## Things to do in Oxford

#### Ashmolean Museum

Location:

The corner of Beaumont Street and St Giles.

Description:

The Ashmolean began life in the early 1600s as the collection of the Tradescant family, which was inherited and expanded by Elias Ashmole in the middle decades of the 17th century. He bequeathed it to the University of Oxford in the 1670s and the Ashmolean Museum opened to the public in 1683. It was housed in what is now the Museum of the History of Science on Broad Street and is said to have been the first public museum in Europe. The museum moved to its current site in 1845 and, in 1908, merged with the University Art Collection. Today, it houses major collections of Western painting, Classical sculpture, and

ancient archaeology.

Open:

Tuesday-Sunday 10:00-18:00

Entrance fee: Free

## Museum of the History of Science

Location:

**Broad Street** 

Description:

The museum, which occupies the original building of the Ashmolean Museum,

houses a major collection of early scientific instruments.

Open:

Tuesday-Friday 12:00-17:00; Saturday 10:00-17:00; Sunday 2:00-17:00

Entrance fee: Free

# Oxford University Museum of Natural History

Location:

Parks Road (opposite Keble)

Description:

The museum houses major collections of zoological, entomological, and

geological specimens. It is also a grade one listed building and was the location of

the famous debate about evolution in 1860.

Open:

Everyday 10:00-17:00

Entrance fee: Free

#### Pitt-Rivers Museum

Parks Road (accessed through the Oxford University Museum of Natural Location:

History)

The museum was founded in 1884 to house the collection of Augustus Pitt Description:

> Rivers, an officer in the English army. Today, it contains an astonishing collection of archaeological and anthropological specimens from around the

world.

Open:

Tuesday-Sunday 10:00-16:30; Monday 12:00-16:30

Entrance fee: Free

## Christchurch Picture Gallery

The gallery, which is part of Christ Church, is accessed from the entrance at the Location:

corner of Merton Street and Oriel Square.

The gallery contains a small, but impressive collection of paintings and drawings Description:

by old masters, including Tintoretto, Filippino Lippi, Annibale Carracci, and

Piero della Franscesca.

Monday, Wednesday-Saturday 10:30-13:00 & 14:00-16:30; Sunday 14:00-16:30 Open:

Entrance fee: Adults f3, Concessions f2, Oxford University Members Free

## The Bodleian Library

The corner of Broad Street and Catt Street Location:

Description: As well as being a major research library, the Bodleian also hosts tours and

exhibitions.

Monday-Friday 9:00-17:00; Saturday 9:00-16:30; Sunday 11:00-17:00 Open:

Entrance fee: Mini-Tour £4:30l Standard Tour £6.50; Extended Tour £13; Exhibitions Free

### Restaurants in Oxford

Oxford has numerous cafes, pubs, and restaurants. Here are a few suggestions for evening dining in central Oxford, roughly in ascending order of price. Booking may be necessary for more expensive restaurants.

Wagamama

Location

Market Street

Description

Japanese noodle bar

Price

most main courses under £10

Gino's

Location

Gloucester Green

Description

Italian

Price

most main courses under £10

Pizza Express

Location

Golden Cross, off Cornmarket Street

Description

Price

pizza restaurant most main courses around £10

Sojo's

Location Description Hythe Bridge Street Chinese Restaurant

Price

main dish and rice around £10

The Nosebag

Location

Price

St Michael's Street

Description

hearty British and European food most main courses just over £10

Chutney's

Location

corner of St Michael's Street and New Inn Hall Street

Description

curry house

Price

around £13 for a curry and rice

Chiang Mai Kitchen

Location

High Street

Description

Thai restaurant (in a remarkable 17th-century building)

Price

around £13 for main course and rice

Jamie's Italian

Location

George Street

Description

Italian restaurant

Price

pasta around f11, main courses around f15

Brown's

Location

Woodstock Road

Description

British and European food

Price

pastas, salad, and vegetarian around £12, main courses around £15

