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WELCOME TO OXFORD!

Oxford, nicknamed the City of Dreaming Spires, is famous the world over for its University and place in history. For over 800 years it has been a home to royalty and scholars, and since the 9th century an established town.

Did you know... Even though the first colleges of Oxford were built in the 13th century, it wasn't until 1878 when women were admitted to the university, 1920 when they were awarded degrees, and 1974 when the last of the all-male colleges opened to women.

Attractions

Ashmolean Museum of Art and Archaeology (6) - This world's first university museum houses collections of many famous artists, including da Vinci and Picasso, as well as objects such as a death mask of Oliver Cromwell, biblical manuscripts, the biggest Minoan collection outside Crete or Posie rings, which supposedly inspired the 'One Ring'!

⌚ Tue-Sun 10:00-17:00. Cost: free!

Oxford Castle (7) - This partly ruined Norman mediaeval castle has been redeveloped as a shopping and heritage complex, including a hotel (which converted some prison cells as guest rooms!), as well as cafés, bars and restaurants. There are guided tours of the historic buildings.

⌚ Last tour 16:20. Adult £7.85, concession £6.85.

Christ Church Meadow (8) - Stroll through the picturesque tranquil meadow and along the river banks. You could even see Longhorn cattle grazing at the centre of a bustling city!

The Covered Market (9) - this historic market, completed in 1774, is home to a numerous businesses, some of which date back to the original opening over 200 years ago. ⌚ Individual store opening times vary.

Punting (10) - Take one of the traditional Oxford punts or rowing boats onto the river. No experience necessary! ⌚ All day. Cost: from £10

Orientation

Carfax Tower (see to the right) is a good centrally located landmark. The majority of city's attractions are within walking distance from the tower.

BE CAREFULL Use your common sense, don't flash cash, stick together with a friend and beware of pickpockets! **In an emergency call 999 or 112 from a mobile.**

Your contact is

Mobile Number

Best Viewpoints

St Michael at the North Gate (11) is the oldest building in Oxford, dating back to Saxon times!

⌚ Mon-Sat 10:30-17:00, Sun 12:00-17:00. Adult £2.50, concession £2.

Climb 99 steps up the **Carfax Tower (12)** - the highest building in central Oxford (23m/74ft).

⌚ 10:00-17:30 (Oct 16:30). Cost £2.30.

Or go up the towers of what's considered the oldest university building in the world -

University Church of St Mary the Virgin (13).

⌚ 09:30(Sun 11:45)-16:30. Cost £4.

Eat & Drink

For good pub food or pizza go to **The White Rabbit (14)** or try **St Aldates Tavern (15)**. For something different try the ever changing menu at **Turl Street Kitchen (16)**. If you just want to get a drink or a quick lunch, go to **Queen Lane Coffee House (17)** or **Organic Deli Café (18)**.

TOP 5

1 Christ Church College

See the two famous landmarks here, Tom Tower and Oxford's Cathedral spire, both of which contribute to the city's celebrated skyline. The college produced 13 Prime Ministers! It is also the location for many scenes in the Harry Potter films.

⌚ Times vary by day, usually 10:30-12:00 & 14:00-16:30. Adult: £8.50, concession £7

2 Hertford Bridge

This unusual (for the UK) landmark has been originally built as a replica of the Rialto Bridge in Venice. However it is often referred to as the *Bridge of Sighs* because of its supposed similarity with another famous Venetian bridge of that name!

3 Pitt Rivers Museum

Famous for its outstanding anthropology and archaeology collections from many cultures around the world (look out for the shrunken heads!), as well as for its eclectic atmosphere.

⌚ Tue-Sun 10:00-16:30, Mon 12:00-16:30. Cost: free!

4 Bodleian Library

This largest university library in the UK, second in size in Britain (after the British Library) and one of the oldest libraries in Europe holds over 11 million of printed items, which were studied by generations of famous scholars, including 5 kings, 40 Nobel Prize winners, 26 prime ministers and many writers.

⌚ Mon-Fri 09:00-17:00, Sat 09:00-16:30, Sun 11:00-17:00. Cost: depending on specific ticket (between £5-£7, or free).

5 Oxford Univ. Museum of Natural History

Housed in a Victorian style building, this museum features collections of zoological, entomological and mineral specimens that have been collected over the last three centuries.

⌚ Currently closed for roof restoration; a small and changing collection available on display.



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Pick-up / Drop-off

Time:

Place:

Bus Company:



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- 1 Christ Church College (C4)
- 2 Hertford Bridge (C2)
- 3 Pitt Rivers Museum (C1)
- 4 Bodleian Library (C2)
- 5 Oxford University Museum of Natural History (C1)

ATTRACTIONS

- 6 Ashmolean Museum of Art and Archaeology (B2)
- 7 Oxford Castle (A3)
- 8 Christ Church Meadow (C4)
- 9 The Covered Market (C3)
- 10 Punting (E3/4)

11 St Michael at the

- North Gate (B3)
- 12 Carfax Tower (B3)
 - 13 University Church of St Mary the Virgin (C3)

EAT & DRINK

- 14 The White Rabbit (B2)
- 15 St Aldates Tavern (B4)
- 16 Turl Street Kitchen (C3)
- 17 Queen Lane Coffee House (D3)
- 18 Organic Deli Café (B2)

WC Toilets

- P Post Office
S Supermarket
£ Cash machine (free)
i Tourist information