

Tour
Information



The Story of Oxford's Colleges





The tour commences and concludes at the **Milton Hill House, Steventon, Abingdon.**

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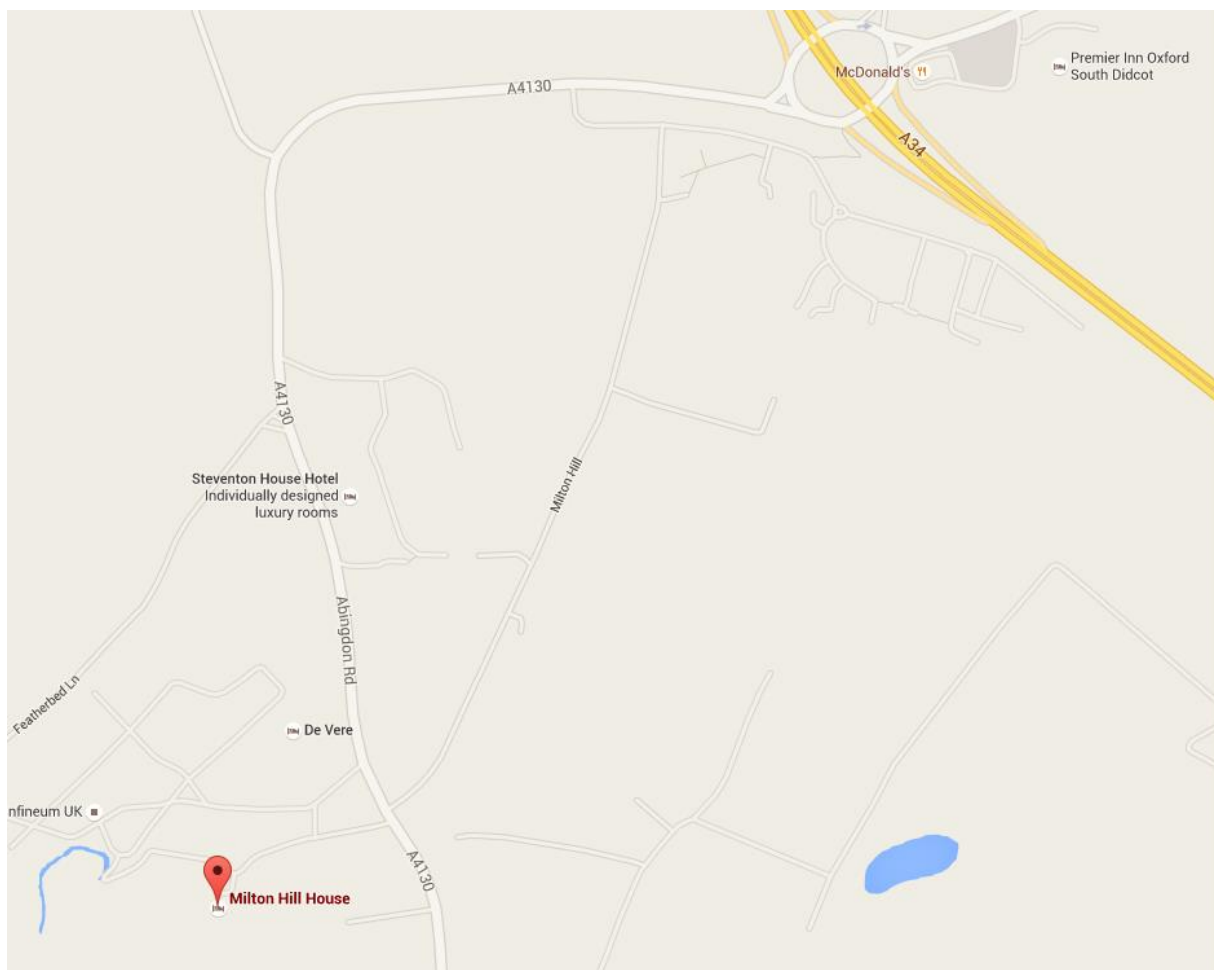
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Please note that transport to the hotel is not included in the price of the tour.



Transport

If you are travelling by car:

Exit M4 at Junction 13, the A34 to Oxford. After 9 miles take the A4185 to Wantage. Go straight over the first and second roundabout. Just after the Packhorse Public House take the left turn (shared entrance with Milton Business & Technology Centre). Take the first left turn into the main drive for Milton Hill House Training Centre. Follow this drive all the way to the Main House.

Exit M40 at Junction 9, take the A34 to Newbury. Exit the A34 at the A4130 (Milton Interchange) Junction. Take the fourth exit and follow the A4130 for approximately 1 mile through one set of traffic lights. Take the right turn after the Farm Shop (shared entrance with Milton Business & Technology Centre). Take the first left turn into the main drive for Milton Hill House Training Centre. Follow this drive all the way to the Main House.

If you are travelling by train:

Your destination is Didcot Parkway, approximately 10 minutes' drive from Milton Hill House by taxi. Didcot Parkway is served by regular Intercity trains from Paddington Station.

If you require a taxi please call C&M: 01235 861276



Accommodation

Milton Hill House

Located in the small village of Steventon near to the town of Abingdon the four-star Milton Hill House Hotel is an old Georgian manor house surrounded by 20 acres of tranquil parkland. The hotel offers a restaurant, bar, swimming pool, sauna, mini gym and comfortable, stylish bedrooms with en-suite bathroom, TV, telephone, wifi, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. Complimentary car parking for Travel Editions clients is available at the hotel.

More information can be found via the hotel's website:

<https://www.miltonoxfordshire.co.uk/partner/milton-hill/>

Check-in and departure from the hotel

On the day of arrival you will be able to check-in at the hotel from 14.00, and the tour manager will meet you in the evening at the welcome reception.

On the last day, the tour will not finish until approximately 16.30 so you should check with your tour manager, or the hotel reception, where luggage should be stored until your departure. Clients that wish to be left in Oxford with their luggage, must take them on board the coach before leaving the hotel.

Extra nights

If you have booked to stay an extra night at the hotel, this is on dinner, bed and breakfast basis and check out from the hotel is at 11:00.

Dining

On the first night, dinner with wine is provided at the hotel and included in the price of the tour. For the second evening, you will enjoy a Gala dinner at Exeter College. Breakfast on all days of your stay is included in the price but meals other than these stated are not included.

Special requests

If you haven't already done so, please notify Travel Editions of any special requests as soon as possible to allow sufficient time to make the necessary arrangements.

Places Visited

The Sheldonian Theatre

The Sheldonian Theatre, an exquisite Grade I listed building situated in Oxford's city centre, is the official ceremonial hall of the University of Oxford. Some of the ceremonial activities that take place in the Theatre include matriculation, graduation ceremonies, Encaenia and Congregation. The Theatre is open to the public to visit when not in use.

<https://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/sheldonian/>

Balliol College

Founded in 1263, is one of the constituent colleges of the University of Oxford in England.

Among the college's alumni are three former prime ministers (H. H. Asquith, who once described Balliol men as possessing "the tranquil consciousness of an effortless superiority", Harold Macmillan, and Edward Heath), five Nobel laureates, and numerous literary and philosophical figures, including Adam Smith, Gerard Manley Hopkins, and Aldous Huxley.

<https://www.balliol.ox.ac.uk/>

Ashmolean Museum

Founded in 1683, at a time when the idea of the 'museum' was brand new, Britain's first public museum, the Ashmolean, was initially the home of a collection of miscellaneous manmade and natural specimens and curiosities from every corner of the world, which was presented to the University by the wealthy antiquarian and polymath, Elias Ashmole.

The neoclassical architecture of the museum dates back to 1845, when it was built to house the University's art collection. The archaeological collections were moved into the building in the 1890s to form what is, today, the Ashmolean Museum of Art and Archaeology – one of the most important museums of art and archaeology in Britain.

<http://www.ashmolean.org/>

Exeter College

Exeter is Oxford's fourth oldest college. It has occupied much of its present site since its foundation in 1314. Its founder, Walter de Stapeldon, was a Devon man who rose from a humble background to become Bishop of Exeter and Treasurer of England under Edward II. He founded the College to provide an educated clergy for his diocese. During its first centuries, Exeter drew its members mainly from Devon and Cornwall. Victorian undergraduates who went on to achieve fame include Sir Charles Lyell, the pioneering geologist, J. A. Froude, the historian, and two of the leading pre-Raphaelites, William Morris and Edward Burne-Jones. Important works by Morris and Burne-Jones are on view in the Morris Room and Chapel.

<http://www.exeter.ox.ac.uk/>

Christ Church College

Christ Church is a unique institution, one of the largest colleges in the University of Oxford and the Cathedral Church for the Diocese of Oxford. It has a world famous Cathedral Choir and scholarly collections of books and art. Christ Church has a fascinating history and many distinguished people have studied there including John Locke, Robert Hooke, John Wesley, Robert Peel, William Gladstone, W.H. Auden, David Dimbleby, Rowan Williams, Richard Curtis and Howard Goodall.

<http://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/>

New College

New College is one of Oxford's oldest and best-known Colleges. Situated in the heart of the city, our main site is one of the most beautiful in Oxford, boasting the earliest planned College quadrangle and spectacular gardens set against the medieval city wall.

<http://www.new.ox.ac.uk/>

Your Guides

Alastair and Kate Lack will be your guides during the tour. Alastair is a member of the Oxford Guild of Guides and former Secretary of the Oxford University Society.

Alastair will give the following talk during the tour:

"The history of the University of Oxford".


In this talk, Alastair explains the origins of Oxford, the oldest university in the English speaking world, the reasons behind the collegiate system of learning and living, and how Oxford came to have the finest collection of medieval buildings in England.

Practical Information






Tour manager - Your tour manager will be on hand throughout the tour to ensure that everything operates according to plan. If you have any problems or questions please see him or her immediately – it is often possible to resolve complaints or problems very quickly on the spot, and do everything to help you enjoy your holiday.

Tipping –To keep our tours affordable, we do not increase the tour price by adding in tips. However, in the tourism industry, there is a certain level of expectation that when receiving a good service, one does award with a tip. Tour managers, representatives, guides and drivers appreciate a tip at the end of their involvement with the tour, but this is entirely at your discretion. We believe in allowing you to tip according to your level of satisfaction with their services.

Walking Content – This tour has been graded a 5 out of 5 for walking difficulty.

Walking difficulty: 

Please see the key below for an explanation of the footprint symbols:

Very little walking involved	
Relaxed easy pace, mainly walking from coach to site	
Some walking between sites, good, flat walking surfaces	
Walking between sites, lots of standing for viewings	
On your feet all day, uneven terrain (cobble etc)	

Insurance

Although this is a UK holiday please note that, should you cancel your holiday, the amount paid is non-refundable. For this reason you may wish to take out insurance just in case an unforeseen event caused you to have to cancel the tour. As well as covering cancellations, your travel insurance will also cover your baggage and personal belongings in case they are lost or stolen.



Emergencies

Should an emergency arise, please call our offices on:

020 7251 0045

Outside office hours (Mon-Fri 0900-1700), telephone our emergency staff on:

07841 023807 or

020 7987 5910 or

07831 133079 or

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