eat as you make your way around the shops at the Westgate or a huge feast as part of a night out, Pho's menu is large and diverse and has something for every taste.

The signature dish, pho, is a delicious and nutritious rice noodle soup. Alongside this, the restaurant serves spicy salads, wok-fried noodles, fragrant curries and a huge range of starters.

phocafe.co.uk/locations/oxford • 01865 980 209 • 305 The Westgate, Queen Street, Oxford, OX1 1PG



SIX BY NICO OXFORD

📍 C5 City

Found on the rooftop of the Westgate, Six By Nico offers something a bit different for your next meal.

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Available for lunch, dinner, and anything in between, book onto Six By Nico through their booking link [here](#).

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TREADWELL RESTAURANT AND ROOFTOP BAR AT THE STORE

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With unparalleled views over the iconic spires of Oxford, the rooftop bar and terrace at The Store is open year-round. The Store rooftop is home to signature Terrace Original Cocktails, a curated selection which pays homage to Oxford's history.

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WATERPERRY TEA SHOP

📍 E4 County

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