



Walking tour guide

Explore a different side of the
University of Oxford

North Oxford Colleges

Explore Oxford outside the hustle and bustle of the centre.

Discover colleges with boat houses, sculpture gardens and even library cats, each with their own distinct personality and style.



How to use this Tour Guide



The total walking time of this tour is around 1 hour 10 minutes through University Parks and streets full of local businesses.

Customise your tour

Make the tour your own! Colleges often welcome visitors to have a look around, so why not include a tour of a couple of the colleges along your journey. Stop for lunch or to take in the local shops, or why not try the route backwards?

Start at whichever point makes sense for you.

We suggest:

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from central
Oxford

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from Oxford
Parkway

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from the
Sciences Area



Oxford Parkway Park & Ride and Train Station



Oxford
Station

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Wadham

Wadham has an outstanding academic reputation. We offer a stimulating learning environment across a wide variety of disciplines, and access to excellent resources and facilities in an informal and progressive atmosphere. Whilst we are one of the largest undergraduate colleges in Oxford (c.150 undergraduates a year), Wadham has a very strong sense of community.

The Students' Union organises regular social events and activities, including 'bops' (Oxford college parties), quizzes, karaoke, film nights, art sessions, yoga and Zumba classes, and more. Popular annual events include a summer music festival (Wadstock), Queerfest, a celebration of gender diversity and equality, and an outdoor play held in the extensive college gardens.

10 minute walk



St Catz

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St Catherine's (Catz) is Oxford's youngest undergraduate college, known for its striking modernist architecture, inclusive atmosphere, and academic excellence. Set beside the River Cherwell, Catz offers outstanding facilities including a large library, music house, gym, and on-site accommodation where most students stay for three years of their studies. With a wide range of courses across arts, sciences, and humanities, and a vibrant student life with the largest undergraduate body, Catz is a place where you can thrive both academically and socially.

15 minute walk

At Lady Margaret Hall, we describe ourselves as the friendliest, most ground-breaking and most supportive college. In October 1879, we welcomed the first 9 women to ever study at Oxford, later establishing our own Foundation Year for under-represented students. Our students describe us as 'like coming home at the end of the day', 'fabulous', and as having a lot of nice brick!



LMH

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LMH has beautiful grounds, with our own punts, tennis courts and a gym on-site. We offer accommodation to undergraduate students for three years of their degree, have kitchens for all our students, and have our very own library cat, called Isambard Kitten Brunel (Issy for short). Escape the noise and come and visit!

15 minute walk

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St Hugh's



Founded in 1886 as the third of Oxford's former women's colleges, St Hugh's is now one of the largest colleges in Oxford with around 400 undergraduate students from all over the world! Situated in peaceful north Oxford, St Hugh's boasts beautiful and extensive grounds, as well as easy access to lots of subject departments – particularly the Mathematical Institute, the Science Area, and the Institute of Human Sciences. St Hugh's guarantees on-site accommodation to undergraduate students for every year of their degree, and 24/7 access to one of the biggest college libraries in Oxford – come and visit us to find out more!

10 minute walk

St Anne's is a down-to-earth, friendly and independent-minded college that takes people for what they are. It is modern in its outlook and architecture and open to the world, informal and yet academically demanding. We are one of Oxford's largest colleges, with some 446 undergraduates and 300 graduates.



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St Anne's

5 minute walk

A hidden gem, Somerville lies off the main tourist trail with beautiful, expansive quads where, unusually for Oxford colleges, you're allowed to walk on the grass!

Anne's is committed to providing our students with the best possible environment for their study, personal growth and wellbeing whilst studying at University. We are an open and supportive community of staff and students – please do come say hello during the Open Day!



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Somerville

We can provide accommodation on site for all 3-4 years of your course. Originally founded as a women's college at a time where women were excluded from university (although we're now mixed), we have an ethos of including the excluded. Our students organise an annual University-wide BAME formal and have established a Gender Expression Fund to support trans and non-binary students: just two examples of what makes us one of the most welcoming and progressive colleges in Oxford. If you're looking for a relaxed, supportive and inclusive community come and check us out.

5 minute walk

At 155 years old and with 130 students per year group, Keble is a larger and (relatively) younger Oxford college. Keble students are very proud of our unique looks, and like to claim the red and white layers make the college resemble a giant lasagne (it's up to you if you agree with them).



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Keble

Keble offers on-site accommodation for three years, most of which is ensuite. We are also home to the longest dining hall (by one brick) in the entire University.

We have a lively and supportive community, with study skills tutors and a college counsellor available to add to your support network. Keble is never short of friendly faces, including our Warden's dog, who is always happy to go for walks with staff and students in the neighbouring University Parks.

7 minute walk

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Mansfield



We are the Oxford college with the highest proportion of undergraduates from the state sector.

Our small size and welcoming ethos make Mansfield a warm, informal environment where tutors and students work together to achieve academic excellence and sustain a progressive and lively community.

During your visit, keep an eye out for our college cats: Basil, Beatrice, and Ziggy!



Find out more

www.lmh.ox.ac.uk/north-oxford-colleges-walking-tour