OXFORD / A DAY AWAY

48 hours in Oxford

Colleges and the historic centre on day one. Museums, gardens and the meadow on day two.



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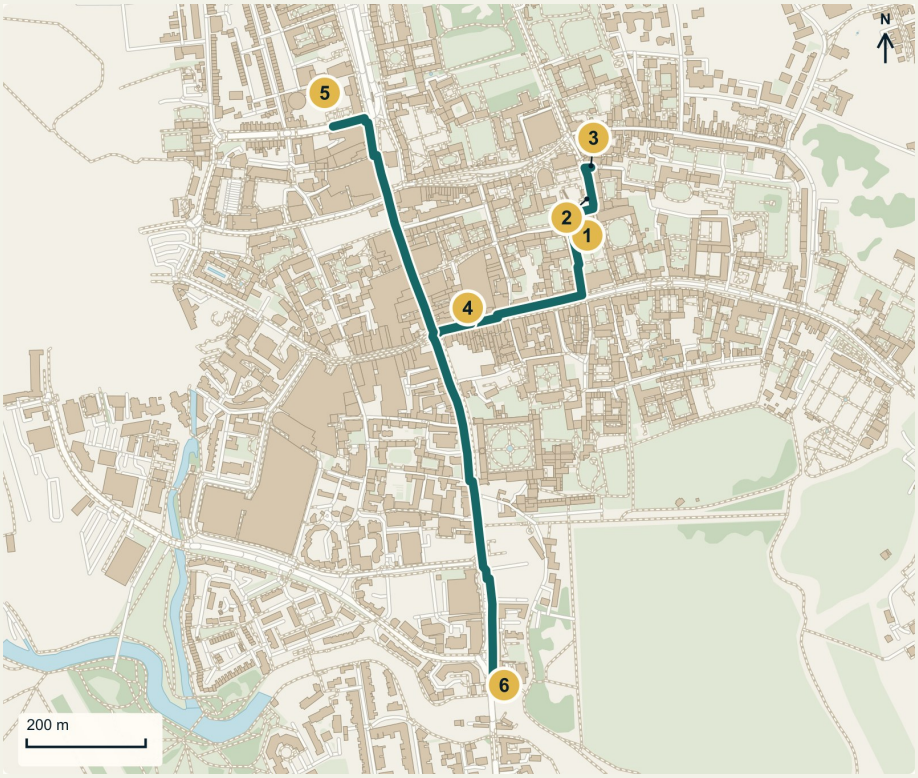
Two days

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Suggested times. Reservations are separate.

THE ATLAS

Day 1 / Oxford



1. Radcliffe Sq.
2. Bodleian
3. Bridge of Sighs
4. Covered Market
5. Ashmolean
6. Folly Bridge

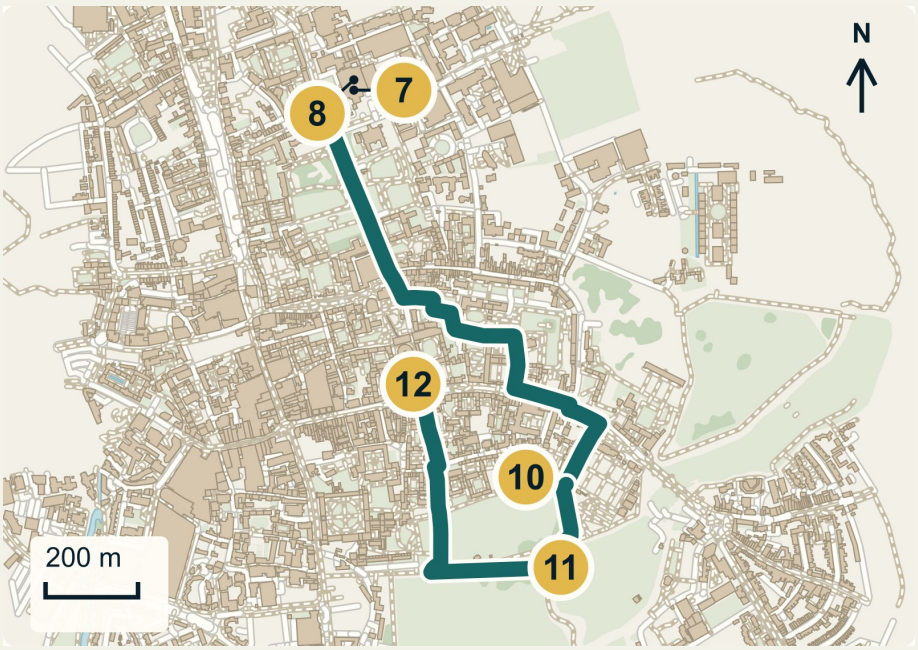
THE ATLAS / VISITOR INFORMATION

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THE ATLAS

Day 2 / Oxford



7 Natural History

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THE DAY

Day 1 / 09:30 - 10:00

Radcliffe Square

01



Start beside the Radcliffe Camera for exterior views and the surrounding lanes. No college interior is included in this half-hour. Leave ten minutes to the Bodleian meeting point.

Allow 30 min.

Full venue guide ↗

THE DAY

Day 1 / 10:10 - 11:25

Bodleian Library tour

02



Allow check-in plus the 60-minute tour, but follow your actual ticket time. Ages 11+; stairs are unavoidable. Check event closures and use the Weston public exhibitions if the tour is unavailable or unsuitable. Leave five minutes to New College Lane.

Allow 75 min.

Full venue guide ↗

THE DAY

Day 1 / 11:30 - 11:40

Bridge of Sighs



A short exterior stop only. Leave 15 minutes for the walk to the market and finding somewhere to eat.

Allow 10 min.

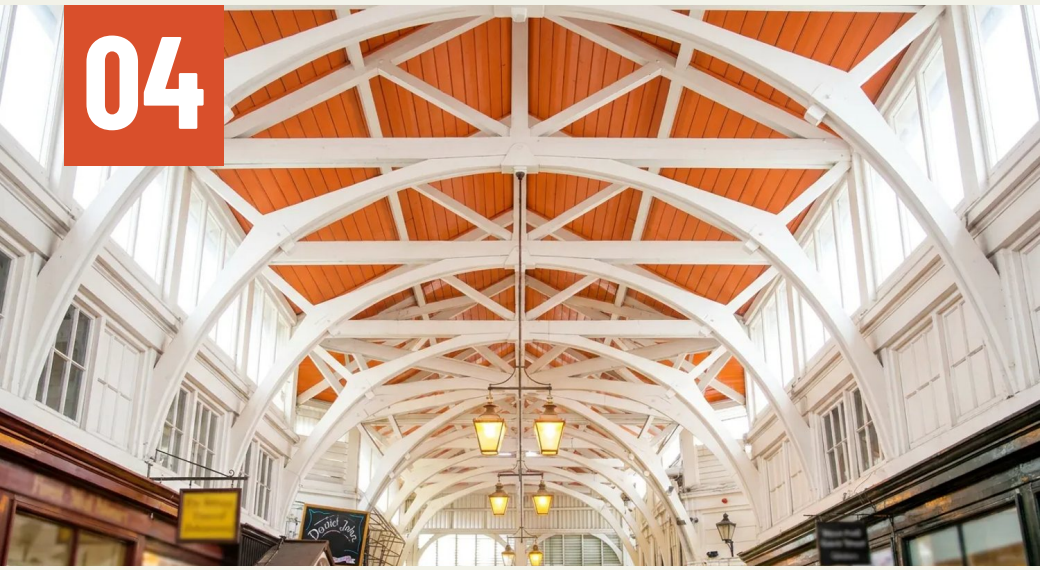
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THE DAY

Day 1 / 11:55 - 13:00

Lunch in the Covered Market

04



Choose an open trader and take a proper lunch break. Allow 15 minutes to the Ashmolean.

Allow 65 min.

Full venue guide ↗

THE DAY

Day 1 / 13:15 - 14:45

The Ashmolean

05



Choose a few permanent galleries; book ticketed exhibitions separately. Allow 25 minutes to walk down to Folly Bridge.

Allow 90 min.

Full venue guide ↗

THE DAY

Day 1 / 15:10 - 16:25

A riverside break at the Head of the River

06



Finish at Folly Bridge with a drink or an early meal, indoors if needed. Reserve a table separately if you want one. This stop does not include punting; any additional boat trip needs its own daylight, operating and transfer checks.

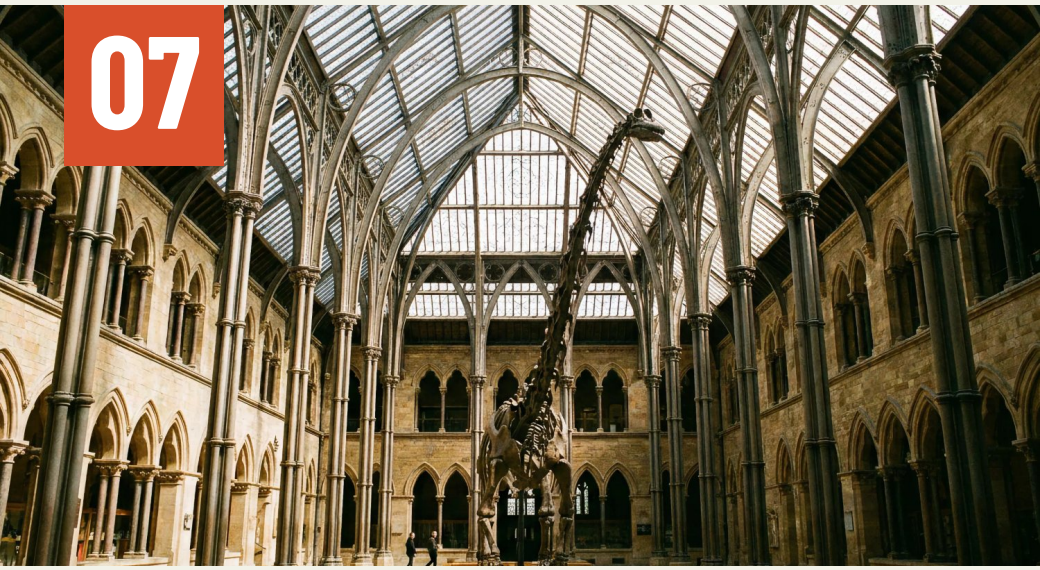
Allow 75 min.

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THE DAY

Day 2 / 10:00 - 11:00

Museum of Natural History



Start at the Parks Road entrance for a focused hour with the dinosaurs and collections. General admission is free. Leave ten minutes to the adjoining Pitt Rivers entrance.

Allow 60 min.

Full venue guide ↗

THE DAY

Day 2 / 11:10 - 12:00

Pitt Rivers Museum



This morning timing is for Tuesday-Sunday. Ordinary Mondays open at noon, so swap the two days if necessary rather than arriving at a closed door. Allow 15 minutes to Broad Street.

Allow 50 min.

Full venue guide ↗

THE DAY

Day 2 / 12:15 - 13:00

Lunch around Broad Street

09



Take lunch around Broad Street before the walk down High Street. This is an open choice, not a specific reserved restaurant. Leave 15 minutes to the Botanic Garden entrance on Rose Lane.

Allow 45 min.

Explore food & drink ↗

THE DAY

Day 2 / 13:15 - 14:15

Oxford Botanic Garden

10



Use the city-centre Garden admission, not an Arboretum ticket. This early-afternoon slot fits the normal winter 15:00 last entry and 16:00 close. Check site or glasshouse closures. Leave 15 minutes to a public meadow entrance.

Allow 60 min.

Full venue guide ↗

THE DAY

Day 2 / 14:30 - 15:15

Christ Church Meadow



A short public-path walk in daylight, not a full college visit. Entry is free, except the Meadow is closed on Christmas Day; avoid flooded paths and follow gate notices. If weather or daylight is poor, stay on the central streets instead. Leave 20 minutes to St Mary's.

Allow 45 min.

Full venue guide ↗

THE DAY

Day 2 / 15:35 - 16:20

St Mary's tower before closing

12



A separate ticket is required for ages 8+ and there are 127 steps. Current last tower admission is 16:30; this is a daytime skyline view, not a promised sunset climb. If the queue is long or stairs are unsuitable, finish in Radcliffe Square instead.

Allow 45 min.

Full venue guide ↗

THE PRACTICALITIES

Getting there & home

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.

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Before you go.

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

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