

Magdalen College, Oxford

Check In: From 2pm Check Out: By 10am (the Lodge is staffed 24 hours a day)

Directions:

Coaches stop in the High Street, opposite Queen's Lane, four minutes' walk from our Porters' Lodge, which is close to the foot of the Great Tower very near Magdalen Bridge. The Coach Station (Gloucester Green) is about fifteen minutes' walk from the College but London and Airport coaches stop at High Street/Queen's Lane on their way to the central coach station.

The Rail Station is twenty minutes' walk away from Magdalen. Buses run from the rail station and stop at Queen's Lane in the High Street.

Those travelling by car are advised to use Thornhill Park and Ride on the A40 east of Oxford. Park & Ride Buses into the centre stop opposite Queen's Lane in the High Street. We regret that we are unable to provide parking at the College.



Introduction

The river Cherwell runs through Magdalen's grounds which include over 100 acres of parkland - a beautiful and tranquil area in the heart of the city. Along with the magnificent cloisters, deer park and quads with formal lawns and borders, the claim to be the most beautiful college in Oxford is not without foundation.

The College offers rooms on its main site but also rooms in our Waynflete Building across Magdalen Bridge, with stunning views of the College. In this building the modest rates do not include breakfast.

Whichever Magdalen accommodation you choose to book, you can be sure of a warm welcome at the Porters' Lodge, from one of our student staff or the porters themselves. One of them will show you to your room and answer any queries you may have. We regret that we are unable to provide parking at the College.

History to the present day

Magdalen College was founded in 1458 by William Waynflete, Bishop of Winchester, and Lord Chancellor, on the site of the Hospital of St. John, just outside Oxford's East Gate.

Several additions were made after Waynflete's death in 1486: in 1492, the foundation stone was laid for a grand new bell tower, 144 feet high. Ready for use by 1505, Magdalen Tower has become one of Oxford's iconic images. The College then completed the High Street range, to link the Tower with existing buildings, and in 1508/9 erected the large allegorical gargoyles in the Cloister later known as the 'hieroglyphics'.

In the early 1730s, Edward Holdsworth designed a grand new quadrangle in the Palladian style to replace most of the medieval buildings. Only the north range of this quadrangle, the New Building, was ever completed. This occupies part of the Grove, which had been planted as a formal garden in the 17th century.

Food and Drinks

English Breakfast is served in the medieval Hall. Choose from a full selection of cooked items as well as cereals, fresh fruit and continental pastries on display in our Buttery - then take your tray into the panelled Hall to enjoy your breakfast with other guests, students and visitors with the portraits of famous alumni looking down. Please note, our Waynflete Building accommodation is sold on a 'room only' basis which does not include breakfast, for these rooms details of where breakfast may be obtained within 2-3 minutes' walk will be provided on a sheet on check-in.

The Old Kitchen Snack Bar, with riverside terrace, is open for light lunches and afternoon teas. Most evenings the Old Kitchen Bar will be open serving drinks. A wireless internet service hot spot is available in the Old Kitchen.

Grounds and gardens

Magdalen is set in over 100 acres of grounds and parkland with the River Cherwell flowing through. The Deer Park (with a herd of around 65) has been established for over 300 years. In addition to the formal lawns and borders there are water walks and meadows for all to enjoy. The Fellows' Garden, noted for its Spring flowers, is open throughout the year.

Other facilities

Guests are welcome to use the Ethernet connection in each study bedroom but will require a cable and password from the Porters' Lodge. Wifi is available in some buildings and also requires an access code from the Porters' Lodge.

Telephones may be used with an Oxford University phone card which may be purchased from the Porters' Lodge in either £5 or £2 denominations.

Launderettes are available and a pre-paid card may be obtained from the Porters' Lodge. There are ironing facilities in the launderettes.

Bathrooms are communal unless stated as en-suite.