

Exclusive Tours

Vanbrugh House
Hotel



Private Walking Tour – a tour just for you!

The city centre of Oxford is dense with historic University and College buildings, its streets echo with the footsteps of famous people who have taught and studied here.

Each location has a tale to tell, and many of our tour guides stories are personal, authentic accounts of life here as a student at the iconic and most famous University in the world.

You will be greeted by our tour guide at our prestigious hotel where your private tour starts. You'll get to see what really interests you most, whether its architecture focussed, Harry Potter related, or whether you just want to see a bit of everything. Our tour guide will let you decide and design your tour based on what you're really interested in.

You will be shown around by your very own graduate of Jesus College, with a wealth of authentic and personal stories about Oxford and the University, past and present. You'll get access to restricted areas that are out of bounds to many walking tours within the city.

Most guests only do one walking tour of Oxford, so our advice is to make it the best one!

For more information about these tours please contact the reception team.

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Ghost Tour

The Oxford Ghost Tour will lead you away from the hustle and bustle of central Oxford into the eeriest parts of the city, the domain of demons, dark deeds, the Devil, and death.

You will hear spine-tingling tales from the city's bloody past and of the spirit entities it has left behind.

You will see the locations where the apparitions have revealed themselves and may do again. You might sense their presence, feel their touch, hear their groaning, smell their putrefaction.

All the accounts told are based on documented events. They feature not only paranormal manifestations, but also gruesome executions and heart-rending deaths, some from eyewitness accounts.

Breakfast on the River

An exclusive punting experience you'll never forget. You will enjoy a chauffeured punt by an award-winning Jesus college graduate. We're offering a private, early-access experience from 9:15am, for Vanbrugh House Hotel guests only.

Your breakfast will be ready for you before you leave. Presented in a lovely picnic basket, you'll be eager to get started and enjoy your once in a lifetime experience. You'll meet your host at the historic Cherwell boathouse (a short 20-minute walk or taxi ride away).

Sit back, relax, and enjoy this enchanting punting trip on Oxford's River Cherwell, while your expert punt chauffeur does all the hard work.

The lapping of the water under the boat, the daffy ducks gliding alongside looking for treats, the water-colour views framed at each turn by arcades of trees, the play of light on the water, the wind in the willows and much more.

The journey is really yours to enjoy, so whether you want to hear lots of stories during your punt, or just prefer the peace and quiet of the river, the decision is up to you.

Tours cost £100 per group.