

Oxford Travel Guide and Activities



Oxford is known worldwide as a university town and home of the University of Oxford, the oldest university in the English-speaking world. In addition to the university's beautiful colleges and museums, Oxford offers an exciting selection of restaurants, cafes shops and entertainment.



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!

5 THINGS TO DO

- Watch a play in an unusual location put on by the Creation Theatre Company
- Walk through meadows alongside the river banks of Christ Church Meadow
- Discover dinosaur bones and ancient artifacts at the Natural History Museum
- Uncover tales of great escapes, betrayal and romance at Oxford Castle - Unlocked
- Visit Ashmolean Museum of Art and Archaeology, one of the oldest museums in the world.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

02 Apr 2021, 05 Apr 2021, 03 May 2021,
31 May 2021, 30 Aug 2021, 27 and 28
Dec 2021

ELECTRICITY

230 V; 50Hz - 3-pin plug

5 THINGS TO SEE

- Pitt Rivers Museum
- University of Oxford
- Botanic Gardens
- Covered Market
- Bodleian Library

CURRENCY

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

TIME ZONE/ SEASONS

GMT

MAPS (TUBE MAPS / BUS ROUTES)

[Oxford Public Transportation](#)

TAP WATER - DRINKABLE!

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

COST OF LIVING

Coffee/cappuccino (Starbucks)	£2.20-£3.00
Bottle of water/soda (0.33 litre)	£0.70-£1.50
Fast-food combo meal	£5.00-£7.00
Meal, inexpensive restaurant	£10.00-£15.00
Fitness club (monthly, 1 adult)	£25.00-£45.00
Public transport (local transport)	£2.00-£3.00 (one-way)
Public transport (monthly pass)	£50.00-£65.00

COST(WEEKLY/MONTHLY PASSES)

- Most attractions in Oxford are within walking distance, so in most cases public transportation will not be required.
- Oxford has an excellent bus service. The main bus stop is on Magdalen Street, between Debenhams department store, and the cinema. There are poles which indicate where you should stand for which bus, and the schedules are posted here as well. Buses run fairly often, so you're never left standing for too long. Pay the driver when you get on, and tell him/her if you want a return ticket or a single ride. There are often printed schedules near the driver if you want to take it with you to plan your return trip. Passes cost £45.00/month.

HEALTH & INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

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

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.

LINK TO TRANSFERS

- [Oxford Bus Company](#)
- [Rail Easy](#)

DRIVING AGE

Legal age for driving is 18

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.

MEDICAL

The NHS (National Health Service) provides free and subsidised treatment for people who live in the UK. International students, may be entitled to NHS treatment if they are enrolled in a course lasting for six months or more. If their course is less than six months long, they may still be able to get treatment under the NHS if they are from a country that has a health agreement with the UK. To receive any treatment through the NHS, firstly students must be registered with a doctor (GP). They should register with a local GP as soon as they have a permanent address – and not wait until you are ill. To find your local GP they can call NHS direct on 0845 46 47 or visit their website. If students are not entitled to NHS treatment they will have to pay the full cost of any treatment they receive in the UK. This can be expensive, so make sure you have medical insurance that covers you while you're living abroad.