

# OXFORD

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# SHOPPING The best of Oxford

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## **The Covered Market | Market Street**

This quirky eighteenth-century Covered Market, situated just off of the high street, houses many traditional market stalls such as greengrocers, fishmongers and cobblers, as well as a plethora of fun gift shops, florists, bakeries, snack bars and arts and crafts outlets. You can really find everything under one roof!



## **Market Stalls | Gloucester Green**

Right at the heart of the city, Gloucester Green market is a go-to place for all cravings related to various cuisines, fast food, exotic fruits and vegetables in addition to accessories and souvenirs. A must visit for a quick lunch with friends, the market is open on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.



## **The Westgate Centre | Queen Street**

This newly developed shopping mall boasts an impressive array of brand outlets, from & Other Stories and Calvin Klein to Urban Outfitters, along with some great restaurants and fun outlets, like crazy golf.



## **Central Oxford | Cornmarket Street**

The two main shopping streets of Oxford include many must see stores from quirky stationery to Oxford memorabilia, and numerous cute spots to enjoy a bite to eat with your new friends, from Pret and Creme Cafe to Black Sheep Coffee.





# Souvenirs

## & OXFORD MEMORABILIA

### **Watsons | 7 Broad Street**

This shop is a treasure trove for memorabilia. Here you can find Oxford branded clothing, as well as a whole wall dedicated to Harry Potter treasures. The shop also offers British designer goods like Wedgwood china and Burberry rainwear.

### **Scriptum | 3 Turl Street**

Take a short walk down 600 year old Turl Street and you will walk past three Oxford colleges and a row of some of the oldest shops in Oxford. Nestled among them is Scriptum Fina Stationery. In here, you will find a treasure trove of hand stitched leatherbound journals, quills, beautiful prints and postcards, and classic books.

There are many more souvenir shops in central Oxford, including Oxford Campus Stores and The Oxford Outlet store on Broad Street, Oxford Blue on St Aldates, and the Varsity Shop on the High Street.

For more general UK souvenirs, try some of the more popular shops on Cornmarket Street.



# SHOPPING Bookshops

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## **Waterstones | Broad Street**

Located in a Grade II listed building on the corner of Cornmarket Street and Broad Street, Waterstones has been a British institution since 1987. Waterstones has a little something for all literary tastes, whether fiction or otherwise... and there's five floors' worth!

Afterwards, take a walk down Cornmarket Street to find a cosy cafe, so you can peruse your new finds in peace and quiet.

## **Blackwell's Bookshop | 48 - 51 Broad Street**

Located on Broad Street, Blackwell's is an old Oxford family business and is by far the best place to buy books on any possible subject of study. Not only does it have the nostalgic atmosphere of a classic Oxford bookshop, it also has a fantastic selection of second hand books, and a cosy coffee shop; perfect for a quiet afternoon. The bookshop's Norrington Room, with over three miles of shelving, is recorded in the Guinness Book of Records as the largest single room selling books in the world. If you are looking for a good present for your family or friends, Blackwell's also has an art and poster shop with prints and photographs of Oxford, a travel shop, and a music shop, across the road.

## **Oxfam | St Giles**

Situated in the heart of Oxford, this charity bookshop has a quirky collection. From classics and bestsellers, to niche interest books and non-fiction, it's two storeys of book-lover heaven.



# FOOD & DRINK Afternoon Tea

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## **The Grand Cafe | 84 High Street**

The Grand Cafe is decorated inside with classical columns and mirrors and is a great place to enjoy a special tea or lunch. The cafe specialises in 'cream teas' (tea served with scones, raspberry jam and clotted cream) and cakes, but also serves a variety of lunch options. The Grand High Tea includes finger sandwiches, scones and handmade chocolates, served on a traditional silver tiered tray, complete with tea or coffee.

## **The Rose | 51 High Street**

The Rose is an excellent little tea shop on the High Street which serves wonderful freshly baked scones and possibly the best cream teas in Oxford - definitely worth visiting! At lunchtime the cafe specialises in freshly prepared meals, often made with local produce.



## FOOD & DRINK Sweet Treats

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### **Ben's Cookies | 108 - 109 Covered Market**

Ben's cookies, a small shop which has been selling cookies since 1984, has become a key part of Oxford's fabric and perhaps the finest cookie shop in the UK. The original store in the Covered Market still bakes cookies fresh every day - so you can get a warm one straight from the oven, or pick your favourite flavour!



### **Moo Moo's | 34-35 Covered Market**

Located just inside the entrance of the Covered Market, this family-run shop is one of the best milkshake and smoothie bars in Oxford, making freshly prepared juices, shakes and smoothies from delicious ingredients. Moo-Moo's offers all sorts of fillings - you can choose a pre-approved recipe, or make up your own.



### **G&D's | 94 St Aldates**

A must visit Oxford classic, G&D's is the perfect spot for an afternoon ice-cream, or even lunch! With a selection of hot and cold sandwiches and drinks, the true reason to stop off here is the quirky ice cream flavours that change weekly. From classic vanilla to mango or waffles, there's always something new to try.



### **Knoops | 21 Turl Street**

Get ready to embrace one of Oxford's newest student favourites. This "hot chocolate" shop is on Turl Street, right on the corner of Broad Street, and offers the widest array of chocolate drinks and snacks you can think of. Whether you're stopping in on a rainy day for something warm, or getting milkshakes with your friends ready to lounge in the sun, you won't want to miss out.



# FOOD & DRINK **Lunch**

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## **Alternative Tuck Shop | 24 Holywell Street**

During the academic year this small baguette shop is always crowded with Oxford students. During the summer, it's the perfect place to grab an affordable lunch in the city. They offer a wide range of hot and cold sandwiches, alongside drinks and sweet treats.



## **The Handlebar Cafe | 28 - 32 St Michael's Street**

Amidst the hustle and bustle of Oxford's city centre, tucked away above a bicycle shop, you can find the Handlebar Cafe. Enjoy a wide selection of hot or cold lunch options, all homemade with ingredients carefully sourced from local suppliers, in this quirky cafe.



## **Vaults & Garden | 1 Radcliffe Square**

This quaint cafe and restaurant is located on Radcliffe Square, in the shadow of the iconic Radcliffe Camera library, and is set within the Old Congregation Hall of the University Church of St Mary. V&G offers delicious, seasonal summer breakfast and lunch menus, and has truly unbeatable views!

**EXPLORE TOP LUNCH SPOTS**

# FOOD & DRINK Quick Bites

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## **MooBoo | Turl Street**

Numerous flavours of milk and fruit bubble teas with toppings, plus smoothies, in a compact setting. The expansive menu with over 1000 combinations is popular with customers of all ages.



## **Taylor's Cafe | 19 High Street & 58 High Street**

Taylor's Cafe is Oxford's own gourmet sandwich and deli company. With many cafes dotted across Oxford, they serve hot and cold sandwiches, homemade baguettes, tasty soups and cakes; there is always plenty of lunch options to choose from.



## **Queen's Lane Coffee House | 40 High Street**

Cosy, multi-roomed cafe that has been serving coffee and comfort food for more than 350 years. Dating back to 1654, it claims to be the oldest continually serving coffee house in Europe! Traditional breakfasts and lunches on offer.



## **Mission Burrito | 8 St Michael's Street**

If you're looking for an easy lunch and craving Mexican style food, head to Mission Burrito. Serving burritos, tacos, enchiladas, tacos and salad bowls, this is a great spot for an affordable lunch, with a variety of vegetarian options.

# CITY LIFE Parks

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## **University Parks** | **South Parks Road**

This beautiful park, originally owned by Merton College, was purchased by the university in the 1850s. Open every day of the week, University parks boasts a choice of walks, a large collection of trees and plants and space for games and picnics/ The park closes 30 minutes before dusk, with some parts closing a little earlier.

## **Christ Church Meadow** | **Christ Church**

Open to the public, Christ Church meadow is a scenic route on the outside of this historic college. This is the perfect place for an afternoon stroll in the sunshine. You can enter from St Aldate's or from the High Street and loop past the sandstone college, see rowing practice on the river, and spend some time lounging on the lawn.

## **Port Meadow** | **Jericho**

A twenty minute walk from the centre of Oxford you'll find another student favourite spot. Port Meadow boasts expansive green fields - perfect for an afternoon stroll - and you'll often find horses, cows and geese grazing here. This is an area of untouched natural beauty and provides one of the best walks along the River Thames.

## **Oxford Castle Mound** | **Oxford Castle Quarter**

When you need a breath of fresh air away from the city on a busy day but you don't want to travel far from the centre, this small hill is a brilliant escape. Believe it or not, this humble mound is the site on which Oxford's castle was built in 1071. Climb this small hill for rewarding views of Oxford. It only costs a small fee to enter.





# CITY LIFE Museums

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## **Ashmolean Museum | [Beaumont Street](#)**

The Ashmolean is the world's first University museum. Showcasing world-famous and collections ranging from Egyptian mummies to contemporary art, telling human stories across cultures and across time.

## **Museum of Natural History | [Parks Road](#)**

Oxford University Museum of Natural History was founded in 1860 and holds specimens and archives from across the world. Discover Pitt Rivers, the adjoining anthropological Museum which houses over 600,000 objects, photographs and manuscripts from almost every country in the world.

## **History of Science Museum | [Broad Street](#)**

The world's oldest surviving purpose built public museum building, the History of Science Museum is home to an unrivalled collection of scientific instruments from different cultures, places and times in history.

## **Weston Library | [Broad Street](#)**

On the corner of Broad Street and Parks Road, this historic library is technically part of the university's Bodleian Libraries, however often hosts fascinating and free exhibitions from its archives. With a centuries old deposit to delve into, you're always sure to find something fascinating on exhibit.



# CITY LIFE Theatre & Cinema

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## **The Old Fire Station | 40 George Street**

This unusual theatre is located on George Street. IN 2010, it was converted from a fire station into a social enterprise arts centre, which now showcases up and coming artists, as well as offering a gallery and a small coffee shop. The range of fringe productions changes on a weekly basis, so it's well worth checking out the website to see what's on.

## **New Theatre Oxford | George Street**

If you're more into mainstream entertainment, the New Theatre is for you. Also located on George Street, it offers a range of musicals, bands and popular comedy shows - and Oxford Royale's very own Headline Address! George Street also offers a wide range of restaurants, so it's a great spot for an evening activity.

## **The Oxford Playhouse | 11 - 12 Beaumont Street**

The Oxford Playhouse presents a wide range of live performances, including the best of British and international drama, family show, contemporary dance and music, student amateur shows, comedy, lectures and poetry.

## **Phoenix Picture House | 47 Walton Street**

Situated in Oxford's residential district of Jericho, this small local cinema is popular with both students and locals. It features numerous foreign, arthouse and mainstream films. Student discounts are available for many performances, so bring along your student ID if you have one!

## **Curzon Cinema | Westgate Centre**

A popular cinema showing the latest releases and blockbusters as well as arthouse cinema. Located in the Westgate Centre, this is a popular spot for an afternoon or weekend activity.



