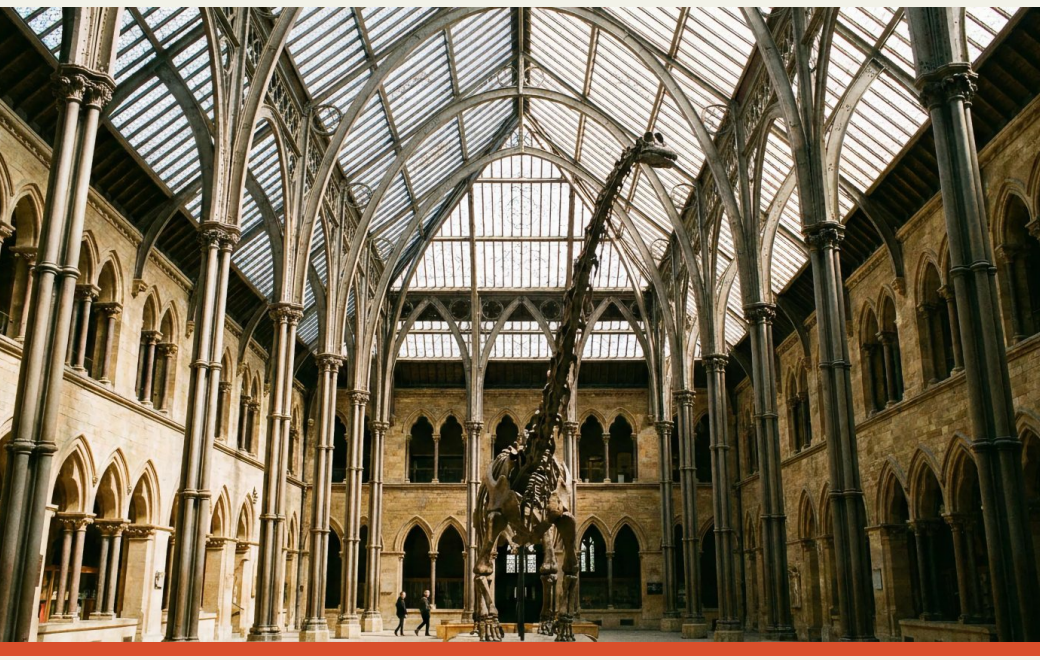
OXFORD / A DAY AWAY

Oxford museums

Explore four free Oxford museum collections on a five-hour Tuesday-Sunday route, with walking time, a café break and a separate Monday alternative.



TUESDAY TO SUNDAY

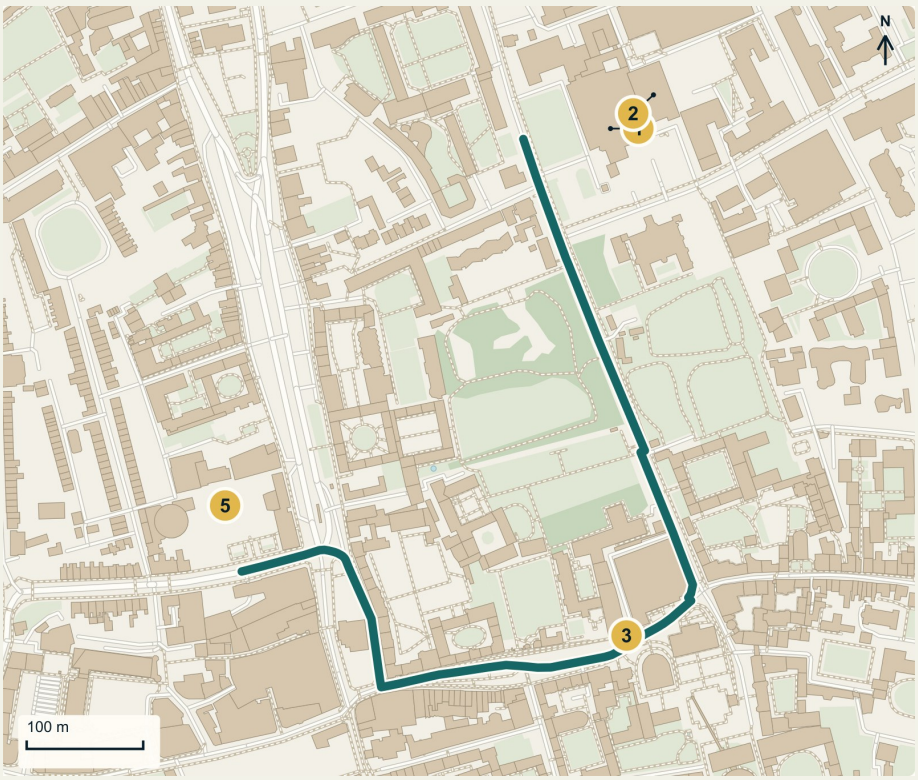
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Suggested times. Reservations are separate.

THE ATLAS

The route area



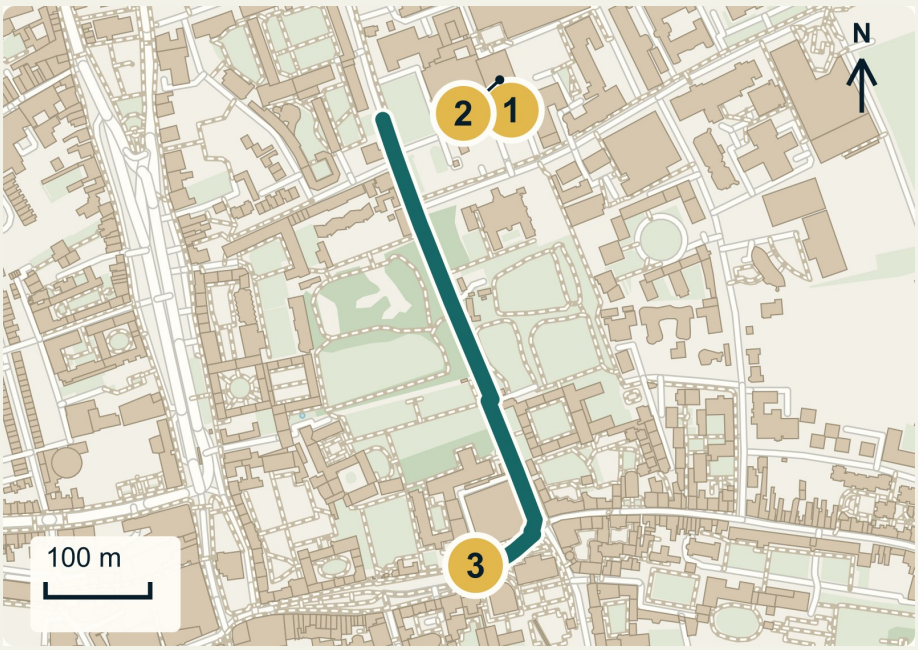
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2. Pitt Rivers
3. History of Science
5. Ashmolean

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THE ATLAS

The opening stops



1. Natural History
2. Pitt Rivers
3. History of Science

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THE DAY 10:00 - 10:50

Museum of Natural History

01



Start with dinosaurs, minerals and the main court under the iron-and-glass roof. Pitt Rivers follows, reached through this museum.

Free, unticketed admission. Arrive at Parks Road at 10:00. Allow ten minutes after the visit to reach Pitt Rivers.

Full venue guide ↗

THE DAY 11:00 - 11:50

Pitt Rivers Museum



Enter through Natural History and select a few collection cases, from musical instruments to textiles. The galleries offer a very different setting for the second visit.

This morning slot is for Tuesday-Sunday. Ordinary Mondays open at noon. Leave fifteen minutes afterwards to walk to Broad Street.

Full venue guide ↗

THE DAY 12:05 - 12:50

History of Science Museum



Einstein's 1931 blackboard sits among instruments that reveal how people have measured and understood the world. Focus on the blackboard, astrolabes and sundials.

Free; groups book ahead. Stairs, no public toilets and an unavailable basement access lift affect this visit. Use the access link below.

Full venue guide ↗

Museum access information ↗

THE DAY 12:50 - 13:20

Coffee & regroup



Find a café around Broad Street for a drink or light snack. This is an open-choice break before the final museum.

Pause from 12:50 to 13:20, then allow ten minutes to the Ashmolean. A full restaurant lunch needs a longer itinerary.

Explore food & drink ↗

THE DAY

13:30 - 15:00

The Ashmolean Museum

05



Visit a selection of Ashmolean galleries: early England, European paintings or the Spotlight Trail. Allow ninety minutes.

Free permanent collection. Book ahead at busy times; exhibitions are ticketed separately. Lifts serve public floors; temporary gallery closures may apply.

Full venue guide ↗

Admission & exhibition tickets ↗

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.

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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