



IOSH Oxford Activity List



**EFFECTIVE
EVENT
SOLUTIONS**

Oxford Punting Tours

Situated under Magdalen College Tower, at the end of Oxford's world famous high street you will find Magdalen Bridge Boathouse. This is a chance to hire traditionally crafted punts and chauffeured boats.

Punting is a truly timeless, slightly eccentric, quintessentially Oxford, idyllic pleasure: sailing leisurely upstream or down river, trailing fingers in the silky water, admiring the wildlife, picnicking on a river bank, dropping in at the Vicky Arms or drifting downstream past the University. Punts are flat bottomed boats and propulsion is done by pushing off the river bed using a big, long pole – of around 15 foot in length (5m if you're using the metric system). They are designed to operate in fairly shallow, slow moving water.

Group chauffeured punting is available for up to 150pax for either 30 minutes or 1 hour.

<http://www.oxfordpunting.co.uk/book-online>



Oxford Walking Tours

The day tours go into the oldest colleges including New College, founded in 1379, and seen in the *Harry Potter* films and television productions of *Inspector Morse* and *Lewis*.

Exeter College is visited on most tours, was founded in 1314 and is seen in the final episode of *Morse*. Balliol College, founded in 1264, educated more 20th century British prime ministers than any other college. All tours go to the University Library.

On our tours you will learn about the history of the city and the university. We will explain the collegiate system of tutorial unique to Oxford and Cambridge. Discover the famous alumni who studied and taught at the university. Go inside the oldest college dining hall, chapel, cloisters and quadrangles. Guide for every group of 25 with small extra cost for college entry.

<https://www.oxfordwalkingtours.com/>



The Oxford Artisan Distillery Tour (TOAD)

The Oxford Artisan Distillery is the very first distillery creating spirits in this ancient city's long and illustrious history. Located at South Park Depot we are distilling a range of hand made spirits including gin, absinthe, vodka and rye whiskey all with transparency of provenance from grain to glass.

A standard tour is 45 minutes. Usual group sizes tbc.

Immerse yourself in an artisan spirits enthusiast's paradise with this fantastic Oxford Artisan Distillery Tour with Tastings for Two.

What's Included

- Walking tour of TOAD's craft distillery during its day-to-day running
- Discover the fascinating grain-to-glass processes
- Learn about TOAD's unique history and their organic approach to production
- Sample two gins and one vodka to finish off the tour

<https://www.spiritoftoad.com/tours>



Oxford Prison and Castle Tour

CLIMB the Saxon St George's Tower, one of the oldest buildings in Oxford, and enjoy its stunning 360° panoramic views over the historic city of Oxford.

DESCEND deep underground into the dark atmosphere of the 900-year-old crypt, the only surviving remains of St. George's Chapel.

EXPLORE the austere confines of the 18th-century Debtors' Tower and Prison D-Wing.

SCALE the Mound of the 11th-century motte-and-bailey castle.

Oxford Castle & Prison Outside Tour

Groups can explore Oxford Castle & Prison from a different perspective on an Outdoor Walking Tour. Embark on a journey of discovery with a costumed character guide; glimpse the hidden secrets of the site in the ancient underground well chamber; climb the castle mound to enjoy stunning views of the dreaming spires, and learn more about the incredible castle buildings and their role in over 1,000-years of Oxford's past.

<https://www.oxfordcastleandprison.co.uk/groups/>



Oxford River Sightseeing Cruise

Cruising the tranquil Thames in Oxford offers a taste of a slower life, where cares drift away with the gentle flow of the water and life's pleasures can be enjoyed to their utmost.

Our sightseeing river tours, boat trips and private hire cruises take in stunning scenery on the river Thames in and around Oxford. Many of our sightseeing tours cruise along the famous university regatta course from Folly Bridge but public boat trips are also available to stunning Port Meadow on the northern outskirts of the city. Our private boat hire options allow you to tour the river at your own pace and escape from the busy areas of Oxford, so popular for tours and sightseeing.

Our private boat hire fleet are fully crewed allowing you to sit back, relax and enjoy your day. Oxford River Cruises offers a range of river boats for private hire, some suitable for intimate celebrations and others offering a wonderful Oxford party venue for larger groups.

<https://www.oxfordrivercruises.com/sightseeing-highlights-tour/>



Oxford Bus Tour

Hop on and hop off on City Sightseeing Oxford bus tours in Oxford. Explore Oxford in one of the double decker buses with 26 stops around the city including, Christ Church College, Sheldonian Theatre, Queen's College, Martyr's Memorial, Trinity College and Oxford Visitor Information Centre.

You have the choice between 2 routes: the Historic City & University route and the Meadows & Bridges route. With plenty of stops along the tour route, you are free to hop on and off as you wish so that you can make the most of your stay.

Audio guides are available to inform you about the different attractions

<https://www.citysightseeingoxford.com/oxford-bus-tour-timetable-and-tour-ticket-prices/>

