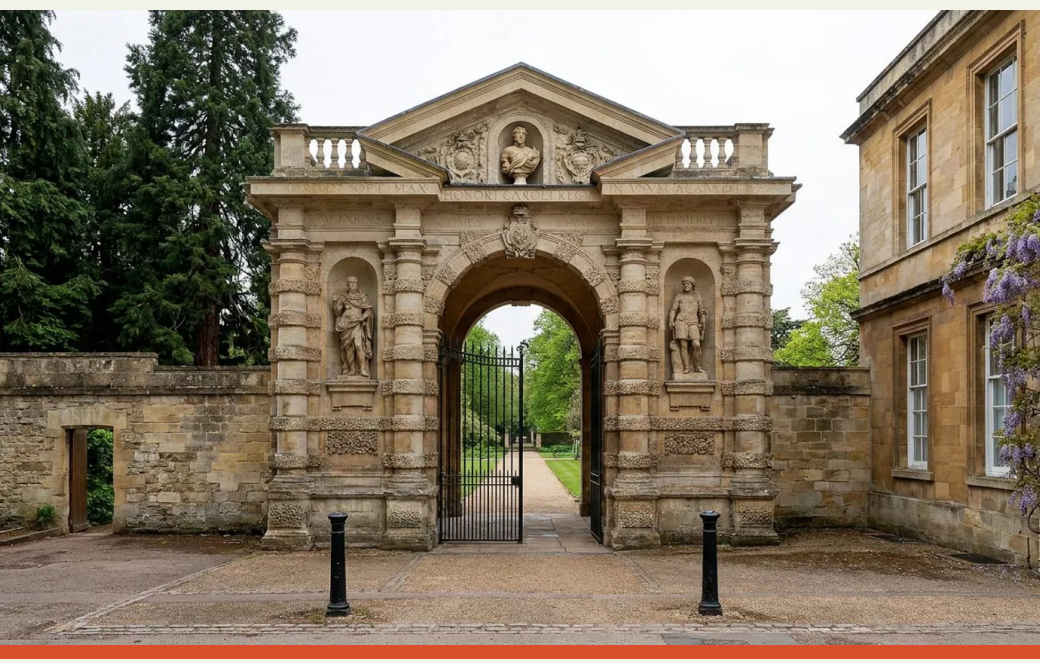
OXFORD / A DAY AWAY

Rivers & green spaces

Follow the Cherwell from Oxford Botanic Garden to a seasonal punt, Christ Church Meadow and a riverside table.



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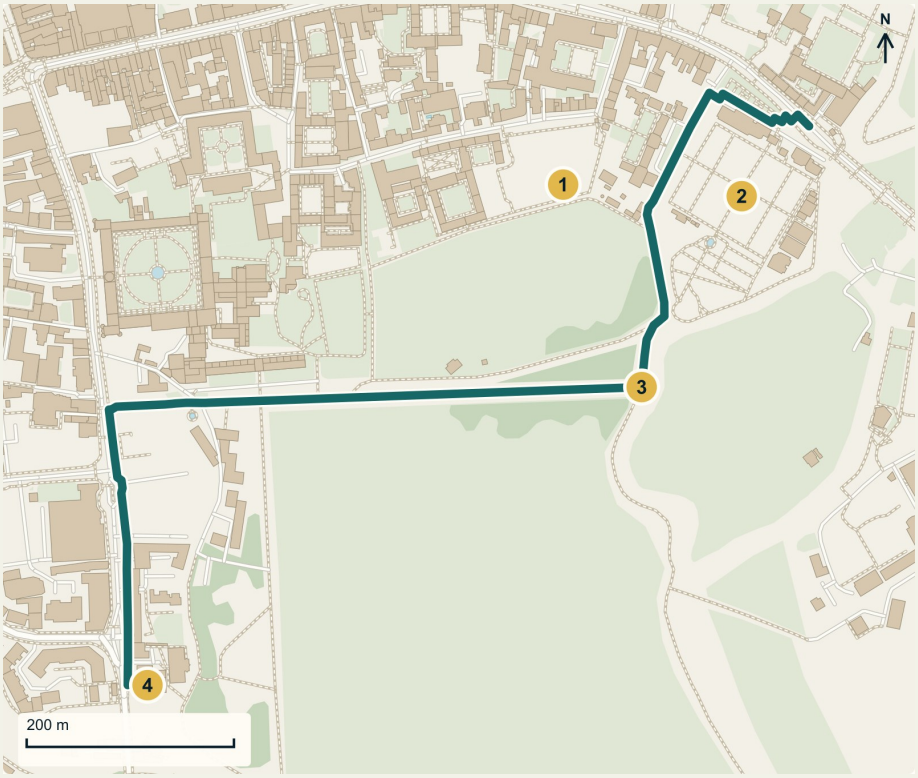
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Open your day online ↗

Suggested times. Reservations are separate.

THE ATLAS

The route area



1. Botanic Garden
2. Cherwell punt
3. Christ Church Meadow
4. Folly Bridge

Open the interactive route ↗

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THE ATLAS

The opening stops



1. Botanic Garden
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THE DAY 11:00 - 11:45

Oxford Botanic Garden



Use the city-centre Garden, not Harcourt Arboretum. Buy the appropriate admission ticket and check closures. In November-February last entry is 15:00 and the Garden closes at 16:00. Leave 15 minutes to walk to Magdalen Bridge Boathouse and arrange hire.

Allow 45 min.

Full venue guide ↗

THE DAY 12:00 - 13:00

Punt the Cherwell

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An hour on the water from Magdalen Bridge, returning to the same boathouse. The operator normally runs February-November, weather permitting. Confirm the return deadline and allow extra time for busy-day queues; use the land route if conditions or your party make boating unsuitable. Allow 15 minutes after return to reach the meadow entrance.

Allow 60 min.

STOP 2 / DETAILS & RESERVATIONS

Full venue guide ↗

THE DAY 13:15 - 14:15

Christ Church Meadow walk



Use the public paths in daylight, choosing a loop that finishes towards St Aldate's. Meadow entry is free and does not include the college or Cathedral. It is closed on Christmas Day; gates, flooding and ground conditions can shorten the walk. Allow 15 minutes to Folly Bridge.

Allow 60 min.

Full venue guide ↗

THE DAY 14:30 - 15:30

Lunch at the Head of the River



Finish with a late lunch at Folly Bridge. Reserve separately if a table matters, and choose indoor seating in poor weather. This is the main meal stop, so bring water and a snack for earlier in the route.

Allow 60 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.

Open the planner ↗

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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