

Oxford

England



- Oxford is known as the 'City of Dreaming Spires' in honour of the architecture of Britain's oldest university - explore the city on a university and pub walking tour while spotting film locations for Harry Potter.
- Discover antiquities in Britain's oldest museum, the Ashmolean, and rare collections in the Bodleian Libraries.
- Be enchanted by myths, legends and ghostly tales at the ruins of Oxford Castle and Prison, or explore the landscaped gardens and birthplace of Winston Churchill, Blenheim Palace.
- Bring a picnic and board a boat for a relaxing ride along the River Cherwell, or try out punting for a different way to see the city.





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Fun Fact

Oxford University alumni from around the world have won an incredible 167 Olympic medals to date, in addition to several honours including the Nobel Prize for literature, peace, and economics.



Did you know?

Oxford has produced more published authors per square mile than anywhere else worldwide, including The Lord of the Rings author JRR Tolkien and Alice in Wonderland novelist Lewis Carroll.



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Things to do in Oxford



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Blenheim Palace

Explore the birthplace of prime minister Winston Churchill at Blenheim Palace. Designed in the short-lived English Baroque style, it stands now as a family home, mausoleum and national treasure.

www.blenheimpalace.com

Bodleian Library

Take a guided tour of the country's second largest library, which holds a copy of every single book ever published in England since 1662.

www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/home

Bicester Village

Bag designer clothes at a discount at one of Britain's favourite shopping destinations for luxury bargains.

www.thebicestercollection.com/bicester-village

Pitt Rivers Museum

One of Britain's most unique museums is the Pitt Rivers Museum in Oxford with artefacts from all over the world.

www.prm.ox.ac.uk

Oxford Kayak Tours

Discover pristine countryside and wildlife-rich waters on a kayaking tour on the River Cherwell.

www.oxfordkayaktours.com

The Oxford Artisan Distillery Tour

Learn the secrets of gin, vodka and whisky on these boozy behind-the-scenes tours.

www.theoxfordartisanandistillery.com

Oxford River Cruises

Choose from sightseeing trips, sunset voyages and gourmet sailings on the River Thames.

www.oxfordrivercruises.com

Discover the best of Oxford



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Like... the magic of movie legends

Learn about movie legends and historic facts on this walking tour, which visits key [Oxford landmarks](#) and filming locations.

Love... a spooky tour

The city might look idyllic by day, but it is chilling after dark. Explore some of its most notorious corners once the sun goes down on these [hair-raising walking tours around Oxford](#) and hear spine-tingling stories.



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Seasonal highlights

Spring



Discover a green oasis

Despite being in the centre of Oxford, Magdalen College is teeming with flora and fauna. Escape the bustle of the High Street and hide among the newly sprouting trees and blooms.

www.magd.ox.ac.uk/discover-magdalen/visiting-magdalen

Summer



Take a punt

Take part in a quintessentially Oxford activity and punt down the River Cherwell. Discover the inspiration behind Lewis Carol's Alice in Wonderland, and enjoy a scenic picnic.

www.experienceoxfordshire.org/venue/cherwell-boathouse

Autumn



Delve into history at Oxford Castle

For those who dare – check out tours of the castle and the 900-year-old crypt. Learn about the dark history of the medieval prison and hear tales of the notorious inmates who were once held there.

www.oxfordcastleandprison.co.uk

Winter



Ashmolean Museum

The Ashmolean Museum is the world's oldest public museum, boasting a collection of art and antiquities spanning over 5,000 years of history. Explore everything from ancient Egyptian mummies to works by Michelangelo.

www.ashmolean.org

Places to stay in Oxford



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City Centre

Oxford city centre is a blend of historic architecture, prestigious university buildings, charming shops, and vibrant cafes.

Summertown

An affluent part of Oxford with red-brick Victorian houses and tree-lined streets. It's peaceful with more budget-friendly options.

Cowley

Cowley is a lively neighbourhood known for its diverse range of international eateries, independent shops and vibrant arts scene. It offers a more eclectic, local vibe compared to the city centre, making it a great spot to experience Oxford's modern, multicultural side.

Jerico

Home to both the Ashmolean Museum and the Museum of Natural History, Jerico is a trendy neighbourhood with quaint streets, boutique shops and a vibrant dining scene. With its artistic vibe and proximity to the city centre, it's a popular spot for both locals and visitors.

Find accommodation in Oxford

www.experienceoxfordshire.org/places-to-stay

Getting around

[Experience Oxfordshire](#) has a range of maps and guides to help you plan your visit to Oxford. Enjoy a [Bus Tour](#) of Oxford.

By punt



Hire [punts](#), pedalos and rowing boats to explore Oxford's River Cherwell.

On foot



Oxford's main attractions are best explored on foot. The city centre is only a 15-minute walk from the train station. There are plenty of [walking routes](#) for those who want to explore the surrounding countryside.

By bus



The [Oxford Bus Company](#) provides frequent and affordable travel across the city, as well as [Stagecoach](#) which also operates routes to Blenheim Palace.




By bike

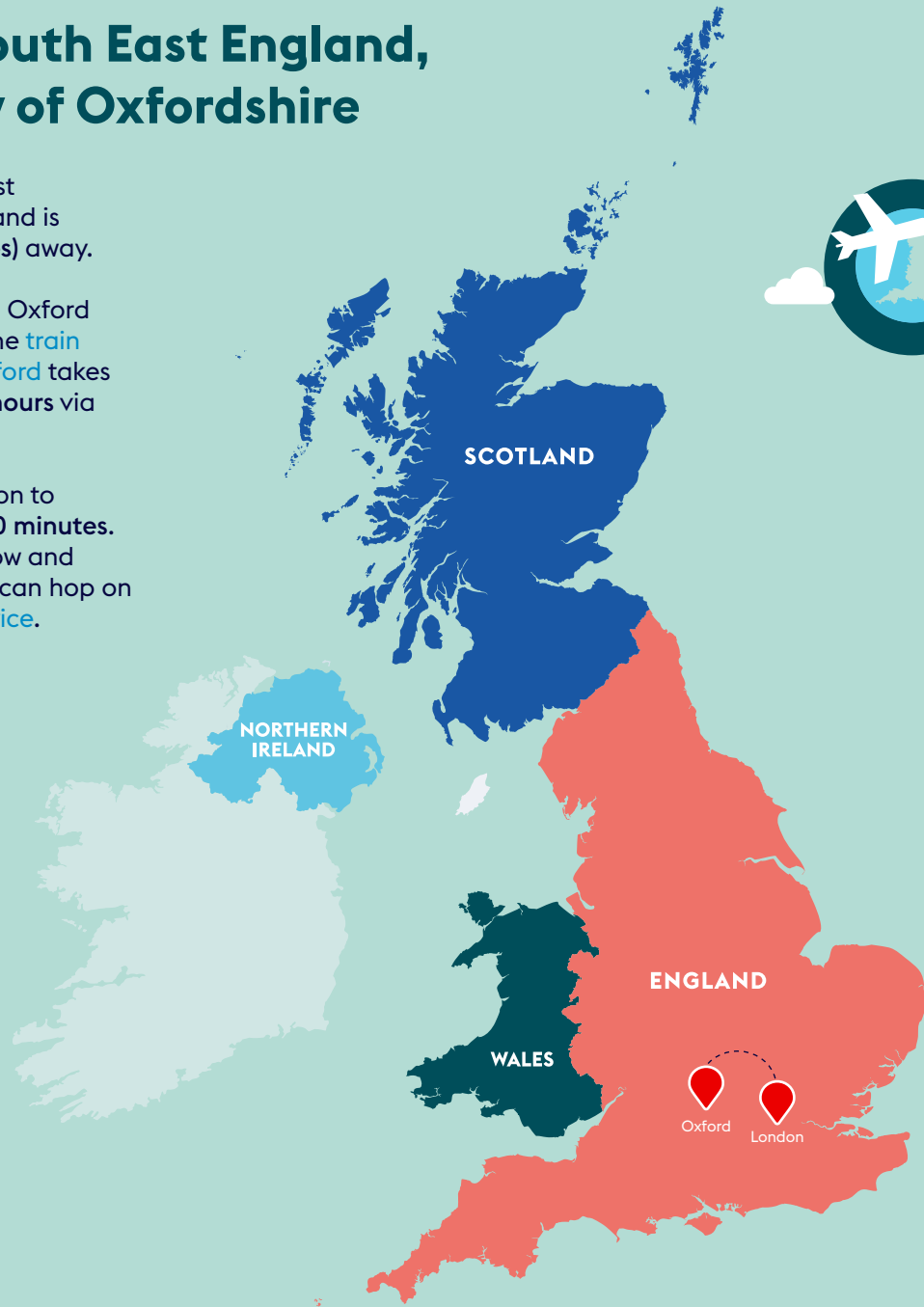


Oxford is a city made for [cycling](#). There are several [dockless bike hire operators](#) that allow users to access cycles via a free downloadable app.

Getting to Oxford

Located in South East England, in the county of Oxfordshire

-  **Heathrow** is the closest international airport and is 45 miles (72 kilometres) away.
-  Trains from London to Oxford take around 1 hour. The **train from Heathrow to Oxford** takes up to **two and a half hours** via central London.
-  The coach from London to Oxford takes 1 hour 30 minutes. From London Heathrow and Gatwick airports, you can hop on **The Airline coach service**.



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