

# University of Cambridge: Colleges&Facts

The University of Cambridge was established in 1209. Today, it is made up of 31 colleges.

## King's College

Kings parade, 01223 331 100

Open 9.30am–4.30 pm (closed on Saturday Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>)

Adults £7.50 / Students £5 (Group rate £6.50/£4.50 – Groups of 10)

A visit to King's college chapel, built under King Henry VI in 1446, is a truly inspirational experience. It is the largest and most spectacular of the college chapels in Cambridge.

## Christ's College

St Andrew's Street, 01223 334 900

Open 9.30am-4.30 pm

Free entry

The famous scientist Charles Darwin was a student at Christ's College between 1828 and 1831.

## Jesus College

Jesus Lane, 01223 339 339

Open 9.30am-3.15 pm

Former students of Jesus include: Thomas Crammer – the first Protestant Archbishop of Canterbury, and Prince Edward – the youngest son of Queen Elizabeth II.

## St John's College

St John's Street, 01223 338 600

Open 10 am-3.30 pm

Adults £3.50

One of the oldest and largest colleges in Cambridge. Former students include famous business and political leaders, as well as renowned artists and scientists.

## Corpus Christi College

King's Parade, 01223 338 000

Open 2 pm - 4 pm

Free entry

Corpus Christi College is located in the heart of the city. The Corpus Clock, conceived and funded by John C. Taylor, a former member of Corpus Christi College, can be found at the junction of Bene't and Trumpington Streets. The clock's face is a rippling 24-carat gold-plated stainless steel disc, about 1.5 metres (4.9 ft) in diameter, and its total cost is £1,000,000. It has no hands or numerals, but displays the time by opening individual slits in the clock face backlit with blue LEDs; these slits are arranged in three concentric rings displaying hours, minutes, and seconds. The clock was unveiled to the public in 2008 by Cambridge physicist Stephen Hawking.

## Libraries

The University of Cambridge has over 100 libraries. Cambridge University Library is the central research library, which holds around 8 million items and, in contrast with the Bodleian or the British Library, many of its books are available on open shelves.

It is one of the six legal deposit libraries in the United Kingdom, and is therefore entitled to request a free copy of every book published in the UK and Ireland. Through legal deposit, purchase and donation it receives around 100,000 books every year.

In addition to the University Library and its affiliated libraries, every faculty has a specialised library, which, on average, holds between 30,000 and 150,000 books. Every college has a library as well, partially for the purposes of undergraduate teaching, and the older colleges often possess many early books and manuscripts in a separate library. For example Trinity College's Wren Library has more than 200,000 books printed before 1800, while the Parker Library, Corpus Christi College, possesses one of the greatest early medieval European manuscript collections in the World, with over 600 manuscripts. The total number of books owned by the university is about 15 million.

## **Other sites of interest in Cambridge**

### Cambridge University Botanic Gardens

1 Brookside

Open 10 am – 6 pm

Adults £4.50 / Students £3.95

Opened to the public in 1846, the Cambridge University Botanic Garden develops and displays 8,000 different plant species in 40 acres of beautiful landscape.

### The Backs

Queens Road

The Backs provide superb views of King's College Chapel, the Wren Library of Trinity College and the New Court of St John's College. From there you can also see the mathematical bridge of Queen's College and the St John's College bridge of Sighs. On the western bank of the river are flower gardens, clipped lawns and meadows.

### The mathematical Bridge

Queen's College, Silver Street

The Mathematical Bridge is the popular name of a wooden footbridge across the river Cam, between two parts of Queen's College. The bridge was designed by William Etheridge, and built by James Essex in 1749. It has been rebuilt on two occasions, in 1866 and 1905, but has kept the same overall design. A popular fable is that the bridge was designed and built by Sir Isaac Newton without the use of nuts and bolts. In reality, bolts or the equivalent are an inherent part of the design. When it was first built, iron spikes were driven into the joints from the outer side, where they could not be seen from the inside of the parapets, explaining why the bolts were thought to be an addition to the original.

### The Fitzwilliam Museum

Trumpington Street, 01223 332900

Free entry

Closed on Mondays; Open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm, and Sunday from 12 pm to 5 pm

### The Round Church

Bridge Street, 01223 311602

The architecturally stunning Anglican Round Church, built in 1130, is Cambridge's second oldest building.

### Great St Mary's Church

Market square, 01223 741 716

Open Monday to Saturday 10 am - 5 pm, Free entry

Tower: Open 10 am – 4.30 pm, Adults £3.80 / Students £3

Great St Mary's is the University church. Its tower was completed in 1608 and provides excellent panoramic views of the City and University Colleges.

### The Church of our Lady and the English Martyrs

Hills Road, 01223 350 787

A neo-gothic church completed in 1890 and funded by former ballerina Mr Lyne-Stephens. Its spire at 216 ft (65.8 m) is one of the highest landmarks in the country of Cambridgeshire.

### Ely Cathedral

Open daily 7 am – 7 pm

Adults £6.50

Ely is a small town 15 minutes away from Cambridge by train.

Ely is renowned for its Cathedral, with its unique Octagon Tower. The city has developed around this magnificent structure. The Cathedral you can enjoy today originates from the 11th Century and is a place to enjoy at your own pace or with the benefit of an informative guided tour. If you have the stamina, you can make the worthwhile climb to take in the spectacular views from the Octagon and West Towers.

## **Outdoor Activities**

### Punting

#### The Scudamore's Punting Company

Mill Lane, 01223 359 750

6-person Punt £25 per hour

#### The Granta Punt hire

Mill Pond, Newnham Road, 01223 301 845

### Cycling

#### Cambridge Station Cycles

Corn Exchange St, 01223 307 655

or Station Road, 01223 307 125

Adults £7 for 4 hours, £10 per day / Student discounts

## **Markets**

### Cambridge Market

Market square

Open daily 10 am – 4 pm

All Saints Garden Market (Arts and Crafts)  
Trinity Street  
Open daily 10 am – 4 pm

## **Pubs**

### The Eagle

Bene't Streetn, next door to the McCrum Lecture Theatre  
Originally opened in 1667 as the "Eagle and Child", The Eagle is one of the larger pubs in Cambridge. When the university's Cavendish Laboratory was still at its old site at nearby Free School Lane, the pub was a popular lunch destination for staff working there. Thus, it became the place where Francis Crick interrupted patrons' lunchtime on 28 February 1953 to announce that he and James Watson had "discovered the secret of life" after they had come up with their proposal for the structure of DNA. Today the pub serves a special ale to commemorate the discovery, dubbed "Eagle's DNA".

### The Anchor

Silver Street

It is also one of the oldest pubs in Cambridge, and also sits on the river Cam to give you wonderful views of the local area. The anchor is quite a large pub and has several floors for you to choose from. The pub is a hit with tourists because of its location and can get busy at times.

### The Cambridge Blue

Gwydir Street

A bit off-centre but friendly pub with a beer garden, believed to date as far back as 1874. As well as serving draught real ales, they do the German draught and have a list of bottled beers from all over the world.

### The Cambridge Brew house

King Street

### The Mill

Mill Lane

### Clarendon Arms

Clarendon Street

## **Restaurants**

You will find many places to eat in Cambridge. Most restaurants are located on Regent Street, Bridge Street, and Mill Road.

### **English/Pub food**

The Punter (Reservation recommended)  
3 Pound Hill, 01223 363322

The Anchor (Reservation recommended)  
Silver street, 01223 353 554

### **Modern fusion cuisine**

The Galleria  
33 Bridge Street, 01223 362054

### **Vegetarian**

Rainbow Café  
9A King's Parade, 01223 321551

### **Fish**

Loch Fyne  
Trumpington Street, 01223 362433

### **French**

Café Rouge (chain)  
24 - 26 Bridge Street, 01223 364961

Côte Brasserie (chain)  
21-24 Bridge Street, 01223 311 053

### **Italian**

De Luca Cucina& Bar  
83 Regent Street, 01223 356 666□

La Mimosa  
Thompson's Lane, 01223 362 525

Bella Italia (chain)  
The Watermill, Newnham Road, 01223 367507

### **Mexican**

Nanna Mexico (chain)  
33 Regent Terrace, 07854 617603

Las Iguanas  
Quayside, 01223 460540

### **Indian/Sri Lankan**

Ceylon cinnamon  
92 Regent Street, 01223356996

### **Thai**

Sala Thong  
35 Newnham Road (by the Mill Pond), 01223 323 178

### **Chinese**

Seven Days  
66 Regent Street, 01223 309 559

North China Dumpling  
57 Regent Street, 01223 354 567

**Japanese**

Teri-Aki  
3 Quayside, 01223 323888

**Korean**

Bibimbap House  
60 Mill Road, 01223 506800

**Greek**

The Olive Grove  
100 Regent Street, 01223 778575

**Turkish**

Efes  
80 King Street, 01223 500005