



QUILL STUDY ABROAD

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Pembroke College, University of Oxford

INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

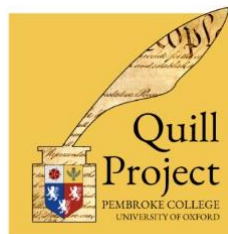


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Oxford University

As the oldest university in the English-speaking world, Oxford is a unique and historic institution. Throughout its history, the University has produced gifted men and women in every sphere of human endeavour and today it continues to lead the world in research and education, consistently ranked by independent experts as not only the foremost UK university, but as a global leader.

Among Oxford's alumni are 31 British Prime Ministers; at least 30 international leaders; 50 Nobel Prize winners; 9 current holders of the Order of Merit; 20 Archbishops of Canterbury; and some 120 Olympic medal winners. Oxford's reputation for success means it is a University with global appeal. Students from more than 140 countries and territories make up the student population while 41% of academic staff are citizens of foreign countries. The largest groups of international academic staff are from the USA, Germany, Italy, China, Australia, France, Ireland, India and Canada.

A distinctive feature of Oxford life is the collegiate system. There are 43 independent, self-governing colleges at Oxford University. Each college has its own Governing Body, comprising the Head of House and a number of Fellows, most of whom also hold University posts. Students and academics are members of a College as well as being part of the larger University body. This provides all the benefits of belonging to both a large, internationally renowned institution as well as to a smaller, interdisciplinary, academic college community. Most Oxford graduates maintain a lifelong attachment with their College.

Pembroke College

Pembroke College is one of the constituent Colleges of the University of Oxford. It traces its origins to Broadgates Hall, a medieval hostel for law students. While the earliest records relating to Broadgates date back to the 14th century, it was only in 1624 that King James I signed the letters patent to create the college we know today, named after the third Earl of Pembroke, Lord Chamberlain and Chancellor of the University, who had done much to promote its foundation.

The College's student body is made up of around 375 undergraduates, around 35 visiting students on their Junior Year Abroad from US and Chinese universities, and around 280 postgraduates. The whole student body is active in College life, with wide participation in activities and events.

Pembroke is committed to the tutorial system of undergraduate teaching with subject tutors here covering a wide range of disciplines. With a dynamic research community, the College is home to several research groups. You can find out more about the College on www.pmb.ox.ac.uk.



The Quill Project

The Quill Project (www.quillproject.net) is based at Pembroke College. Our platform and research enhance understanding of how some of the foundational negotiated texts of the modern world have been created, opening new avenues for scholarship and teaching through the application of accessible yet innovative technology.

Directed by Dr Nicholas Cole, a political historian specializing in post-Independence America, Quill has a series of research strands, including looking at US constitutional history, the constitutions of India and Australia, and the process of negotiating the Good Friday Agreement. Our interactive representations and bespoke software recreate the context within which constitutional conventions, legislative assemblies, and other formal groups made their decisions. We combine this technological approach with the expertise of legal and political historians, and outward-looking partnerships with educational non-profit organizations.

Study Abroad

The Quill study abroad programme began in 2017 as part of our partnership with Utah Valley University. In 2025, we will welcome around 50 students from five universities with which we have collaborative research projects: Arkansas State University, Coastal Carolina University, Rutgers (New Jersey), the University of Toledo, and Utah Valley University.

We have designed a programme which incorporates daily seminars in your own university group, working to the requirements of your institution, alongside opportunities to learn as part of a bigger group through lectures and debates. In advance of the study abroad, you can expect to receive preparatory readings from your institution, and you may have research papers to write during your stay. We will have a number of Oxford students and staff on hand who will assist you with navigating the Oxford library system to find the resources you need to complete these assignments.

Outside of class, you will dine with students from the other institutions and have the opportunity to participate in a range of extra-curricular activities together. A full schedule for the two weeks, including a list of extra-curricular activities is attached.

This document is designed to give you some general information about getting to Oxford and what to expect.



Arriving in Oxford

Printable maps and further information is available [here](#).

Oxford is about 60 miles (90 km) north-west of London and has excellent road and rail links. Regular coach services connect Oxford with the capital and the major airports. **If you are coming directly from the airport, we recommend you take the Airline coach (see below).**

From London airports

London Heathrow and Gatwick airports are linked to Oxford by The Airline coach service twenty-four hours a day. You can book your ticket in advance or buy it from the driver. We would recommend this option, as it is the most straightforward.

Since you will have luggage with you and want to go straight to your accommodation, tell the driver you want to get off the bus at **'Stop H5, St Aldate's'**. From there, it will be a 10-minute walk to your accommodation. If you prefer not to walk at all, you can stay on the bus to the terminus at Gloucester Green Bus Station, from where you can get a taxi.

By train

A direct service operates between Oxford and London Paddington and London Marylebone stations (approximately every 30 minutes). For information explore the National Rail Enquiries website <http://nationalrail.co.uk>. Train tickets are much cheaper when booked in advance. Pre-booked tickets can be downloaded to your phone or collected from ticket machines in the station. If collecting a ticket from the station, you must have the credit or debit card you used to pay for the tickets online.

By coach

24-hour direct services connect Oxford with London (peak times every 10-20 minutes). The Oxford Tube service includes Grosvenor Gardens, Marble Arch, Notting Hill Gate, Shepherd's Bush, and Hillingdon. For information on coaches to other major cities and airports contact

National Express. St Aldate's is the closest stop to Pembroke. Otherwise, all coaches go to Gloucester Green Coach Station in the city centre.



Accommodation

Accommodation is provided for you in student bedrooms in the Sir Geoffrey Archer Building ('the GAB'), a short walk from the main Pembroke College site. **Check in is from 2pm on Sunday 27 July.** If you are arriving earlier and need somewhere to store your luggage, please get in touch.

The address of the building is: **Sir Geoffrey Archer Building, Long Ford Close, Oxford OX1 4NJ**

'OX1 4NJ' is the post code of this building and can also be used to locate buildings on Googlemaps. Alternatively, the What Three Words code for the building is **change.ranch.joke**.

If you arrive in Oxford by bus, you will get off on St Aldate's. The Sir Geoffrey Arthur Building is down the hill from Stop H5, once you have gone over the bridge, turn right onto the path and follow the river until you reach the building. It should be no more than a 10-minute walk, but you can always use google maps if you get lost!

The GAB offers a range of facilities to make your stay comfortable:

Laundry Room: This shared facility is equipped with washing machines and tumble dryers, operated by WASHCO. Payment is made via contactless debit card, with costs starting at £2.20 per wash and £2.00 per dry. An iron and ironing board are also available for communal use.

Cooking: The Summer School is fully catered. However, shared kitchens with shared fridges are available. Students are responsible for keeping the space clean and as they would wish to find it.

Getting around

Most Oxford residents get around on foot or by bicycle – cars are not permitted in many of the main streets. Everywhere you will need to visit regularly for study purposes is less than 30

minutes on foot from your accommodation, so we recommend bringing comfortable shoes and a waterproof jacket. E-bikes and scooters are available for hire at various points in the city centre. If you plan to use these, we recommend that you familiarize yourself with the Highway Code as some traffic regulations may be different to the US. You might also like to consider purchasing a cycle helmet.



Libraries

Oxford boasts 101 different libraries, some among the most celebrated in the world, not only for their incomparable collections (over 13 million printed items in the Bodleian alone), but also for their buildings, some of which have remained in continuous use since the Middle Ages and form part of the iconic Oxford skyline. As a research institution, the University has grown up around its libraries and they remain at the heart of its identity and operation. As a special privilege of the Quill collaboration, Study Abroad scholars are able to use some of the most famous of these libraries, and we urge you to make the most of this opportunity.

The Bodleian Library

The Bodleian, known in Oxford simply as ‘the Bod’, is really a group of 26 different libraries. Libraries in the group include major research libraries attached to faculties, departments and other institutions of the University and, of course, the principal University library – the Bodleian Library – which has been a library of legal deposit for 400 years. Of particular interest during your stay are the collections in the Radcliffe Camera and in the Vere Harmsworth Library in the Rothermere American Institute (see link to maps below).

You will receive a Bodleian Library induction at the start of your stay. It is essential that you attend this induction. If you do not attend, you will be unable to access any libraries other than the Pembroke Library during your visit.

Most Bodleian libraries are not lending libraries, so you will order books from the stacks or find them in the open shelf collections and read them in one of the historic reading rooms.

Pembroke College Library

Each College also has its own private library, many of which also contain valuable manuscript collections and stunning reading rooms. You will only have access to the Pembroke College Library. The collection in Pembroke is much smaller than the Bodleian, however, your SALTO card will give you access, and it provides a good option as a study space.

Other Oxford Libraries

Whilst most Oxford libraries are affiliated to the University, there are some public libraries in Oxford. Geared towards less academic text, these libraries can be great for studying in a quiet space or finding some time to read for pleasure outside of your course. The Westgate Public Library isn't far from Pembroke, and holds several floors of books.

Useful links

Map: <https://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/libraries>

History of the Bodleian: <https://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/about/history>.

Guide to using the Bodleian: <https://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/using/introduction>

Library Catalogue: <https://libguides.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/solo>

Westgate Public Library: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries/find-library/oxford-westgate-library>

Printing, copying and scanning: <https://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/using/copy/pcas>

Recreational Activities

A range of extracurricular activities are available for you during your stay. Other than the trips to London and Stratford, none of the activities are compulsory, and must be opted into by signing up. You should have received a link to a form to indicate which interest you. A link to this form is also available here: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/eXtL1mTpFs>

Some will cost money, so it may be worth budgeting for things you are particularly keen to take part in. It is not recommended to try and do them all, as you will find it difficult to balance this with your studies whilst you are here. You could also explore Oxford and London yourselves, and there are recommendations for places to visit and things to do further down in this document.

Things to Do in Oxford

Oxford Sights

Blackwell's book shop on Broad Street. See if you can find the Norrington room, the largest bookselling room in the world, containing over 150,000 books! Upstairs in the shop is also a rare and old books room, full of first editions of British Classics.

<https://morrisoxford.co.uk/norrington-room/>

The Ashmolean Museum. The museum is Oxford's museum for art and culture and will be running an exhibition on the Kimonos of Tamasaburo (a Japanese onnataga actor) when you are visiting us.

<https://www.ashmolean.org>

The History of Science Museum. Located next to the Sheldonian theatre on Broad Street, the museum explores histories of science and medicine from the medieval era to the present day. There is also an exhibition on 'Lyra's Oxford', focusing on the 'His Dark Materials' series, written by Phillip Pullman whilst at Exeter college on Turl Street.

<https://www.hsm.ox.ac.uk/plan-your-visit>

The Sheldonian Theatre. Built by Sir Christopher Wren in the 1660s, all Oxford students matriculate and graduate in this building. The ceiling is painted beautifully and there are often concerts and other events held there in the evening.

<https://www.sheldonian.ox.ac.uk/events?page-1186831=1>

Evensong at a college chapel. Lots of the college chapels have their own organists and choristers. As a result, evensong can be heard in chapels around Oxford most days, and can often provide an opportunity to explore colleges as well. Check the link below for a timetable:

<https://www.sheldonian.ox.ac.uk/events?page-1186831=1>

Investigate the Oxford Botanical Gardens. A peaceful haven just off Magdalen bridge, the botanical gardens are a tranquil space to reflect and explore the gardens and greenhouses by the river.

<https://www.obga.ox.ac.uk>

Take a tour of another college. Pembroke is not all there is to see in terms of the colleges! New college has some beautiful gardens, Merton college lays claim to also being a home of JRR Tolkien, and the chapel in Magdalen is beautifully serene. Further North of the high street, some of the old women's colleges (now co-educational), have their own unique stories to tell about the journeys of women in Oxford in the 19th and 20th centuries. St Anne's College and Lady Margaret Hall are two good examples. Some colleges will run guided tours for a fee, others will happily let you explore on your own.

<https://www.new.ox.ac.uk/visiting-the-college>

<https://www.merton.ox.ac.uk/visitor-information>

<https://www.magd.ox.ac.uk/visiting-magdalen-college/>

<https://www.lmh.ox.ac.uk/about-lmh>

<https://www.st-annes.ox.ac.uk>

Lectures and seminars

The Oxford University website provides a listing of public seminars and events which students are welcome to attend. Follow any directions provided on signing up in advance:

<https://talks.ox.ac.uk>

<https://www.ox.ac.uk/events-list>.

Eating and Drinking

Visit Knoop's. Knoop's is an artisan hot chocolate shop on Turl Street, just off Broad Street. You can choose whether you want white, milk, or dark hot chocolate, and what percentage of cocoa is in each of the chocolates. It's a firm favourite with the university students and city visitors alike.

[https://knoops.co.uk/pages/store-](https://knoops.co.uk/pages/store-locations/oxford?srltid=AfmBOopMSlmlUz4Eix_2RsseA1c05D0027ZOPElzt5_ro4frCHAIaFaAO)

[locations/oxford?srltid=AfmBOopMSlmlUz4Eix_2RsseA1c05D0027ZOPElzt5_ro4frCHAIaFaAO](https://knoops.co.uk/pages/store-locations/oxford?srltid=AfmBOopMSlmlUz4Eix_2RsseA1c05D0027ZOPElzt5_ro4frCHAIaFaAO)

Ben's Cookies. A cookie shop in the covered market and a favourite of locals and tourists alike.

<https://www.benscookies.com>

The King's Arms pub. A classic, old-style Oxford pub. The King's Arms also features in a number of films about the city and the University.

<https://www.kingsarmsoxford.co.uk>

The Bear Inn. One of Pembroke College's 'locals', a wood-paneled fire-warmed cozy pub. The current building dates to the 1700s, although there has been an inn of some sort since 1242. Very small and eccentric. Displays a collection of 4500 neckties. It is rumoured that the pub is so named because of an early landlord's pet bear.

Taylor's. A sandwich shop chain based solely in Oxford. Pricey, but it sells great snacks and paninis.

<https://taylorsoxford.co.uk>

Get lunch at Gloucester Green Market. A market only an 8-minute walk from Pembroke, offering a large variety of different cuisines at affordable prices. It is open every Wednesday and Thursday from 9am-4pm, every Friday and Saturday 9am-5pm and every Sunday from 11am-5pm.

<https://www.oxford.gov.uk/markets/gloucester-green-market>

Shopping

Scriptum, on Turl Street. A curiosity shop selling quill pens and other antiquated stationery. A way to feel the magic of Oxford in one place.

<https://www.scriptum.co.uk>

Browse the covered market. A historic market dating back to the 1770s, it offers over 50 independent shops, cafes, and restaurants.

<https://oxford-coveredmarket.co.uk>

Bird and Blend. A tea shop on the High Street selling novelty tea blends that may prove popular as souvenirs with friends and family at home.

More Active Things

A walk in Christ Church meadows. These will be in full bloom when you are here in the summer, but are beautiful at any time of year. You can walk past the main college and choose to go straight on towards Magdalen bridge, where you will see people punting with varying degrees of success, or turn right, away from the college building, and go down to the river and to 'Boathouse Island', where you will find the college rowing clubs training... also with varying degrees of success. The meadows are locked at sunset, so don't get caught out!

<https://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/visit/meadow>

Go punting. Don't be fooled by seasoned punters gliding effortlessly up and down the river Cherwell, mastering this skill is no mean feat. Take a punt from the Cherwell Boat House or Magdalen Bridge to have a try for yourself. However, we will be doing this activity during the summer school as a group, so don't panic if you don't have a chance in your free time.

<https://cherwellboathouse.co.uk/punting/>

<https://www.oxfordpunting.co.uk>

Walk up St Mary's Church tower. With a view at the top over all of Oxford, the tower of the University Church—situated in Radcliffe Square—has 127 steps, along with a library and historic bell ringing chamber. The church dates from 1280 and is open until 1800 in July and August.

<https://www.universitychurch.ox.ac.uk/content/tower-and-gift-shop>

A walk in the Magdalen Deer Park. As an Oxford college with its entry on the bustling High Street, visitors are often surprised to realise it houses a deer park within its grounds! The college is open to visitors most days, and the deer park is a tranquil place to appreciate the flora and fauna Oxford has to offer.

<https://www.magd.ox.ac.uk/visiting-magdalen-college/>

Fitness and Gyms

Pembroke is located near to several popular gyms, the closest (and cheapest) option being 'Pure Gym'. Most gyms require you to sign up to a membership scheme. It is worth checking online if there are any promotions running before signing up.

Pure Gym:

- Located in the Westgate shopping Centre, a 3-minute walk from Pembroke
- Open 24/7
- Membership starting at £19.99 a month (make sure to check if there are any promotions running: at the time of writing, there is an offer to join with no joining fee)
- Membership is cancellable at any time

Other options:

- Buzz Gym: another gym, only 4 minutes away and open 24/7, monthly fee starting from £26.99.
- Rosenblatt pool: An indoor pool only an 18-minute bus journey away (Iffley Rd, OX4 1EQ).
- Ferry Leisure Centre: a public leisure centre a short bus ride away.



Things to Do in London

Travel to and around London

Getting from Oxford to London:

London is easy to reach for a day out from Oxford. The cheapest and most convenient way to get there is on the Oxford Tube. They run every 15 minutes 24/7 and will get you to central London in approximately 2 hours.

The nearest stop from Pembroke is a short 10-minute walk; the 'Gloucester Green Bus Stop'. You can buy tickets in advance online using the "Oxford Tube" app, or you can buy them once you arrive onto the bus.

Single-way tickets will cost £14.50, or an open return (which lasts 1 month) will be only £17.

If you'd prefer a slightly quicker, but more expensive, option to get to London, you can always opt for the train.

The two easiest would be either: Oxford to London Paddington (Prices vary, but they start at £32 for single journey)

Or Oxford to London Marylebone (Prices vary, but they start at £15 for single journey)

You can purchase tickets via apps such as "Trainline" or at the Oxford train station, a 15-minute walk from Pembroke. Train tickets are much cheaper booked at least one day in advance.

Travelling within London:

The Tube:

Once you arrive in London, the underground or "Tube" system is the most effective way to travel large distances quickly and cheaply. If you have a contactless payment card, apple or google pay, you can simply 'tap on' by scanning your card before entering the gates. However, if you have none of these, you can purchase an "oyster card". Information for how to use these will be available on the TFL website [here](#).

The tube can be slightly overwhelming if it is your first time with an underground travel system! But rest assured it is all simple to use. Google maps can provide detailed instructions of which line you will need to get on. Just remember to check where the Tube is going. There will be signs that say the final destination of the train and the wait time. Most tubes are incredibly frequent (every 1-5 minutes) so you will not need to worry about missing a train. Maps are also displayed all over the tube station which you can use to check the destination.

Some pointers:

- When on the elevators, make sure you stand to the right. This is common etiquette which allows passengers to walk down to the left if needed.
- Stay safe and vigilant of your surroundings. There is no need to be too worried. However, as with all crowded spaces, the risk of theft is possible. Keeping your belongings with you at all times is therefore essential. Avoid putting your phone or wallet in a back pocket where it would be easy to grab.

The Bus:

London also has a system of regular buses. These will usually take longer than the tube, but the fare is standardized at less than £2, so can often be cheaper. Contactless card or apple/google pay are, similarly, the easiest way to pay for transport.

Lime Bikes:

If you don't fancy the Bus or Train, there are always Lime Bikes! These electric bikes are a quick and fun way to get around. Once you download the Lime app (iOS or Android), you can search for nearby vehicles and see local riding and parking guidelines. To unlock a vehicle and start riding, scan the QR code on the vehicle display. You'll see local rates and be able to start your ride.

Places to Visit

Westminster Abbey

<https://www.westminster-abbey.org/visit-us/>

Opening times: Saturday: 9.00am-3.00pm (May to August)

£26 Students (with ID)

You can book tickets in advance or buy on the day

Address: 20 Deans Yd, Westminster, London SW1P 3PA

St Paul's Cathedral

<https://www.stpauls.co.uk/visits/visits>

Opening times: 8:30–16:00. May be closed for the 12:30 service.

It takes about 2 hours to see everything

£22.50 Students (with ID)

You can book in advance or buy on the day

Address: St. Paul's Churchyard, London EC4M 8AD

Tower of London

<https://www.hrp.org.uk/tower-of-london/#gs.prdznb>

Opening times: Tuesday-Saturday- 09:00-17:30

You will need at least 3 hours to see everything

Online booking price: £26.00; Students: £20.70

Address: Tower of London, London, EC3N 4AB

Globe Theatre

<https://www.shakespearesglobe.com>

Watch a Shakespeare play in the Globe Theatre - tickets are very cheap if you are willing to stand as audiences did in Shakespeare's day!

Address: 21 New Globe Walk, Bankside, London SE1 9DT

Big Ben

Get a photo with one of London's best-known attractions!

Address: London SW1A 0AA

The London Eye

Opening hours: 11am-6pm (open until 8:30pm on Friday and Saturday).

Tickets are cheaper if you book online in advance, starting at £29 pp.

Riverside Building, County Hall, London SE1 7PB

Museums and Galleries

National Gallery

<https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/>

Open: 10:00-18:00

Admission: free

Address: Trafalgar Square, London WC2N 5DN

National Portrait Gallery

<https://www.npg.org.uk/>

Open: 10:00-18:00

Admission: free

Address: St Martin's Place, London WC2H 0HE

Tate Britain

<https://www.tate.org.uk/visit/tate-britain>

Open: 10:00-18:00

Admission: free

Address: Millbank, London SW1P 4RG

Tate Modern

<https://www.tate.org.uk/visit/tate-modern>

Open: 10:00-22:00

Admission: free

Address: Bankside, London SE1 9TG

Victoria and Albert Museum

<https://www.vam.ac.uk>

Open: 10:00-17.45

Admission: free

Address: Cromwell Road, London, SW7 2RL

British Library

<https://www.bl.uk/>

Admission: depends on exhibition. See <https://www.bl.uk/whats-on>

Open: 9:30- 5pm

Address: British Library, 96 Euston Road, London NW1 2DB

Places to Eat

Breakfast and Cafes

Beam (Crouch End)

Cost: ££-£££ (around £20-£40 per person)

Cuisine: Modern European, Seasonal, British

Details: Beam is a highly regarded modern European restaurant in Crouch End, known for its fresh and creative dishes made with seasonal, locally sourced ingredients. The menu features a mix of British and European influences, offering dishes that are both refined and approachable.

Location: 28-30 High Street, Crouch End, N8 8D

The Good Egg (Stoke Newington)

Cost: ££ (around £15-£25 per person)

Cuisine: Middle Eastern, Jewish, Mediterranean-inspired

Details: The Good Egg is a beloved spot in Stoke Newington known for its vibrant and delicious Middle Eastern-inspired menu.

Location: 93 Church Street, Stoke Newington, N16 0AS

Lunch and Markets:

Borough Market (London Bridge)

Cost: ££ (varies widely depending on what you choose)

Cuisine: Street food from around the world

Details: One of London's most famous food markets, Borough Market is a food lover's paradise, offering everything from fresh produce to artisanal cheeses, breads, pastries, and street food. You can find food from all corners of the globe, from Spanish paella to Ethiopian injera. It's a great place to sample a variety of foods and enjoy a more casual meal.

Location: 8 Southwark Street, London, SE1 1TL

Chinatown

Cost: ££ (varies depending on where you go)

Cuisine: A wide range of Asian food.

Details: It's one of the most popular and dynamic parts of the city, known for its rich Chinese cultural heritage, bustling atmosphere, and wide variety of restaurants, shops, and markets.

Location: Close to Leicester Square, Piccadilly Circus, and Covent Garden.

Brick Lane Market (Shoreditch)

Cost: ££ (varies widely depending on what you choose)

Cuisine: Street food, Vintage Goods, International Cuisines

Details: Brick Lane is famous for its lively atmosphere and international food stalls. You can find everything from delicious Bangladeshi curries to freshly made bagels, vegan options, and even Middle Eastern delicacies. The market also features vintage clothing, independent shops, and art. It's a great place for lunch or a mid-afternoon snack.

Location: Brick Lane, E1 6RL

Camden Market (Camden)

Cost: ££ (varies depending on the food stall)

Cuisine: Street food, Fusion, International

Details: Camden Market offers an eclectic mix of global street food, quirky stalls, and independent shops. You can try everything from Mexican tacos and Ethiopian injera to Korean BBQ and vegan burgers. The market has a cool, alternative vibe, and is especially popular for its diverse food scene.

Location: Camden Lock Place, NW1 8AF

Dinner and Restaurants

Dishoom (Covent Garden)

Cost: ££-£££ (around £15-£25 per person)

Cuisine: Indian (specifically inspired by Bombay)

Details: Dishoom is a popular spot serving delicious Indian dishes inspired by the Irani cafés of Bombay. The menu features flavorful small plates, hearty curries, grilled meats, and the signature bacon naan roll (a must-try!). The atmosphere is chic but welcoming, with retro-style decor that transports you to old Bombay.

Location: 12 Upper St Martin's Lane, Covent Garden, WC2H 9FB

Poppies Fish & Chips (Spitalfields)

Cost: ££ (around £10-£15 for a meal)

Cuisine: British (Fish & Chips)

Details: For a quintessentially British meal, you can't go wrong with Poppies. Established in the 1940s, this award-winning fish and chips shop has been serving up crispy fish and golden fries for decades. It's often considered one of the best spots for fish and chips in London, with classic, retro decor and friendly service.

Location: 6-8 Hanbury Street, Spitalfields, E1 6QR

Shopping

Clothing Markets in London

Portobello Road Market (Notting Hill)

Type of Items: Vintage clothing, antiques, accessories, and artisan products.

Location: Portobello Road, Notting Hill, W11 1LJ

Overview: Famous for its antique stalls, Portobello Road Market also offers a fantastic selection of vintage clothing, especially in the section near Westbourne Grove end. The market is a mix of high-end and affordable finds, and it's perfect for those looking to add a bit of retro flair to their wardrobe.

Spitalfields Market (Shoreditch)

Type of Items: Clothing, handmade accessories, jewelry, and art.

Location: 16 Horner Square, London, E1 6EW

Overview: Spitalfields is a trendy market in the heart of East London that's perfect for finding unique, handmade clothing, local designers, and vintage-inspired pieces. It's a hub for independent designers and up-and-coming fashion brands.

Old Spitalfields Market (Shoreditch)

Type of Items: Fashion, food, lifestyle products, including vintage/independent clothing.

Location: 16 Horner Square, Spitalfields, E1 6EW

Overview: Located just a short walk from Spitalfields Market, Old Spitalfields has a reputation for eclectic fashion finds, including both new and vintage clothing. It's especially known for its vibrant stalls and pop-up shops from indie fashion designers.

Shopping Centres in London

Oxford Street (West End)

Type of Items: High-street fashion, luxury brands, beauty products, and accessories.

Location: Oxford Street, London, W1D 1BS

Westfield London (White City and Stratford)

Type of Items: Designer fashion, electronics, luxury goods, and high-street brands.

Location: White City, W12 7GF & Stratford, E20 1EJ

Vintage Stores in London

Beyond Retro (Shoreditch, Dalston, and Camden)

Type of Items: Vintage clothing, accessories, and footwear. They specialize in unique and sustainable fashion from past decades.

Location: 56-58 Great Eastern Street, Shoreditch, EC2A 3QR (and other locations in Dalston and Camden)

Overview: Beyond Retro is one of the most famous vintage stores in London, known for its wide selection of retro clothes, from 80s and 90s styles to iconic pieces from earlier decades. It's a great place for finding unique jackets, dresses, and accessories.

Rokit (Brick Lane, Camden, and Covent Garden)

Type of Items: A mix of vintage clothing, shoes, and accessories with a focus on items from the 20th century.

Location: 101-103 Brick Lane, London, E1 6SE

Music and Live Events

It is worth looking out for if any artists you enjoy might be playing in London! Or use your time here as an opportunity to discover some new music. London is full of historic and exciting music venues!

Some examples:

KOKO

Location: 1A Camden High Street, Camden, London, NW1 7JE

Overview: KOKO is a renowned live music venue and nightclub located in Camden.

Originally a theatre, it was converted into a music venue in the early 2000s and has since hosted performances by top international artists across various genres.

ELECTRIC BALLROOM

Location: 184 Camden High Street, Camden, London, NW1 8QP

Overview: The Electric Ballroom is a legendary live music venue in the heart of Camden, known for its mix of performances, from rock and punk to electronic and indie music. It has a rich history and remains one of London's iconic venues for live music.

ROUNDHOUSE

Location: Chalk Farm Road, Camden, London, NW1 8EH

Overview: The Roundhouse is an iconic, historic venue with a stunning cylindrical structure, originally built as a railway engine shed. Today, it hosts a diverse range of music events, including concerts, festivals, and theatre performances. It's famous for its excellent acoustics and immersive atmosphere.

Before Travelling

Some things to think about sorting out or packing before you leave:



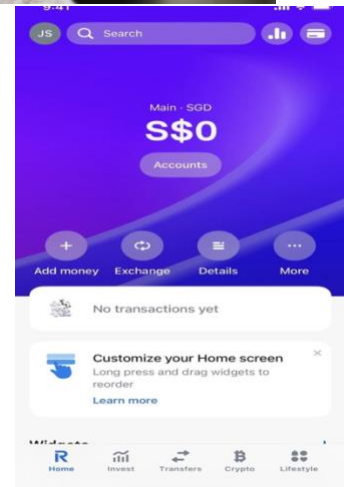
Banking and Spending Without Fees

While bringing cash may be useful, the primary way of spending in Oxford will be via 'contactless' payments. The best way to do this will be to make an account with Revolut: an app which allows you to set up an online bank where you can transfer money in one currency (for example, dollars) and convert it to the currency of the country you're in.

By using Revolut, you won't have to worry about exchange rate fees, meaning there will be no extra charges for any purchase you make.

How to use:

1. Download the 'Revolut' App via Android or IOS onto your phone
2. Click the 'Sign up' button, enter your mobile number and set up an account



3. When you have signed in you should see a home page that looks something like the image above.
4. Click the '+' Icon and Add money to your account. You can go back to add more at any time!
5. Then, click the 'Exchange' button. Here, you will be able to transfer your USD into GBP (Great British Pounds). Enter any amount you like but having a few hundred pounds would be recommended – if you have money left over, you are always able to transfer it back into dollars.
6. Once this money is converted, you should be able to add this temporary 'Revolut card' to your phone's wallet (for example, you can attach it to your apple wallet). Then, whenever you want to pay, simply just open your Revolut card and tap!

Packing

You are going to be in Oxford in the summer. In the UK, this can mean wildly different things! We'd recommend a lot of different layers so that you can layer up and down at the whims of Mother Nature. A waterproof jacket is a must, and practical shoes for walking, including in wet weather, are essential.

You can dress casually for day-to-day seminars and dinners. If you have space, you might like to bring one smarter outfit for attending the banquet dinner at the end of the programme (for example, a summer dress or shirt and trousers). However, please don't feel obliged to do so and do prioritize your raincoat if you are short of space!

Bedding and towels will be provided.

You will need to bring any laptop, tablet, or other equipment that you usually use to study with you. The Bodleian library is an exceptionally well-stocked repository for digital materials as well as print, so it is important not to miss out on accessing online collections whilst you are here.

Having a Phone and a SIM

A temporary UK SIM card is a practical way to have access to data/internet whenever you need it, without incurring high roaming charges. This will be particularly helpful if you want to access apple/google maps to help navigate yourself during your time here.

You have the option of purchasing an eSIM at any point from most major mobile services providers (Orange, Vodaphone, etc) – simply search 'UK eSIM'. However, if you prefer to purchase a physical SIM in the UK here are some options:

At the Airport: SIM cards are available at kiosks in the arrivals area. These might be more expensive but offer convenience.

In Oxford: Oxford has several mobile carrier stores on Cornmarket Street (EE and Vodafone) and in the Westgate Shopping Centre (O2). Large supermarkets like Tesco and Sainsbury's often sell SIM cards at their checkout counters.

Eduroam Internet Access

You will have access to Pembroke College Wi-Fi in your accommodation. However, all University buildings in Oxford are also connected to the Eduroam network. This will enable you to use your laptop and phone in all the libraries and teaching facilities. Because you remain a student at your own university and will not have an Oxford email address, you will need to set up your Eduroam account and password with your home university email address. If you don't already use Eduroam and need assistance to do this, we would recommend that you sort it out while you are still at your home university, so you can get support from their IT helpdesk if required.

Emergencies

Medical Care

It is important that you have medical insurance in place for the duration of your stay. If you're not sure how to get the help you need, use this checklist to guide you.

- **Call 999** if someone is seriously ill or injured and their life is at risk.
- **Call NHS 111** if you urgently need medical help or advice but it's not a life-threatening situation. You can also call NHS 111 if you're not sure which NHS service you need.
- **Go to NHS 111 online** to get help for your symptoms.
- **Go to a walk-in centre, minor injuries unit or urgent treatment centre**, if you have a minor illness or injury (cuts, sprains or rashes) and it cannot wait until your GP surgery is open. You can take the 3X bus from St Aldate's to the John Radcliffe Hospital.
- **Ask a local pharmacist for advice** – a pharmacist can give you advice about many common minor illnesses, such as diarrhoea, minor infections, headaches, sore throats, or travel health. Boots is a large pharmacy in the centre of Oxford.

Contact Information

The teams at your home university and Pembroke both want to make sure your stay in Oxford is as successful and comfortable as possible, so please don't hesitate to get in touch with any of us before or during your stay.

Your home university retains primary responsibility for both your academic studies and welfare. It is worth checking if there is a nominated member of staff to contact in an emergency.

The Porters' Lodge (reception) at Pembroke College is open 24 hours per day and will be ready to assist with emergencies at any time. The Porters can be reached on +44 (0)1865 276444. You can contact the Warden at the GAB on +44 (0)7745 542755. On arrival, we will also give you contact details for the Summer School assistants.

During working hours, please feel free to drop into the Quill Office on the main College site with any queries and we will be happy to try to help you.

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