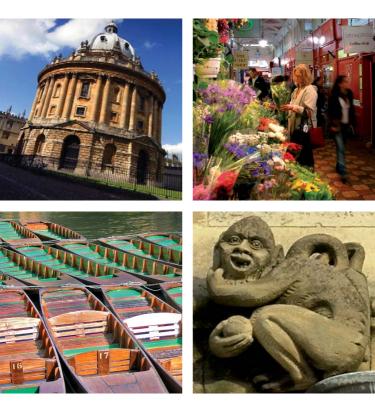
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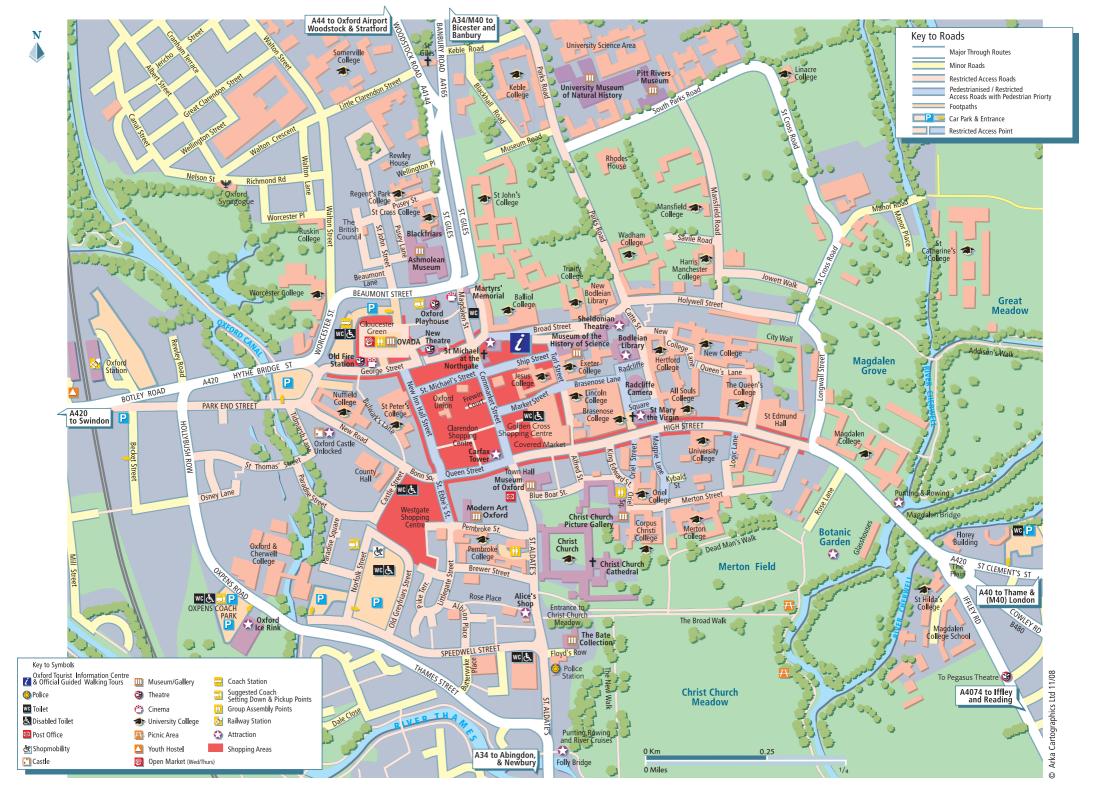
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Choose the most convenient for you, park your car and hop on the frequent buses that ferry you quickly into the city centre.







## Welcome to OXFORD

#### Oxford's Tourism Team and Tourist Information Centre staff would like to offer you a warm welcome to our beautiful historic city.

We have put together suggestions of 'what to see & do' to help you enjoy your visit. At the Tourist Information Centre we are asked many questions relating to Oxford, and it would be impossible to include all the information we have in this leaflet. So, if you can't find what you want in this guide, please contact us. Our details can be found on the back cover.

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## Museums and Galleries in the City of Oxford

Discover treasures renowned as the oldest, finest or even the only one of their kind.

#### 1. Ashmolean Museum

\*NOTE: Galleries will be closed through 2009 for renovation Beaumont Street, OX1 2PH **T** +44 (0)1865 278000

www.ashmolean.org

*Open:* Tue-Sat 10.00-17.00 Sun 12.00-17.00 (check for last Gallery opening hours) Bank Holidays 10.00-17.00

Charge: None

Note: For group booking +44 (0)1865 278015

#### 2. Bate Collection of Musical Instruments

Faculty of Music, St Aldate's, OX1 1DB **T** +44 (0)1865 276139 **W** www.bate.ox.ac.uk

*Open:* Mon-Fri 14.00-17.00 Sat (in University Full Term only) 10.00-12.00 Bank Holidays – please enquire

Charge: None

Note: For group booking +44 (0)1865 278015

#### 3. Christ Church Picture Gallery

Oriel Square, OX1 1DP **T** +44 (0)1865 276172 **W** www.chch.ox.ac.uk

Open: Oct-Apr: Mon-Sat 10.30-13.00 14.00-16.30 Sun 14.00-16.30 May-Sept: Mon-Sat 10.30-17.00 Sun 14.00-17.00

Charge: Adults £2.00 Students, Children under 12 and Senior Citizens £1.00

#### 4. Modern Art Oxford

Pembroke Street, OX1 1BP **T** +44 (0)1865 722733 **W** www.modernartoxford.org.uk *Open:* Tue-Sat 10.00-17.00 Sun 12.00-17.00 *Charge:* None

#### 5. Museum of the History of Science

Broad Street, OX1 3AZ **T** +44 (0)1865 277280 ₩ www.mhs.ox.ac.uk *Open:* Tue-Fri 12.00-17.00 Sat 10.00-17.00 Sun 14.00-17.00 *Charge:* None *Note:* Advanced booking for groups of 15+



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**Opening Times** Tuesday–Friday 10am–5pm. Saturday and Sunday 12pm–5pm.

**Access** The main entrance is accessed by steps. Alternative access is available to the ground floor only via the Town Hall. Accessible toilets available in the Town Hall.

#### Town Hall • St Aldate's • Oxford OX1 1DZ T: 01865 252761 E: museum@oxford.gov.uk



## The North Wall

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South Parade, Summertown, Oxford OX2 7NN Box Office: 01865 319450 Web: www.thenorthwall.com

#### 6. Museum of Oxford

St Aldate's, OX1 1DZ ▼ +44 (0)1865 252761 W www.museumofoxford.org.uk Open: Tue-Fri 10.00-17.00 Sat-Sun 12.00-17.00 Charge: None Note: Advanced booking for groups

#### 7. O3 Gallery

Oxford Castle, OX1 1AY **T** +44 (0)1865 246131 **W** www.o3gallery.co.uk

*Open:* Tue-Fri 12.00-17.00 Sat 11.00-16.00 (during exhibitions only) *Charge:* None

#### 8. **OVADA**

Gloucester Green, OX1 2AQ T +44 (0)1865 201782 www.ovada.org.uk Open: Tue-Fri 10.00-17.00 Sat 11.00-16.00 (during exhibitions only) Charge: None

#### 9. Oxford University Press Museum

Great Clarendon Street, OX2 6DP **T** +44 (0)1865 353527 *Open:* Mon-Fri 10.00-16.00

Charge: None

Note: Please book before visiting

#### 10. Pitt Rivers Museum

\*NOTE: Re-opens Spring 2009

Parks Road, OX1 3PP **T** +44 (0)1865 270927

www.prm.ox.ac.uk Enter via the University Museum of Natural History

*Open:* Tue-Sun 10.00-16.30 Mon 12.00-16.30

Check website for Christmas and Easter opening

Charge: None

*Note:* All groups should book in advance

#### 11. Science Oxford

\*NOTE: Re-opens Spring 2009 1-5 London Place, St Clements, OX4 1BD **T** +44 (0)1865 728953 W www.science.oxford.com

*Open:* During school term time Sat 10.00-16.00 School holidays Mon-Sat 10.00-16.00

Charge: Adults £5.00 Children/OAP £3.50 Family £15.00

#### 12. University Museum of Natural History

Parks Road, OX1 3PW **T** +44 (0)1865 272950 **W** www.oum.ox.ac.uk

Open: Mon-Sun 10.00-17.00

Charge: None

*Note:* Pre-booking required by large groups

# Theatre and Music in the City of Oxford

Catch a full orchestral concert in Wren's Sheldonian Theatre, opera in the New Theatre, early English music in candlelit college chapels or contemporary music in the building dedicated to St Hilda's own Jacqueline du Pré.

Sit back for a spot of drama at The Oxford Playhouse, student productions at the tiny Burton Taylor Studio Theatre or Shakespeare in the open air.

With bands like Radiohead, Supergrass, Foals and Mystery Jets all hailing from Oxford, this is a place where people love their music – especially indie rock. And there's always the feeling that something new is about to happen...

#### 1. Burton Taylor Studio Theatre

Gloucester Street, OX1 2BN T +44 (0)1865 305305 W www.burtontaylor.co.uk Richard Burton 1925-1984

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Welshman Richard Burton studied for six months at Exeter College in 1944 on a special wartime course while attached to the RAF. He made quite a mark with his heavy drinking and anecdotes about his poor background. He also gave an outstanding performance in OUDS production of Measure for Measure that was talked about for years afterwards.

Honorary Fellow of St Peter's College.\*

#### 2. Carling Academy Oxford

190 Cowley Road, OX4 1UE **T** +44 (0)1865 813500 **W** www.oxford-academy.co.uk

#### 3. Holywell Music Room

Holywell Street, OX1 3SW T +44 (0)1865 305305



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#### 4. Jacqueline du Pré Music Room

St Hilda's College, Cowley Place, OX4 1DY **T** +44 (0)1865 305305 **W** www.st-hildas.ox.ac.uk/jdp

#### 5. New Theatre

George Street, OX1 2AG **T** +44 (0)844 847 1585 **W** www.newtheatreoxford.org.uk

#### 6. The North Wall Arts Centre

South Parade, OX2 7NN **T** +44 (0)1865 319450 **W** www.thenorthwall.com

#### 7. OFS Studio (Old Fire Station)

George Street, OX1 2AQ **T** +44 (0)1865 297170 **W** www.ofsstudio.org.uk

#### 8. Oxford Playhouse

Beaumont Street, OX1 2LW T +44 (0)1865 305305 W www.oxfordplayhouse.com

#### 9. The Regal

300 Cowley Road, OX4 1UR **⊤** +44 (0)1865 241261 **₩** www.the-regal.com

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## Musicians

Tickets Oxford – Box Office **T** +44 (0)1865 305305

City of Oxford Orchestra www.cityofoxfordorchestra.co.uk

Coffee Concerts www.coffeeconcerts.com

Music at Oxford www.musicatoxford.com

#### **Oxford Chamber Music**

www.ocmf.net

#### **Oxford Philomusica**

www.oxfordphil.com

## Touring Theatre Groups

Creation Theatre T +44 (0)1865 766266 W www.creationtheatre.co.uk

#### Oxford Shakespeare Company

T +44 (0)870 609 2231W www.oxfordshakespearecompany.co.uk



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## View Points in the City of Oxford

Enjoy stunning bird's-eye views from:

#### 1. Carfax Tower

Carfax, OX1 1ET **T** +44 (0)1865 790522 **W** www.citysightseeingoxford.com *Open*: Daily 10.00-17.30 (16.30 in winter) *Charge*: Adults, Seniors and Students £2.10 Children £1.00

#### 2. St George's Tower

Oxford Castle, OX1 1AY **T** +44 (0)1865 260666 **W** www.oxford castleunlocked.co.uk *Open:* Daily 10.00-17.30 *Charge:* Yes *Note:* Tower included in guided tour of Oxford Castle Un-Locked.

#### 3. St Michael at the North Gate

Cornmarket Street, OX1 3EY **T** +44 (0)1865 255766 **W** www.smng.org.uk

- *Open:* Mon-Sat 10.00-17.00 (16.00 in winter) Sun 12.00-17.00 (16.00 in winter)
- Charge: Adults £2.00 Seniors and Students £1.50 Children under 16 £1.00 Family ticket £6.00



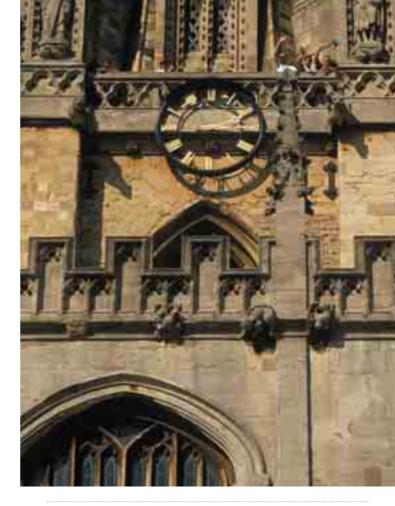
Guide Friday City Sightseeing Oxford tour buses travel around the historic centre of the city and its University all day every day.

Sights included on the tour are Christ Church, Magdalen College, The High (The High Street), Carfax Tower, University Parks, Broad Street, Ashmolean Museum, Sheldonian Theatre, Bodleian Library, Martyr's Memorial, the River Cherwell and lots more!





Guide Friday City Sightseeing Oxford, Oxford Railway Station, Oxford, OX1 1HS. Tel: 01865 790522 If YOU don't go you'll <u>never know</u>!



#### 4. Sheldonian Theatre

Broad Street, OX1 3AZ **T** +44 (0)1865 277299 **W** www.sheldon.ox.ac.uk

- Open: Mon-Sat 10.00-12.30 14.00-16.30 (15.30 in winter)
- Charge: Adults £2.00 Concessions £1.00 Group rate (groups of 15+) £1.00 per head
- *Note:* Opening hours vary when the theatre is in use for ceremonies, meetings or concerts.

#### 5. University Church of St Mary the Virgin

High Street, OX1 4AH **T** +44 (0)1865 279113 **W** www.university-church.ox.ac.uk

- Open: 09.00-17.00 (18.00 July and August)
- Charge: Tower: Adults £3.00 Children under 16 £2.50 Family tickets available
- Note: Entrance to the church is free Principal Sunday service is Eucharist at 11am

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**Cherwell Boathouse** Bardwell Road, OX2 6SR **T** +44 (0)1865 515978 **W** www.cherwellboathouse.co.uk

Magdalen Bridge Boathouse High Street, OX14AX T +44 (0)1865 202643 W www.oxfordpunting.co.uk

Oxford River Cruises T +44 (0)845 226 9396 W www.oxfordrivercruises.com

**Salters Steamers Ltd.** Folly Bridge, OX1 4LA **T** +44 (0)1865 243421 **W** www.satlerssteamers.co.uk



## Thames Footpath and Canal Walks

Waterside walks abound in Oxford. Take a picnic and stroll past the college boathouses along the River Thames (or Isis as we call it here) to Abingdon. It's a delightful, level walk (or cycle ride on the Hanson Way) and there are frequent buses back to Oxford. Or take the other direction to Port Meadow where 'Alice' and her sisters enjoyed boat trips with Lewis Carroll. Given a few days you could walk along the Thames as far as London... or back to its Cotswold source. Following the winding Oxford canal (one of the earliest ever built) as far as Tackley (good pubs and catch the train back) might take your fancy. And don't forget your sun cream and bottle of water in hot weather! OXFORD River Cruises

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www.cherwellboathouse.co.uk **Restaurant 01865 552746 Punts 01865 515978** restaurant | river café | punt station Marquee available for private hire



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Or visit www.oxford.gov.uk/leisure

## Places of Interest in the City of Oxford

Immerse yourself in the very heart of this historic city, with its golden stone buildings and gorgeous green pockets of seclusion.

#### 1. Bodleian Library

Broad Street. OX1 3BG T +44 (0)1865 277224

E tours@bodley.ox.ac.uk W www.shop.bodley.ox.ac.uk

Oben: Mon-Fri 09.00-17.00 Sat 10.00-16.30

*Charge:* One-hour guided tours including Duke Humfrey's Library and Convocation House £6.00. Group bookings taken. Admission to the Divinity School £2.00 per person children aged under 14 – free.

> Tour groups: £1.00 per person (tour leader free) Season tickets will be available for regular visitors.

Free of charge entry will be given to: Members of the University (students and staff); alumni, Bodleian card holders and Friends of the Bodleian.

Free entry will be permitted for up to four guests.

#### 2. Botanic Garden

High Street, OX1 4AZ T +44 (0)1865 286690 W www.botanic-garden.ox.ac.uk

Oben:

- Nov-Feb: 09.00-16.30 (last admission 16.15) Mar, Apr, Sept, Oct: 09.00-17.00 (last admission 16.15) May-Aug: 09.00-18.00 (last admission 17.15)
- Charge: Adult day ticket £3.00 (annual season ticket £10.00) Senior Citizens, Unemployed (proof required) £2.50

Entry is free to children in full-time school education (when accompanied by a paying adult), registered disabled visitors and their carers, Oxford University and OUP employees.

#### 3. Christ Church Meadow

#### St Aldate's, OX1 1DP

The Meadow is accessed through the St Aldate's entrance at the Memorial Gardens.

Open: 07.30-16.30 (winter). From the start of British Summer Oben: Time 07.00-20.00; this extends to 21.00 as daylight permits.

Charge: None

#### Charles I 1600-1649

During the Civil War, Oxford assumed an importance that it had never known before. For three and a half years Charles made it his capital, living royally in Christ Church where he entertained ambassadors and held sessions of his counter-barliament.



#### 4. Oxford Castle Un-Locked

Oxford Castle, OX1 1AY **T** +44 (0)1865 260666 **W** www.oxfordcastleunlocked.co.uk

Open: Daily 10.00-17.30

Charge: Adults £7.50 Children (under 15) £5.35 Concessions £6.20 carers free

#### 5. Radcliffe Camera

Radcliffe Square, OX1 4AJ

Open: Closed to the public

Note: The Radcliffe Camera, Britain's first circular library, stands in Radcliffe Square at the very heart of the University.

#### 6. Rhodes House

South Park Road, OX1 3RG **⊤** +44 (0)1865 270902 ₩ www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk

Open: House and Gardens open by arrangement

*Note:* Visitors are asked to identify themselves to the Porter at the main entrance.

#### 7. University Parks

Parks Road, OX1 3RF **T** +44 (0)1865 282040 **W** www.parks.ox.ac.uk Open: Daily 07.45 (closing times vary) Charge: None



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## University of **Oxford Colleges**

**"Where's the university?"** Just look around. Oxford's historic heart is shaped by the University's iconic buildings and individual colleges with their quadrangles, chapels and cloisters, immaculate gardens and hallowed halls. Colleges are mainly open in the afternoons: look for details displayed at each entrance, outside the Porters' Lodge.

#### 1. All Souls College

High Street, OX1 4AL **T** +44 (0)1865 279379 ₩ www.all-souls.ox.ac.uk *Open:* Mon-Fri 14.00-16.00 Closed in August *Charge:* None *Note:* Advance booking is required for groups of six or more.

#### 2. Balliol College

Broad Street, OX1 3BJ ▼ +44 (0)1865 277777 W www.balliol.ox.ac.uk Open: Daily 13.00-17.00 or dusk whichever is soonest Charge: Adults £1.00, £2.00 with guidebook Students £0.50p Note: Maximum 12 people in a group.

#### 3. Brasenose College

Radcliffe Square, OX1 4AJ **T** +44 (0)1865 277830 **W** www.bnc.ox.ac.uk

*Open:* Daily 10.00-11.30 (groups only) 14.00-16.30 (17.00 in summer)

*Charge*: Individuals £1.00, group charge varies according to size. Please contact college for details.

#### 4. Christ Church

St Aldate's, OX11DP **T** +44 (0)1865 276492 **W** www.chch.ox.ac.uk

- *Open:* Daily except Christmas day Mon-Sat 09.00-17.30 Sun 13.00-17.30 Last admittance 16.30 Christ Church Cathedral closes at 17.00 For special services see Church website
- Charge: Adults £6.00 Children, Students, Seniors £4.50
- Note: Large parties may be split. Advance booking is not required, except for special 'behind the scenes' tours, for which an additional fee is payable.



#### Lewis Carroll 1832-1898

Lewis Carroll was the pseudonym of Charles Dodgson, the mathematics don who wrote Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass. Graduate and Fellow of Christ Church.\*

#### 5. Corpus Christi College

Merton Street, OX1 4JF **T** +44 (0)1865 276700 **W** www.ccc.ox.ac.uk *Open:* 13.30-16.30 *Charge:* None *Note:* Maximum 20 people in a group Parties of 6+ must be accompanied by Blue Badge Guide.

#### 6. Exeter College

Turl Street, OX1 3DP **T** +44 (0)1865 279600 **W** www.exeter.ox.ac.uk

Open: Daily 14.00-17.00

Charge: None

Note: Maximum 20 people in a group



JRR Tolkien 1892-1973

Author and scholar, Tolkien wrote the cult novels The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings. Graduate, Exeter College, Fellow of Pembroke and Merton Colleges.\*

#### 7. Green Templeton College

Woodstock Road, OX2 6HG **T** +44 (0)1865 274770 **W** www.gtc.ox.ac.uk

*Open:* By appointment only

Note: Maximum 20 people in a group

#### 8. Harris Manchester College

Mansfield Road, OX1 3TD **T** +44 (0)1865 271011 **W** www.hmc.ox.ac.uk

Open: Chapel only open Mon-Fri 08.30-17.30 Sat 09.00-12.00

- Charge: None, donations welcome
- *Note:* Groups must book in advance.



Christ Church

#### 9. Hertford College

Catte Street, OX13BW **T** +44 (0)1865 279400 **W** www.hertford.ox.ac.uk *Open:* Daily 10.00-12.00 14.00-dusk *Charge:* None *Note:* Maximum 10 people in a group

#### 10. Jesus College

Turl Street, OX1 3DW **T** +44 (0)1865 279700 **W** www.jesus.ox.ac.uk

Open: Daily 14.00-16.30

Charge: None

*Note:* Maximum 20 people in a group; groups must book in advance.



#### T.E. Lawrence 1888-1935

Scholar, explorer and writer, Lawrence gained worldwide fame for his exploits in World War One which earned him the title 'Lawrence of Arabia'. Graduate, Jesus College and Fellow of All Souls College.\*

11. Keble College

Parks Road, OX1 3PG **T** +44 (0)1865 272727 **W** www.keble.ox.ac.uk *Open:* Daily 14.00-17.00

, Charge: None

Note: Guided tours and groups of 10 or more must book in advance.

#### 12. Kellogg College

62 Banbury Road, OX2 6PN **T** +44 (0)1865 612000 **W** www.kellogg.ox.ac.uk

*Open:* Mon-Fri 09.00-17.00

Charge: None



Magdalen College

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Merton College

#### 13. Lady Margaret Hall

Norham Gardens, OX2 6QA **T** +44 (0)1865 274300 **W** www.lmh.ox.ac.uk *Open:* 10.00-17.00 *Charge:* None

#### 14. Linacre College

St Cross Road, OX1 3JA **T** +44 (0)1865 271650 **W** www.linacre.ox.ac.uk *Open:* By appointment only

#### 15. Lincoln College

Turl Street, OX1 3DR **T** +44 (0)1865 279800 **W** www.linc.ox.ac.uk Open: Mon-Sat 14.00-17.00 Sun 11.00-17.00 Charge: None

#### 16. Magdalen College

High Road, OX1 4AU T +44 (0)1865 276000 W www.magd.ox.ac.uk

- Open: Oct-June: 13.00-18.00 or dusk (whichever is the earlier) July-Sept: 12.00-18.00
- Charge: Adults £4.00 Children, Students, Seniors £3.00, includes leaflet available in several languages. Entry is free to Oxford residents, Bodleian and alumni card holders + 1 guest.
- Note: Maximum 20 people in a group

#### 17. Mansfield College

Mansfield Road, OX1 3TF **T** +44 (0)1865 270999 **W** www.mansfield.ox.ac.uk

Open: Mon-Fri 09.00-17.00

Charge: None

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#### 18. Merton College

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Merton	Street, OX1 4JD <b>T</b> +44 (0)1865 276310	
W www	v.merton.ox.ac.uk	
Open:	Mon-Fri 14.00-16.00 Sat-Sun 10.00-16.00	
Charge:	None for college grounds. Old Library tours may be available at $\pm 2.00$ per person	
Note:	Parties of 10+ must be accompanied by a Blue Badge Guide and be booked in advance.	
19 New College		

#### 19. New College

New College Lane, OX1 3BN T +44 (0)1865 279555 W www.new.ox.ac.uk

*Open:* Easter-Oct: 11.00-17.00 (via New College Lane Gates) Oct-Easter: 14.00-17.00 (via Holywell Street Gates)

Charge: Adults £2.00 Seniors £1.50 Children under 16 and Full-time Students £1.00. Entry is free to Oxford residents.

Maximum 10 people in a group Note:

#### 20. Nuffield College

New Road, OX11NF T +44 (0)1865 278500 W www.nuffield.ox.ac.uk Open: 09.00-17.00 Charge: None Note: Maximum six people in a group

#### 21. Oriel College

Oriel Square, OX1 4EW T +44 (0)1865 276555 W www.oriel.ox.ac.uk

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#### 22. Pembroke College

Pembroke Square, OX11DW T +44 (0)1865 276444 W www.pmb.ox.ac.uk Open: By appointment only Charge: None Note: Groups (maximum 20 people) to be accompanied by a Blue Badge Guide

#### 23. The Queen's College

High Street, OX1 4AW T +44 (0)1865 279120 W www.gueens.ox.ac.uk

Open: By appointment only

Charge: None

Note: Groups only, must be accompanied by a Blue Badge Guide booked through the Tourist Information Centre.



#### Edmund Halley 1656-1742

The leading astronomer of his time, Halley achieved lasting fame by predicting the return of the comet that now bears his name.

Graduate, The Queen's College.\*

#### 24. Somerville College

Woodstock Road, OX2 6HD T +44 (0)1865 270600 W www.some.ox.ac.uk Open: 14.00-16.30 Charge: None, donations welcome Note: Large groups must book in advance.

#### 25. St Anne's College

Woodstock Road, OX2 6HS T +44 (0)1865 274800 W www.st-annes.ox.ac.uk Open: 09.00-17.00 Charge: None

#### 26. St Antony's College

Woodstock Road, OX2 6|F T +44 (0)1865 284700 W www.sant.ox.ac.uk

Oben: By appointment only

#### 27. St Catherine's College

Manor Road, OX1 3UI T +44 (0)1865 271700 W www.stcatz.ox.ac.uk

Open: Daily 09.00-17.00

Charge: None

Note: Advance booking is required for groups of ten or more. Please contact the Porters' Lodge.

#### 28. St Cross College

St Giles, OX1 3LZ www.stx.ox.ac.uk St Cross College is not open to visitors

#### 29. St Edmund Hall

Oueen's Lane, OX1 4AR T +44 (0)1865 279000 W www.seh.ox.ac.uk Open: Mon-Fri term time 12.00-16.00

Contact the Porters' Lodge at any other time

Charge: None

Note: Maximum 12 people in a group

#### 30. St Hilda's College

Cowley Place, OX41DY T +44 (0)1865 276884 W www.st-hildas.ox.ac.uk *Open:* By appointment only Charge: None

#### 31. St Hugh's College

St Margaret's Road, OX2 6LE **T** +44 (0)1865 274900 W www.st-hughs.ox.ac.uk

Open: 10.00-16.00

Charge: None

Note: Advance booking is required for groups of six or more.

#### 32. St John's College

St Giles', OX1 3JP <b>T</b> +44 (0)1865 277300 <b>W</b> www.sjc.ox.ac.uk			
Open:	13.00-17.00 (or dusk if earlier)		
Charge:	None		
Note:	Maximum 14 in a group, accompanied by a guide. Larger groups will be split.		
33. <b>St Peter's College</b> New Inn Hall Street, OX1 2DL <b>T</b> +44 (0)1865 278900			

W www.spc.ox.ac.uk

Open: 10.00-17.00

Charge: None, donations welcome

Note: Advance booking is required for groups of five or more.

#### 34. Trinity College

Broad Street, OX1 3BH **T** +44 (0)1865 279900 **W** www.trinity.ox.ac.uk

Open: Mon-Fri 10.00-12.00 14.00-16.00 Sat-Sun (during term) 14.00-16.00 Sat-Sun (out of term) 10.00-12.00 14.00-16.00

- Charge: Adults £1.50 Seniors and Children £1.00 (includes booklet)
- *Note:* Groups of more than 25 people must be accompanied by a tour guide.

#### 35. University College

High Street, OX1 4BH T +44 (0)1865 276602 W www.univ.ox.ac.uk

Note: Entry for groups by prior arrangement with the Domestic Bursar. Entry for individuals and families at the discretion of the Lodge Porter.



#### C.S. Lewis 1898-1963

Known for his religious writings, Lewis is the author of The Chronicles of Narnia and the subject of Shadowlands. Graduate, University College and Fellow of Magdalen College.\*

#### 36. Wadham College

Parks Road, OX1 3PN **T** +44 (0)1865 277900 ₩ www.wadham.ox.ac.uk

- *Open:* Term time: 13.00-16.15 Vacation: 10.30-11.45 13.00-16.15
- Charge: None

*Note:* Groups must book in advance and be accompanied by a Blue Badge Guide.



#### Christopher Wren 1632-1723

A distinguished astronomer and geometrician, Wren is remembered for his design of St Paul's Cathedral in London. In Oxford he designed the Sheldonian Theatre, Tom Tower at Christ Church and the sundial at All Souls College.

Graduate, Wadham College and Fellow of All Souls College.  $\!\!\!^*$ 

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#### Matthew Arnold 1822-1888

Poet, essayist and the most influential critic of his time. He coined Oxford's well known epithet: 'city of dreaming spires'.



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Graduate, Balliol College and Fellow of Oriel College.\*

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#### 37. Wolfson College

Linton Road, OX2 6UD **T** +44 (0)1865 274100

www.wolfson.ox.ac.uk

Open: Daylight hours

Charge: None

Note: Groups should notify the Porters' Lodge in advance of their visit.

#### 38. Worcester College

Worcester Street, OX1 2HB T +44 (0)1865 278300

W www.worc.ox.ac.uk

Open: Daily 14.00-17.00

Charge: None

Note: Maximum eight people in a group



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Oxford Bus Company www.oxfordbus.co.uk Tel +44 (0)1865 785400 for travel information Monday-Friday 08.00-18.00 Saturday 08.00-15.30

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National Rail Enquiries www.nationalrail.co.uk Tel +44 (0)8457 484950

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**Taxis** Taxis operate from the ranks at Oxford Station, St Giles and Gloucester Green. Taxis and hackney cabs (like London black cabs) can be hailed in the street.



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**Traveline South East** provides journey planning and timetables for public transport journeys in the south east of England including London.

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#### National rail enquiries www.nationalrail.co.uk Tel +44 (0)8457 484950

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20–22 March 09	Oxford Folk Festival
29 March 09	Oxford v Cambridge University Boat Race on the London Thames
29 Mar–5 April 09	Sunday Times Oxford Literary Festival
1–13 April 09	Oxfringe
9–12 April 09	Oxford Jazz Festival
1 May	<b>May Morning</b> Magdalen choir sings from Magdalen tower at 6am
2–25 May 09	Artweeks art all over Oxfordshire
21 May 09	Ascension Day Beating the bounds. Come and join in!
25 May 09	Lord Mayor's Parade Part of Bonn Week
27–30 May 09	<b>Eights Week</b> the main event for inter-collegiate rowing races
24 June 09	<b>Encaenia</b> impressive procession as academics/ world leaders make their way to the Sheldonian Theatre for honorary degree ceremony
1–5 July 09	Henley Royal Regatta
4 July 09	Alice's Day celebrating 'Alice in Wonderland'
7–8 Sept 09	St Giles Fair Oxford's traditional street fair
12–13 Sept 09	Oxford Open Doors part of Heritage Open Days



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**Trinity Term** 26 April 2009 – 20 June 2009

Michaelmas Term 11 October 2009 – 5 December 2009

**Hilary Term** 17 January 2010 – 13 March 2010

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