Travel to Oxford

From London airports


From London Heathrow and Gatwick airports, take The Airline coach service, which runs 24 hours a day. You can also get to Oxford by train from Heathrow via London, and from Gatwick via Reading.

From Birmingham airport you can take the train.

From London Luton and London Stansted Airports you can take National Express 737 coach service (but bear in mind the journey takes about 2 hours and 30 minutes and 4 hours, respectively).

Trains

Direct services run from London Paddington (serving Oxford station) and London Marylebone (serving Oxford and Oxford Parkway stations). Other services operate from the north via Birmingham New Street; from the south via Reading; and from the west via Didcot or Reading.

For details and to plan your journey, contact National Rail Enquiries or use the trainline.

Coaches

There are two frequent 24-hour direct services between Oxford and London, the X90 and the Oxford Tube.

For information on coaches from other major cities and airports, contact National Express.

The central coach station is at Gloucester Green in the city centre.

Parking in Oxford
Many Oxford streets are closed to traffic and parking is severely limited. Visitors are encouraged to use the five Park and Ride bus services.

Please refer to Oxfordshire County Council's up-to-date traffic information for details of all local road works and any disruptions likely to delay your journey. For information on car parks, on-street parking and costs of parking, see Oxfordshire County Council's website.

Park and Ride
There are five Park and Ride sites which serve Oxford City Centre.

- **Oxford Parkway** (north). For satnav use OX2 8HA. Take the 500 bus to and from the city centre.
- **Pear Tree** (north). For satnav use OX2 8JD. Take the 300 bus to and from the city centre.
- **Redbridge** (south). For satnav use OX1 4XG. Take the 300 bus to and from the city centre.
- **Thornhill** (east). For satnav use OX3 8DP. Take the 400 bus to and from the city centre.
- **Seacourt** (west). For satnav use OX2 0HP. Take the 400 bus to and from the city centre.

Please note that Thornhill and Seacourt are often full. We recommend that drivers coming from the east (including London), the south and the west use the Redbridge Park and Ride, while drivers arriving from the north can choose between Pear Tree and Oxford Parkway.

The Oxford Bus Company has detailed information on Park and Ride locations, timetables and fares.

Taxi
There are taxi ranks at Oxford Railway Station, Gloucester Green Coach Station and St Giles’ in the city centre.

You can contact these companies to book a taxi:

- 001 Taxis: +44 (0)1865 240000
- ABC Radio Taxi Oxford +44 (0)1865 242424; +44 (0)1865 770077
Bus

Buses in Oxford are operated by the Oxford Bus Company and Stagecoach. You can find a map of the bus routes here. You can buy bus tickets from the bus driver or from an Oxford Bus Company store.

Accommodation

College accommodation

Some colleges offer student accommodation between terms – please check availability here.

Hotels

These are only a few of the hotels you can contact for your stay in Oxford:

- Malmaison Oxford
- Jurys Inn Oxford
- The Old Bank Hotel
- Mercure Oxford Eastgate Hotel
- The Randolph Hotel
- Galaxie Hotel
- Voco Oxford Spires
- Parklands
- Cotswold House