

# Getting to Oxford

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Oxford is located 51 miles (85 km) north-west of London. It can be accessed by train or bus. Driving is not recommended, as there is very little free parking available. Keble College does not have any parking space available.

## Using the trains

### **A) If you are starting your trip from London:**

**Trains from London to Oxford** depart from Paddington Station. There are 3 trains an hour, and the journey takes one hour, stopping at Slough and Reading. Take care not to catch the slow train which stops at rural stations and takes 1.5 hours. You can book a rail ticket online at <http://ojp.nationalrail.co.uk/service/planjourney/search>. If you plan a return journey, ask for an Open Return ticket.

(Some – but not all – London/Oxford rail journeys go via Didcot Parkway to Oxford. Please be aware that there is an advisory that Between Didcot Parkway and Oxford:

Planned engineering work will take place:

From 02:00, Saturday 30 July 2016 to 02:00, Monday 15 August 2016.

The railway line between Didcot Parkway and Oxford will be closed. Services will be operating to an amended timetable and rail replacement buses will be operating)

Oxford Rail Station is about a 25 minute walk to Keble College. There are taxis available, fare will be about £7.00 or £8.00

**B) If you are starting your trip from Heathrow** you can either travel to Oxford by Train or by Coach. (We would **recommend the Coach service**; it is cheaper and it is direct).

By train - Take the **Heathrow Express** <https://www.heathrowexpress.com/> train to Paddington, and then change platforms for the Oxford train.

The **Gatwick Express** <http://www.gatwickexpress.com/> goes to Victoria Station; you then have to catch the Tube to Paddington Station.

## Using the Buses (or Coach) and coming straight to Oxford from Heathrow

There is a direct bus service from both Heathrow and Gatwick to the centre of Oxford (Gloucester Green, about a 15 minute walk or short cab ride from Keble College).

**PLEASE NOTE** : Unless you pre-purchase your ticket online, you will need to have **CASH** to buy your 'period return' ticket, which is valid for 3 months. The coach drivers do not accept credit cards.

**A)** When you arrive at **Heathrow**, there are two spots to catch ***the Airline - Oxford Bus Company Bus***. (<http://airline.oxfordbus.co.uk/heathrow/>) Buses depart approx. every half hour.

- From **Terminals 1, 2 or 3**, make your way on foot to the Central Bus Station. Go to Stand 15. Buses depart every 30 minutes.
- From **Terminal 4** – make your way by train/bus to terminal 5 – Free shuttle trains run between Heathrow Central station (Terminals 2 & 3) and Terminal 4 every 15 minutes. Heathrow Express trains are free for travel between Heathrow Central station (Terminals 2 & 3) and Terminal 5. Take bus number 482 or 490 (destination: Heathrow Terminal 5) from Bus Stop 7 for a free transfer between terminals. Heathrow Express trains are free for travel between Terminal 5 station and Heathrow Central station (Terminals 2 & 3). Take bus number 482 (destination: Southall Town Hall) or 490 (destination: Pools on the Park) from Bus Stop 7 for a free transfer between terminals.
- From **Terminal 5** - Coaches leave from Bus stand number 10 on the ground level.

**Timetables:** <http://airline.oxfordbus.co.uk/timetables/airline-heathrow>

**B)** When you arrive at **Gatwick**, ***the Airline - Oxford Bus Company Bus*** stop is at the **North** (Lower Forecourt Road Stands 4 & 5) and **South** (Lower forecourt Stands 1 and 2) **Terminals**. <http://airline.oxfordbus.co.uk/gatwick/>

**Timetable:** <http://airline.oxfordbus.co.uk/timetables/airline-gatwick>

The journey takes 2 to 2.5 hours

**Buying tickets** – either online <http://airline.oxfordbus.co.uk/buy-tickets/> or on the bus, but you can only pay in cash on the bus. If you are going back on the same route, purchase a 'Period Return' ticket, valid for 3 months.

### **Using the Buses (or Coach) and coming to Oxford from London**

There are two coach lines that go direct from London to Oxford and return. The duration is about 1.5 hours from one end to the other depending on traffic. Both start near Victoria Coach Station in London, and terminate at Gloucester Green in Oxford. The route they take through London is different. The fares are similar.

**A) The Oxford Express** <http://x90.oxfordbus.co.uk/timetables-fares/>

**B) The Oxford Tube** <http://www.oxfordtube.com/>

**PLEASE NOTE :** Unless you pre-purchase your ticket online, you will need to have **CASH** to buy your 'period return' ticket, which is valid for 3 months. The coach drivers do not accept credit cards.