



Oxford Royale Academy

inspirational cultural and academic courses

What to do in Cambridge

Oxford Royale Academy Summer School



For ages

13-18

Welcome to CAMBRIDGE

There's lots to do in the beautiful, historic city of Cambridge. During activities organised by Oxford Royale Academy, you'll have the opportunity to explore colleges, libraries and museums, or to go punting on the River Cam. You'll also have the chance to explore the city in groups of two or more during your free time; here are some of the things you might like to look out for.



1	Cinemas, theatres & music	2
1.1	For the latest blockbusters	2
1.2	For relaxed gigs	2
2	Museums	5
2.1	For human history	5
2.2	For natural history	5
3	Shopping	6
3.1	For trinkets and trifles	6
3.2	For fashion lovers	6
3.3	For vintage and second-hand	8
3.4	For Cambridge souvenirs	9
3.5	For bookworms	9
4	Where to have lunch in Cambridge	12
4.1	For sandwiches and street food	12
4.2	For delicious lunches	14
4.3	For all things traditional	15
4.4	For those with a sweet tooth	15
4.5	For healthy options	15

1 Cinemas, theatres & music

1.1 For the latest blockbusters

Vue Cinema at the Grafton Centre

All the latest releases are available at the Vue, which is situated right next to the popular shopping spot of the Grafton Centre. With 8 screens, you're bound to find a showing at a time that works for you. The best thing about this cinema? All of their seats, not just the premium ones, are luxury leather and fully reclinable - so you can sit back and watch in comfort. The Grafton is quite a walk from Clare College, so go at the weekend, and share a taxi with friends (ask your counsellors for details of our approved taxi partners in Cambridge).

1.2 For relaxed gigs

Hot Numbers

A little further from the city centre, Hot Numbers is a coffee shop located in a former brewery. During the day, it's a great place to get a perfectly brewed cappuccino, but on most Thursday and Friday evenings, and Sunday afternoons, it also plays host to live music. Jazz, funk and blues are the focus of most of the bands performing. There's also usually a food van outside in case you get hungry. Book a taxi there and back, to be safe.





2 Museums

2.1 For human history

Fitzwilliam Museum

This enormous colonnaded building contains an awe-inspiring collection of paintings, textiles and artefacts from throughout history. An impressive array, from Ancient Egypt right through to Victorian watercolour awaits you. You can enjoy a guided tour on Saturdays.

Scott Polar Research Institute

If you're into all things frosty, then this is for you. The map of Antarctica on the ceiling in the entrance makes for an amazing photo opportunity, and there is so much to see! Dedicated to the study of the Arctic and Antarctic regions, you can view everything from explorers' diaries to Inuit art, and even actual equipment used by explorers over 100 years ago.

2.2 For natural history

Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences

Established in the eighteenth century, this maze of a building is packed to the rafters with dinosaur skeletons, fossils, rocks, crystals, and lumps of sediment. Pretty much anything that has ever walked, swum, flown or crawled on this earth is represented here, and is well worth a visit if you're interested in becoming an archaeologist.

3 Shopping

3.1 For trinkets and trifles

Market Square

Cambridge's central market square has been a marketplace since Saxon times. It's now home to dozens of stalls, selling everything from clothes, to fruit and veg, to takeaway food - with a different set of traders taking up residence on Sundays. It's worth exploring if you're looking for handmade jewellery, or other gifts to take home with you.

All Saints Garden Arts & Crafts Market

Opposite Trinity College, in what was once the churchyard of All Saints' church, shaded by trees, assorted craft stalls can be found. Everything sold is 100% handmade, such as elaborately tooled leather goods including belts and notebooks, stained glass decorations and engraved spoons among many other things. The market has been there for nearly 40 years, and it's a lovely place to stroll around even if you don't plan on buying anything.

3.2 For fashion lovers

The Grafton Centre

One of Cambridge's two main shopping centres, the Grafton Centre is home to many high street brands, including New Look, Topshop, Oasis, River Island and one of Cambridge's two branches of H&M. There are also essentials such as mobile phone shops and health and beauty shops if you need them. Once you're worn out from shopping, step outside for a pick-me-up - there's an excellent crêpe van parked just by the entrance. Again, Grafton is quite a walk, so plan your journey for the weekend.

Petty Cury and the Lion Yard Shopping Centre

For all the high street names that aren't in the Grafton Centre, there's the shopping street of Petty Cury and the adjacent Lion Yard Shopping Centre. That's where you can find Accessorize, Game, JD Sports, Lush, Superdry and Tiger, among others. It's a good place to escape into if it's raining, and you can head to Hotel Chocolat for a luxury hot chocolate if it's cold, or to Boost for a refreshing smoothie if it's warm.



3.3 For vintage and second-hand

Burleigh Street

Adjacent to the Grafton Centre, Burleigh Street is one of the two key hubs for charity and vintage shops in Cambridge (the other being Mill Road, below). If you're someone who loves to rummage for a bargain, it's the place to go. And if you'd prefer a dedicated vintage shop to the hit-and-miss world of charity shops, you can also find Jemporium Vintage, an amazing vintage streetwear shop that will liven up your wardrobe. It's quite a way, so another taxi-trip with friends is in order, or you can walk if you have all morning.

Mill Road

Among Mill Road's many independent shops are a host of charity and vintage shops. The YMCA charity shop has a strong vintage vibe, and further down the road there's Romsey Retro in Hope St Yard. If antiques are more your thing, cross the road to get to the antiques shops of Gwydir St - the Hive and the Cambs Antiques Centre - which sit side by side and offer an attractive range of antiques choices, from high-end furniture and jewellery to affordably priced curios. Another taxi-trip, even if only to carry all your purchases back to college!



3.4 For Cambridge souvenirs

University of Cambridge Museums shop

If there's a friend or a relative that you can never find a gift for, the University of Cambridge Museums shop is an excellent place to look. Their stock is inspired by the exhibitions of the eight university museums and the Botanic Garden, so it's always varied and interesting. You might come away with a book exploring the themes of the Polar Museum, or a tea towel with a design inspired by the Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences. Whatever you find, it's sure to be something that's distinctively Cambridge.

3.5 For bookworms

Heffers

The definitive Cambridge bookshop has to be the vast Heffers, with its maze-like layout of shelves that encourage the visitor to get lost in browsing. It's directly opposite the entrance to Trinity College and is a favourite of students. Visitors might also enjoy their extensive collection of Harry Potter merchandise.

The Haunted Bookshop

From Cambridge's largest bookshop to perhaps its smallest: the Haunted Bookshop is a red-fronted shop tucked away in a narrow alleyway opposite King's College. It certainly looks ancient and dusty enough to be haunted, and specialises in antiquarian and vintage books, especially children's books (which can be fun for those inclined to nostalgia). You might even be able to find yourself a first edition.





Cambridge

Immerse yourself in the tranquil cobbled streets, historic buildings, and rich academic heritage of a city which has effortlessly walked the line between serene riverside idyll and vibrant intellectual centre for over 800 years.

4 Where to have lunch in Cambridge

Whether you're looking for a quick snack or an indulgent three-course meal, Cambridge has a thriving food scene so you'll have plenty of places to choose from. Here are some of our favourites; you can also ask your Counsellors if they have any tips.

4.1 For sandwiches and street food

Food vans

Cambridge is rightly famous for its food vans. These aren't selling lukewarm burgers to the desperate, but instead delicious food that just happens to come on wheels. One of the best known, the burger van Steak & Honour, has now got an accompanying restaurant and was launched by Michelin-trained chefs. Among the others are the Wandering Yak (Middle Eastern-inspired), Holy Schnitzels and Guerilla Kitchen (bao). If you want a restaurant-quality meal on the go, they're all well worth keeping an eye out for as they move around the city.

The Urban Shed

Located centrally on King St, the Urban Shed's sandwich bar offers a range of delicious fillings such as coconut satay chicken, lemongrass mayo and crispy garlic, or barbecue aubergine, swiss cheese and cashew nut butter, including some vegan options. There can be a queue at busy lunchtimes, but it's well worth the wait.



4.2 For delicious lunches

Afternoon Tease

Just down the road from the Urban Shed, Afternoon Tease have become famous for their amazing cakes. Just as delicious, though, is their ever-changing menu of more substantial lunches, including soups and open sandwiches. The atmosphere is cosy, and there are seats outside for sunny days.

Stickybeaks

Another good option for a sit-down lunch that's both delicious and healthy is Stickybeaks on Hobson St. Their menu changes all the time, but constants are inventive recipes, an extensive salad bar and a lovely dessert selection. The large glass window also makes this a great location for people-watching.

Smokeworks

A heartier meal can be had at Smokeworks, a restaurant with an industrial-themed interior that promises slow-cooked food delivered fast. The service is snappy, where you just need to switch on a light at your table for attention. But it's best avoided by vegetarians - this is the place to be if you want ribs coated in barbecue sauce, glazed chicken wings with charred greens, or delicious beef dripping mash. It certainly isn't health food, but it's very satisfying.

Crepeaffaire

On the corner by the Round Church and the Cambridge Union is this cheerful, airy eatery. Often packed during the lunchtime rush, their selection of sweet and savoury crêpes ranges from the traditional (ham and cheese, or Belgian chocolate) to the more indulgent (such as 'Le Goat Deluxe', or their apple crumble sweet crepe). Their milkshakes are pretty good too.



4.3 For all things traditional

Fitzbillies

No guide to Cambridge is complete without a mention of Fitzbillies, which first opened in 1921. This tea shop and bakery is famous for its sticky Chelsea buns, described as 'peerless' by Stephen Fry and loved by generations of Cambridge students.

Harriet's

Harriet's Cafe Tearoom on Green St offers as chintzy and traditional an afternoon tea experience as you could possibly want. There are a range of teas available, and you can choose from traditional, special and savoury afternoon tea options - or you can just order scones with jam and cream if you prefer. On some afternoons, there's even a live pianist playing.

4.4 For those with a sweet tooth

Jack's Gelato

Another Cambridge food truck institution - sold from a tricycle - Jack's Gelato now has a permanent home on Bene't St. The gelato served is luxurious and indulgent, using organic ingredients wherever possible, including those grown on Jack's own allotment. Alongside the usual flavours you might find roasted pear, white chocolate and cardamom, or pink grapefruit and tarragon sorbet.

4.5 For healthy options

Novi

Hipster eatery Novi ticks all the boxes: nitro cold brew coffee, homemade quinoa bread, delicious juices and smoothies, and a plethora of vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options. In the summer, they throw the windows open and let sunlight flood in. Well worth a visit, even if you do have to take a taxi to get there.

Rainbow Cafe

Cambridge's sole vegetarian restaurant only opened in 1988, but entering their cosy underground location opposite King's College feels like stepping back in time to the hippie heyday of the 60s and 70s. Their menu is internationally inspired, and their focus is on good quality food with high ethical standards.



PRIVATE
NO
MOORING



Oxford Royale Academy

inspirational cultural and academic courses

www.oxford-royale.co.uk

+44 (0) 845 130 60 21

Oxford Royale Academy (Head Office)

Yarnton Manor
Church Lane
Yarnton OX5 1PY
United Kingdom

Tel: +44 (0) 845 130 60 21

Fax: +44 (0) 845 280 01 22

admin@oxford-royale.co.uk

www.oxford-royale.co.uk