



Information for participants – visiting guide

We are looking forward to welcoming you to your chosen event with the Oxford Education Deanery. Within this guide, you can find lots of useful information to support your visit to Oxford.

Venue address

- Your event will take place at the Department of Education, University of Oxford, 15 Norham Gardens, Oxford OX2 6PY

Getting to Oxford

You can find lots of useful information to support on [the University's 'How to Get to Oxford' page](#).

From London airports

From London Heathrow and Gatwick airports, take [The Airline coach service](#), which runs 24 hours a day. You can also get to Oxford by [train](#) from Heathrow via London, and from Gatwick via Reading.

From London Stansted airport, take the [Stansted Express train service](#) to London Liverpool Street and then take the tube to either Paddington or Marylebone for direct trains to Oxford. Alternatively, there is a [National Express 737 coach service](#).

Train and Bus Services

Direct services run from [London Paddington \(serving Oxford station\)](#) and [London Marylebone \(serving Oxford and Oxford Parkway stations\)](#). Oxford Railway Station is a 5–10-minute walk from the centre of Oxford. Please use [Google Maps](#) or our [interactive map](#) to find your way from the station. The [Oxford Tube Bus](#) also offers a direct service between Oxford and London, running a frequent timetable on a virtually 24-hour basis, Monday to Sunday, stopping at the central coach station Gloucester Green in the city centre.

Car Parking

Note that car parking is extremely limited and expensive in Oxford and so we recommend travelling into Oxford via public transport. If you are travelling to us by car, we recommend using the [park and ride schemes](#) available. Information about car parks in Oxford city centre can be found on the [Council's website](#). There is disabled parking at the Department for blue badge holders and for attendees with special access requirements, please contact erica.oakes@education.ox.ac.uk to request. To check blue badge parking at your accommodation/college, please contact them directly (see the 'Accommodation' section below). There is also short stay [on-street parking](#) near the Department on Norham Gardens, but this is metered with a maximum stay of 3 hours.

Getting Around Oxford

The best way to discover and get around Oxford is by foot. Most attractions (and all our venues and college accommodation) are within a 30-45-minute circa walk through beautiful architecture, parks, and streets.

Oxford is not a campus university, so once you're here you can use our interactive, searchable [map of Oxford's colleges, halls, departments, libraries and museums](#) to find your way around or download our interactive and accessible [Explore Oxford University Map](#). You can also use [Google Maps](#) to find your way around Oxford on foot or using public transport.

Taxi Services

There are taxi ranks at Oxford Railway Station, Gloucester Green Coach Station and St Giles' in the city centre. You can also call the below Taxis to arrange a pickup where you are:

- [Royal Cars Oxford](#), +44 (0) 1865 777333
- [OO1 Taxis](#), +44 (0) 1865 240000
- [Go Green Taxis](#), +44 (0) 1865 922222

Most taxis in Oxford accept payment by cash and card but please do check this with the driver or taxi service before riding.

Accommodation

There is a range of accommodation available in Oxford. If you are interested in staying within the colleges of the University, we recommend checking [Oxford's B&B page](#), or [University rooms](#). In addition, the following **hotels** are close by:

- [Premier Inn, Oxford City Centre \(Westgate\) Hotel](#) (0.3 miles from city centre, 1.2 miles to Department of Education)
- [Courtyard Hotel by Marriott](#), Oxford (0.3 mile from city centre, 1.8 miles from Department of Education)
- [Mercure Oxford Eastgate Hotel](#) (0.4 mile from city centre, 2 miles from Department of Education)
- [The Randolph Hotel](#) (*premium* end), 0.3 miles from city centre, 0.7 miles to Department of Education)
- Alternatively, [Booking.com](#) and [Agoda.com](#) may give you useful options in the city centre

The following **bed and breakfasts** are nearby:

- [The Cotswold Lodge Hotel](#) (1 mile from city centre, 0.4 miles to Department of Education)
- [St Margaret's Hotel](#) (1.2 miles from city centre, 0.6 miles to Department of Education)
- [The Old Parsonage Hotel](#) (*premium* end) (0.6 miles from city centre, 0.4 miles to Department of Education)

Things to do in Oxford

You can also find lots of useful information about visiting Oxford on the University's page [here](#).

Sights

- [The Ashmolean Museum](#) (free to visit, great for kids – pick up an explorer kit at the front desk)
- [The Oxford University Museum of Natural History](#) (free to visit, great for kids)

- [The Divinity School and Bodleian Library](#) (access limited for visitors, but tours are run through the week)
- The Radcliffe Camera (no access to visitors, but stroll by to see the beautiful architecture)
- [Oxford's Colleges](#) (note that some colleges may charge for entry, or be closed some days for college activities)
 - Magdalen College (extensive gardens, beautiful architecture, and you may just stray past some goats)
 - Trinity College (extensive gardens and beautiful architecture)
 - Christchurch College (scenes from Harry Potter were filmed here, be sure to explore Christchurch Meadow while here)
 - Worcester College (beautiful architecture and gardens behind the façade on Walton St)
 - Jesus College (tread in Tolkien's footsteps)
 - Many more! Explore via [Oxford's 'Visit the Colleges' pages](#).
- [The Oxford Botanical Gardens](#) (entry tickets per person apply, great for kids)
- [The History of Science Museum](#) (free to visit)

Other Activities

- Punting – a quintessential Oxford pastime
 - Boats can be rented from [The Cherwell Boathouse](#) (seats up to 6), or from the [Magdalen Bridge Boathouse](#)
 - We recommend if you are new to punting, arranging for a guide or instructor to assist or come along.
- [The Story Museum](#) (fantastic for kids, entry charges apply)

Lunch and Dinner

A short walk from the Department of Education (15 Norham Gardens)

- [Gees Restaurant](#), 61-63 Banbury Rd
- [Old Parsonage Grill](#), 1-3 Banbury Rd
- [Pierre Victoire](#), 9 Little Clarendon St
- [Browns Brasserie](#), 5-11 Woodstock Rd
- [Cherwell Boathouse Restaurant](#), Bardwell Rd
- [Brasserie Blanc](#), 71-72 Walton St
- [The Rose and Crown Pub](#), 14 North Parade Avenue

Close to Iffley Road

- [La Cucina](#), 40 St Clement's St
- [Cuttlefish](#), 36-27 St Clement's St
- [The Magdalen Arms](#), 243 Iffley Road
- Pan Pan Restaurant, 43B St Clement's St
- Tick Tock Café (coffee, breakfast), 3 Cowley Rd
- Café Coco (coffee, breakfast), 23 Cowley Rd
- Plus, many more along Cowley Rd

Close to the High Street/City Centre

- [Quod Restaurant and Bar](#), 92-94 High St
- [Côte Oxford](#), 41-47 George St
- [Victors Oxford](#), Westgate Shopping Centre
- [Banana Tree Oxford](#), 63 George Street
- Plus, many cafes and small eateries along the High Street

Historic Pubs

- The Turf Tavern, 4 Bath Pl (12th Century pub, 'the hardest to find pub in Oxford', with some very famous customers)
- The Bear Inn, 6 Alfred St (the oldest pub in Oxford)
- The Chequers, 131 High St (famous with Oxford students)
- The Crown, 59a Cornmarket St (with links to Shakespeare)
- The Victoria, 90 Walton St (historic pub in Jericho)
- The Perch, Binsey Ln (beautiful historic pub and walk across Port Meadow)
- The Old Bookbinders, 17-18 Victor St (historic pub in Oxford close to the canal)
- The Lamb and Flag, St Giles' St