

# Oxfordshire



Oxfordshire has unique meeting venues, from a UNESCO World Heritage site to historical Oxford University settings and state of the art contemporary conference and exhibition venues. This, combined with its great social and leisure opportunities in the city and its surroundings, makes it a great choice for the meeting of lively minds.

The world famous city of Oxford, and its surroundings, have always been at the forefront of achievement – shaping so many national leaders, scientists, writers and philosophers.

Oxfordshire is a centre of excellence for many scientific areas. It has recently become the home to the European Space Agency, as well as being the base of several Formula 1 teams. As you might expect with its history of education, publishing is also a key sector as is medical research with the Diamond Light Synchrotron in the south of the county - the UK's national synchrotron science facility.

### By air

- London Heathrow Airport (60 miles)
- London Gatwick Airport (85 miles)
- Birmingham Airport (65 miles)

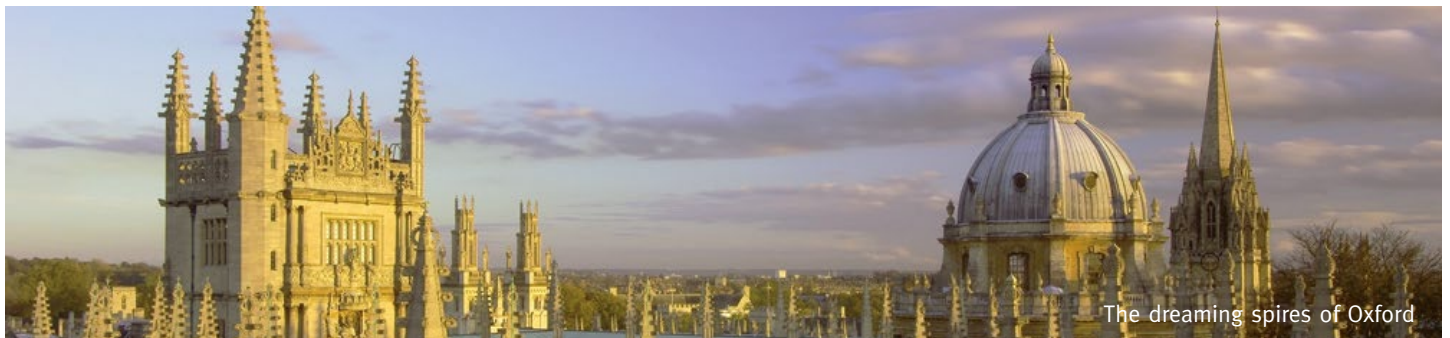
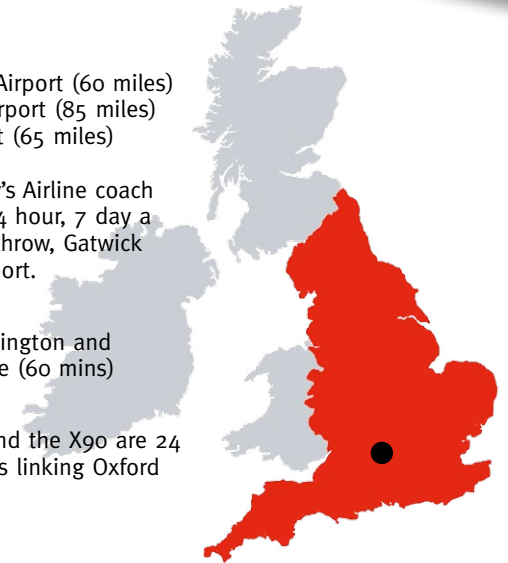
Oxford Bus Company's Airline coach service operates a 24 hour, 7 day a week service to Heathrow, Gatwick and Birmingham Airport.

### By train

- From London Paddington and London Marylebone (60 mins)

### By coach

- The Oxford Tube and the X90 are 24 hour coach services linking Oxford and London.



The dreaming spires of Oxford

### Economic/Academic strengths

- In 2016, Oxford University has come top of the 'Times Higher Education world university rankings' - a first for a UK university
- 27 British Prime Ministers were educated at Oxford.
- During the English Civil War Oxford was the capital city of England.
- The Diamond light source welcomes up to 2000 visiting scientists a year.
- Oxford has more published writers per square mile than anywhere else in the world.
- 60% of all F1 Teams are based in or on the borders of the county.
- The city is home to around 3,500 businesses providing over 121,000 jobs.
- The first colleges of Oxford were built in the 13th century, but it wasn't until 1878 that women were admitted to the university.
- The term Oxford Comma comes from the Oxford University Press, where the use of the comma is standard.

### Social programme ideas

- Treat your team to a drinks reception at the **New Theatre Oxford's** piano bar, where they can chat over a glass of bubbly before viewing one of the theatre's exciting productions.
- Enjoy a competitive game of Foot Golf at **Heythrop Park Resort** in their custom-built nine-hole Foot Golf course.
- Reward your staff to the ultimate shopping experience at **Bicester Village**. Their exclusive shopping package includes a return coach service, lunch or dinner, VIP shopping card, a hands free shopping service that will let you relax while the boutique assistants pack your purchases ready for your collection later.
- Your delegates can enjoy a 'pop up opera' when they least expect it with **Opera Anywhere**, who can provide musical entertainment for corporate events and special occasions anywhere in the county.
- Tour **Blenheim Palace** with one of their many private tours, where you can explore the historic grounds, or opt for a private dining experience where you can embrace its historical surroundings whilst enjoying a delicious meal.

### Where to stay

|                                  |       |
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| 5★ Hotel rooms                   | 211   |
| 4★ Hotel rooms                   | 908   |
| 3★ Hotel rooms                   | 537   |
| Budget hotel rooms and B&B rooms | 300+  |
| Self catering rooms              | 11    |
| University/college rooms         | 6500+ |

n/a = data not available at this time





Heythrop Park Resort



Saïd Business School: Egrove Park, Oxford



Blenheim Palace

## Conference & Event venues

Residential  Academic venue  Non-residential

| Venue                                 | Bedrooms | Capacity (theatre) | Capacity (banquet) | Meeting rooms | Location        | Distance from the city (miles) |
|---------------------------------------|----------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Macdonald Bear Hotel                  | 54       | N/A                | 24                 | 24            | Woodstock       | 8.5                            |
| Saïd Business School: Egrove Park     | 63       | 90                 | 120                | 29            | Oxford          | 2.8                            |
| Rhodes House                          | N/A      | 260                | 120                | 29            | Oxford          | 1.3                            |
| Cotswolds Lodge Hotel                 | 49       | 100                | 100                | 2             | Oxford          | 1.2                            |
| Oxford Town Hall                      | N/A      | 742                | 140                | 13            | Oxford          | 0                              |
| Oxford Brookes                        | 50       | 320                | 64                 | 70            | Oxford          | 2.9                            |
| New Theatre                           | N/A      | 1785               | N/A                | 4             | Oxford          | 0                              |
| The Randolph Hotel                    | 151      | 300                | 220                | 5             | Oxford          | 0                              |
| The Kings Centre Oxford               | N/A      | 1000               | 30                 | 10            | Oxford          | 1                              |
| Kassam Stadium                        | 162      | 600                | 500                | 38            | Oxford          | 5                              |
| Holiday Inn Oxford                    | 154      | 150                | 110                | 11            | Oxford          | 3.7                            |
| Heythrop Park Resort                  | 360      | 350                | 350                | 37            | Chipping Norton | 17                             |
| Eynsham Hall                          | 135      | 160                | 100                | 40            | Norton Leigh    | 11.5                           |
| Culham Conference Centre              | N/A      | 234                | N/A                | 9             | Abingdon        | 9.8                            |
| Conference Oxford                     | 6,500    | 750                |                    | 57            | Oxford          | 1.2                            |
| Blenheim Palace                       | N/A      | 120                | 300                | 9             | Woodstock       | 8.3                            |
| Ashmolean Musuem                      | N/A      | 160                | 90                 | 8             | Oxford          | 0                              |
| Saïd Business School: Park End Street | N/A      | 317                | 200                | 50            | Oxford          | 0                              |



## Experience Oxfordshire services

Free of charge services include:

- Local knowledge and advice
- Venue selection, visits and pre-event recce
- Social programmes and incentives providers.

## Further information

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**Experience Oxfordshire** <http://conferencing.experienceoxfordshire.org>



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