ONE DAY IN OXFORD



A DAY AWAY

Spend a day in Oxford with the historic centre, a reserved Bodleian tour, market lunch, the Ashmolean, seasonal punting and dinner at Folly Bridge.

CHOOSE YOUR VISIT DATE

09:00-18:45

Open this day online ↗

THE LAY OF THE LAND

Start at Historic core walk and finish at Dinner at the Head of the River. Follow the numbered stops and allow time for the walks between them.

01 / THE AREA



Teal lines show the walk between numbered stops. The punt returns to Magdalen Bridge.

Open the interactive route ↗

02 / THE DETAIL



01 Radcliffe Sq.
02 Bodleian
03 Covered Market
04 Ashmolean
05 Cherwell punt
06 Folly Bridge

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STOPS 1 & 2



09:00 - 10:15

HISTORIC CORE WALK

Begin in Radcliffe Square, then explore Catte Street, the Bodleian exterior and nearby lanes. This is an outdoor walk, with no college interiors included. Leave 15 minutes to the tour meeting point.

Allow 75 min.

Read the venue guide ↗



10:30 - 11:45

BODLEIAN & DIVINITY SCHOOL

This allowance covers check-in and a 60-minute guided tour; use your actual ticket time rather than treating 10:30 as an available departure. The tour is for ages 11+ and uses stairs. Check room closures before booking. If unavailable, use the Weston exhibitions and the public library quarter instead. Allow 15 minutes to lunch.

Allow 75 min.

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THE DAY 1 → 2 → 3 → 4 → 5 → 6

STOPS 3 & 4



12:00 - 13:00

LUNCH IN THE COVERED MARKET

Take a proper lunch break; individual traders have different opening hours. Allow 15 minutes to the Ashmolean on Beaumont Street.

Allow 60 min.

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13:15 - 14:45

THE ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

Choose a few galleries rather than attempting the whole collection. General admission is free; special exhibitions can need a separate ticket. Leave 30 minutes to walk to Magdalen Bridge Boathouse and arrange the boat.

Allow 90 min.

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STOPS 5 & 6



15:15 - 16:45

PUNT THE CHERWELL

Use Magdalen Bridge Boathouse, beside the Botanic Garden, and return to the same landing. The allowance includes handover and about an hour afloat. The operator normally runs February–November, weather permitting, with a sunset-dependent return deadline. In short daylight, move this stop earlier and shorten the museum; if closed or unsafe, spend longer indoors at the Ashmolean or Weston. Allow 30 minutes from the boathouse to Folly Bridge.

Allow 90 min.

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17:15 - 18:45

DINNER AT THE HEAD OF THE RIVER

Finish at the pub by Folly Bridge, rather than a different boathouse elsewhere in Oxford. Reserve a table separately if you want a guaranteed meal; saving the stop does not book it. Choose indoor seating in poor weather.

Allow 90 min.

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THE USEFUL DETAILS

SUGGESTED TIMES. RESERVATIONS ARE SEPARATE.

GETTING TO OXFORD

Arrive by train or coach, or use Park and Ride if you are driving. Allow time to reach the first stop.

Oxford arrival guide ↗

BETWEEN STOPS

Use the numbered map to locate visits, then open the online route for walking directions and current visit information.

View this itinerary ↗

MAKE IT YOURS

Open the full route to save the stops and arrange the day around your own start, pace and bookings.

Open the planner ↗

BEFORE YOU GO

Start times are suggested. Arrange timed tickets and meals separately, then adjust the sequence around your confirmed bookings.

MAKE THE DAY YOURS.

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