THE ESSENTIAL HALF-DAY



A DAY AWAY

Plan four hours in Oxford with the library quarter, a reserved Bodleian tour, Bridge of Sighs, market lunch and optional St Mary's tower, including walking time.

CHOOSE YOUR VISIT DATE

09:45-13:45

Open this day online ↗

THE LAY OF THE LAND

Start at Radcliffe Camera & Square and finish at University Church tower. Follow the numbered stops and allow time for the walks between them.

01 / THE AREA



02 / THE DETAIL



01 Radcliffe Sq.

02 Bodleian

03 Bridge of Sighs

04 Covered Market

05 St Mary's

Teal lines show the walk between numbered stops.

Open the interactive route ↗

OpenStreetMap contributors / ODbL ↗

STOPS 1 & 2

01



09:45 - 10:10

RADCLIFFE CAMERA & SQUARE

Begin outdoors in Radcliffe Square. Leave ten minutes to reach and check in at the Bodleian meeting point.

Allow 25 min.

Read the venue guide ↗

02



10:20 - 11:35

BODLEIAN LIBRARY TOUR

Allow 15 minutes for arrival plus the 60-minute guided tour. The example time is not a bookable departure: follow the time and meeting instructions on your ticket, then adjust the other stops. The tour is for ages 11+ and includes stairs. Check event closures; use the free Weston exhibitions if the tour is unavailable or unsuitable.

Allow 75 min.

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STOPS 3 & 4

03



11:40 - 11:50

BRIDGE OF SIGHS

A short exterior stop on New College Lane, five minutes from the tour exit. The bridge is not a public visitor route. Leave 15 minutes to walk to the market.

Allow 10 min.

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04



12:05 - 12:55

LUNCH AT THE COVERED MARKET

Choose one lunch stop and allow for its queue. Trader opening hours vary. Leave ten minutes to St Mary's.

Allow 50 min.

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05



UNIVERSITY CHURCH TOWER

13:05 - 13:45

ST MARY'S

Optional paid climb for ages 8+, via 127 steps. The timing works after normal Sunday noon opening. If the queue is too long or stairs are unsuitable, visit the church when open and finish with the square instead.

GOOD TO KNOW

Allow 40 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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