

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Headington

Headington is a pleasant residential area within Oxford and close to its ring road with easy access therefore to the A34 and M40 motorway thus enabling guests to travel across Oxfordshire and to the tourist attractions of London and the neighbouring counties of Berkshire, Wiltshire, Buckinghamshire, and Warwickshire. The Shotover Country Park is within a short walking distance from the Guesthouse.

Oxford City Centre

Oxford has one of the most attractive city skylines captured in the phrase “city of dreaming spires” and many individual landmarks to see like the many college buildings built of Cotswold stone, Carfax Tower, Radcliffe Camera, Sheldonian Theatre and the Botanic Gardens. It has many unique pubs such as the Eagle and Child on St. Giles, The Chequers off the High Street, Head of The River on Folly Bridge and The Trout Inn in Wolvercote just to name a few

Oxfordshire Countryside

A drive out into the Oxfordshire countryside is well worth the effort. In almost any direction you will find any number of very pretty villages in the Chiltern hills or the Cotswolds.

The ancient chalk-cut drawing of the White Horse on the hillside at Uffington is a sight not to be missed. This 110 metre long horse drawing is the oldest chalk-cut hill figure in Britain, dating back 3000 years to the Bronze Age.

River Cruises

Take a river cruise along the Thames with Salter’s Steamers from the Folly Bridge in Oxford or go punting along the rivers and canals.

Museums

Oxford University has four well-known museums: the Ashmolean Museum, the Museum of the History of Science, the Oxford University Museum of Natural History and the Pitt Rivers Museum. These are all excellent museums with many natural and man-made treasures from across the globe.

Blenheim Palace – Situated in Woodstock, approximately 8 miles from Oxford, this is home of the 11th Duke of Marlborough and birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill. The Baroque Palace and formal grounds are open to the public and offers the visitor the chance to see the fine furniture, sculptures, paintings and tapestries in the house and over 2000 acres of gardens landscaped by ‘Capability’ Brown. The Palace was created a World Heritage Site in 1987.

Broughton Castle - Situated in Banbury and with a history dating back to the 13th Century the ownership of the Castle has extended from 'de Broughtons' to Wykeham-Fiennes-Twisleton families. The present castle with its moat and gatehouse is considered one of the most beautiful buildings in England and for that reason has been the choice by many film-makers for their period dramas.

Oxford Castle - This central Oxford site has been used as a prison since 1071. The old buildings have been preserved and are now open to the public whilst some areas have been developed into pleasant modern restaurants. Numerous outdoor events and shows take place throughout the year in and around the site.

Warwick Castle - Situated in Warwick, off the M40 motorway, this is one of the best-preserved castles in England. With over a thousand years of history the castle and grounds, including an armoury and rose gardens, are open to the public.

Shakespeare's Home in Stratford-Upon-Avon

Stratford-upon-Avon, the birthplace of England's most famous playwright William Shakespeare, is steeped in culture and history. Shakespeare (1564 - 1616) was born in a house in Henley Street and this house is now preserved intact. This town set in the beautiful rural Warwickshire countryside, on the banks of the river Avon, is a must see tourist attraction.