



POCKET

OXFORD & THE COTSWOLDS

TOP SIGHTS • LOCAL EXPERIENCES

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Welcome to Oxford & the Cotswolds

With its ancient colleges, and alleyways lined with pubs and cafes, the university town of Oxford offers a seductive blend of history and modern charm. Off to the west, the golden villages, thatched cottages and stately churches of the Cotswolds – little changed since the Middle Ages – encapsulate a timeless rural idyll.





View of Oxford from South Park
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Top Sights

Christ Church

Oxford's largest and grandest college **p36**



Bodleian Library

Oxford University's magnificent medieval library. **p40**



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Blenheim Palace

Baroque extravaganza with glorious gardens **p92**



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Magdalen College

Magnificent college with beautiful grounds. **p66**



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