



Cambridge Travel Guide

Ancient, picturesque and famous for educational excellence, it is impossible not to be amazed at the grandeur of Cambridge. Easy to walk around and with beautiful buildings and parks, this prestigious University city also offers a true taste of traditional England.

5 things to see

- King's College Chapel
- Cambridge University
- River Cam
- Market Square
- Botanic Garden

5 things to do

- Punt on the River Cam
- Rent a bike
- Take a day-trip to London
- Explore the English countryside
- Relax in a park

Climate

The weather in the UK is the topic of many conversations because it is so changeable. It is possible to see sun, rain, wind and clouds all in the same day so it is a good idea to always carry a pair of sunglasses and an umbrella!

Currency

Great British Pound (GBP), also known as sterling.

All major credit cards are widely accepted although some cards carry transaction charges. The main banks are Lloyds TSB, Barclays Bank, HSBC and Nat West. Banking hours are Mon - Fri 09.00-17.00 and Sat 09.00 - 15.00. The closest Banks are on Sidney Street and St Andrews Street. Cash machines ATMS are located throughout the city centre.

Students staying in the United Kingdom for a long period of time might want to open a bank account. To open a bank account they will need a letter from the school confirming their address and length of stay. For further assistance please speak to the Customer Services Officer.

Public holidays

2 January, 6 April, 9 April, 7 May, 4 June, 5 June, 27 August



Telephone Country Code

(0044)

International phone cards can be purchased from many of the newsagents in the city centre.

Electricity

230 V; 50Hz - 3-pin plug

Tap water

Tap water in England is safe unless there's a sign to the contrary (eg on trains).

Medical

Longer-term students are encouraged to register with a local GP upon arrival. If they do not have their Medical Card or are not an EU citizen there is a charge. They should pay the doctor directly and then claim a refund from their health insurance company (where applicable).

If students are not at school and have any kind of emergency they can call 999. This number in an emergency should they need the Police, the Fire Service or an ambulance.

The nearest hospital is Addenbrooke's, located on Hills Road in Cambridge. This hospital has an accident and emergency department where students can receive treatment for free.

Public Transport Info

- A weekly bus passes can be purchased on the bus from the driver at a cost of approx £11.50

Visa

For Visa information please read [Applying for a Visa in UK](#)

Cost of Living

Big Mac	£2.89
Sandwich	£3.50
Can of Coke	£.065
Coffee in a café	£2.50
1 litre of milk	£0.80
2 litres of water	£1.50
A loaf of bread	£0.80
Two course meal in average restaurant	£15.00
Cost of sim card	£10
Cinema	£6 - £8
Entrance to clubs	£5 - £15

Other Useful Information

Driving Age

Legal age for driving is 18.

Alcohol Age

Legal age for drinking in the UK is 18 and many places will ask for identification if you look below the age of 21.

Smoking laws

Smoking in enclosed public places is illegal in the UK.

Country laws

Students must abide by UK law at all times during their stay. Breach of the law could result in arrest by the police and even imprisonment.

Insurance

Students must have adequate health, accident and travel insurance while attending any of our programmes.