

## **Things to do in Cambridge**

We hope you enjoy your stay in this famous and beautiful city. During the day you will be able to visit some of the historic university colleges, museums and parks, as well as a wide range of shops and markets where you can buy souvenirs and presents. At night there are cinemas, theatres, pubs, cafes and clubs to enjoy. We will give you a guided walking tour to show you where you can find some of the main attractions. Here are the things that we think everybody should do or see while they are here:

### **Cambridge University colleges**

Cambridge is most famous for its university, which is one of the oldest in the world, one of the largest in Britain and has a world-wide reputation for excellence. Cambridge University is made up of 31 colleges, where students study a wide variety of subjects.

### **Punting**

Mill Lane or Quayside

Punting is one of the most famous and popular activities to do whilst in Cambridge. We strongly recommend that you go punting at least once during your stay!

### **The Botanic Gardens**

Entrances on Hills Road and Bateman Street

This peaceful 40-acre garden offers year-round interest to visitors. Attractions include the rock garden, the lake, the glasshouses, the winter garden and the woodland walk. There is a small admission charge.

### **Great St. Mary's Church**

King's Parade

This wonderful university church is right in the centre of town. It has a narrow bell-tower (with 123 steps) that you can climb to the top of and see a fantastic view of the city. Highly recommended!

### **The Orchard Tea Gardens in Grantchester**

Grantchester

You can go for a peaceful walk along the river to these delightful tea gardens. They're the perfect place to have tea and scones!

### **King's College Chapel**



King's was founded in 1441 by King Henry VI as the college that students from Eton School (which he also founded) could go to. Henry wanted King's to have many buildings inside its beautiful outer walls but managed to begin very few of them (due to the long War of the Roses that he was fighting). Only the chapel was ever completed! This is well worth a visit.

### **Trinity College**

This is the largest college in Cambridge University. King Henry VIII built it, with money from monasteries that he had closed down. Trinity has had 28 Nobel Prize winners and one of its most famous students was the physicist Sir Isaac Newton.

### **St. John's College**

This college was founded in 1511 by Lady Margaret. In the 13th century, before the college was built there was a hospital there that was run by the Monks of St. John. The Bridge of Sighs was built in 1831 to connect St. John's New Court to the older part of the college.

### **Kettle's Yard Art Gallery and House**

Castle Street

Kettle's Yard House was the home of Jim Ede, a former curator at the Tate Gallery, London, and his wife, Helen. It now houses Ede's collection of art, mostly of the first half of the twentieth century. Kettle's Yard Gallery is a major centre for 20th century and contemporary art.

### **The Fitzwilliam Museum**

Trumpington Street

The art museum of the University of Cambridge, the Fitzwilliam contains collections of art and antiquities of national and international importance.

### **University Museum of Zoology**

Downing Street

This science museum houses collections of recent and fossil animals that were accumulated from 1814 to the present day, many of which were collected by Charles Darwin.

### **The Scott Polar Museum**

Lensfield Road

This museum is fascinating for anyone who is interested in the Arctic or the Antarctic! It holds a collection of artefacts, paintings, drawings, photographs and other material relating to polar history, exploration, science and art.

### **The Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences**

Downing Street

At the Sedgwick, you can discover fossils, rocks and minerals from around the world and explore more than 550 million years of Earth's history.



## **The Round Church**

Bridge Street

This Norman church is one of very few round churches left in England. You can do brass rubbing here most of the year.

## **The Backs**

Queen's Road

The Backs are landscaped open areas and gardens weaving behind many colleges on the River Cam. They are known for their daffodils and crocuses in the spring and stunning views of the colleges across the river at any time of year.

## **Cambridge Leisure Park**

Corner of Hills Road and Cherry Hinton Road Cambridge Leisure Park is host to numerous restaurants and bars, a Cineworld cinema and a huge tenpin bowling alley.

## **Shopping!**

Cambridge has two great areas to shop in. One is the self-contained Grafton Centre, and the other is the town centre (including the Grand Arcade and Lion Yard shopping centres). There are plenty of nice, interesting shops in Cambridge, so you will be able to buy gifts for your family and souvenirs to remind yourself of your stay here!

If you have any further questions about things to do and see in Cambridge, just ask at Reception. We hope you enjoy your stay!



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