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OXFORD UNIVERSITY

The World Literacy welcome's you to the city of dreaming spires, Oxford University. This unique, historic institution is 56 miles (90km) north-west of London, with excellent bus and rail services and a population of approximately 180,000 people.

Oxford is strongly identifiable as a University town, with its medieval college architecture serving 30,000 students. The University of Oxford, comprised of 39 colleges, is the oldest university in the English-speaking world. You'll find ancient and modern colleges, fascinating museums and galleries, and plenty of parks, gardens and green spaces in which to relax. Plus, the city center is small enough to cover on foot, and only a few minutes' walk from the main rail and coach stations.

While at the World Literacy Summit, delegates have the opportunity to attend activities held in unique, awe-inspiring dining halls at locations such as Balliol, Sheldonian and Trinity College, at Oxford University. All delegates will have an opportunity to take full advantage of exploring the gardens, museums and resources Oxford has to offer.

We look forward to seeing you there!



DIRECTIONS

AIRPORT

Oxford is centrally located in the UK within a 90-minute road journey of airports at **Heathrow, Gatwick and Birmingham International**. The *M40 and A34* ensure easy road access and there are regular coach and rail connections with the rest of the country.

MODES OF TRANSPORT TO OXFORD

BY BUS

Coaches from Heathrow or Gatwick to Oxford is the most economical way to travel to Oxford. **Journey times are typically 1 hour and 40 minutes, depending on traffic.**

STEP 1

Follow the signs to Heathrow Central Bus Station (bay 14) if you are arriving in terminal 1, 2, 3 or 4. If you're arriving in terminal 5, follow the signs for buses and continue to bus bay 11. The Airline coach company departs from these locations with service to Oxford seven days a week.

STEP 2

Board 'The Airline', paying the driver in cash as you board. The Airline accepts British pounds, euros and U.S. dollars. Coaches leave every 20 minutes from Heathrow. The ride takes about 1.5 hours. Or you can buy tickets online at <https://airline.oxfordbus.co.uk/>



BY CAR

Average 44 minute drive to Oxford University from Heathrow Airport

STEP 1

Follow the signs to the car rental desks. **Hertz, Avis, Europcar, National, Alamo, Enterprise and Budget** all have desks at Heathrow.

STEP 2

Pick up your rental car and proceed to the M4 airport exit, consulting your U.K. roadmap.

STEP 3

Follow the M4 west to the M25. Follow the M25 north to the M40 and go west.

STEP 4

Get off the M40 at the A40 heading toward Oxford. Follow signs to the ring road, and at the third roundabout, take your first left onto Woodstock Road, which leads to the city centre.

PARKING

Parking in Oxford's City Centre is limited and there is no parking at the Sheldonian Theater. Visitors are recommended to use one of Oxford's four **Park & Ride services**.

Refer to <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/park-and-ride-locations> for the four services.



BY TRAIN

There are around two trains every hour to Oxford from London Paddington *and the journey takes one hour.*

1. **Heathrow Express**
Service from Heathrow to London only
2. **Gatwick Express**
Service from Gatwick to London only
3. **National Rail**

For details and to plan your journey, see contact **National Rail Enquiries** at <http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/>

BY TAXI

1. 001 Taxis : 01865 240000
2. Eagle Taxi Company: 07958 437250
3. ABC Radio Cars: 01865 242424
4. Oxford Cars: 01865 406070

Download Explore map and Information pack here

https://www.ox.ac.uk/sites/files/oxford/field/field_document/Explore%20map%202017_0.pdf



OXFORD EXPERIENCE

WHAT TO DO?

TOUR OXFORD

1. Taking a **walking tour** or a **cycling tour** of the city is a great way of seeing the main attractions. Your professionally trained guide will be able to explain the city's history and heritage, its quirky traditions and answer any questions you have along the way.

Oxford Walking Tours from £10 will include visits to the College and University sites. These tours last about two hours and can be booked online at <http://www.experienceoxfordshire.org/>

2. Another option is to take a **City Sightseeing** bus tour of the city and let the onboard guide explain the sights and sounds from the open top bus. Passengers can also hop on and off at 20 stops around the city if you want to explore further. Book online at <http://www.experienceoxfordshire.org/venue/city-sightseeing-bus-oxford/>

WHAT TO EAT?

During your free time you will be able to explore the variety of cafés at Oxford. Below is a list of recommended places to get food before or after conference hours.

- **Taylor's** - breakfast and sandwiches all day 58 High Street, 1 Woodstock Road
- **Jimbo's Baguettes** - involved in the student community, custom baguettes and wraps 19 Magdalen Street
- **Najar's Place** - Lebanese food, competitive prices, try the £5 extra wrap St Giles
- **Olives** - custom baguettes and wraps, competitive prices 42 High Street



- **Itsu** - Japanese fast-food, half price from 9.30 pm to 10 pm 36 Cornmarket Street

WHAT TO PACK?

British weather is unpredictable, so we advise that you come prepared to experience more than one weather front! At this time of the year, the weather is likely to average 9°C (48 Fahrenheit) during the day dropping to 4°C in the evening.

It is a good idea to pack a raincoat, an umbrella and a warm jacket. To check the current weather, refer to

<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/forecast/gcpn7mp10>

Dress ranges from business casual to professional. You will be seated for presentations and discussion, or standing and socializing, so please do dress to be comfortable.

This is a walking city, and while most of our events will take place at the Sheldonian Theatre and Trinity College, the rest will be within an easy 10 minute walk. Please bring comfortable walking shoes.