

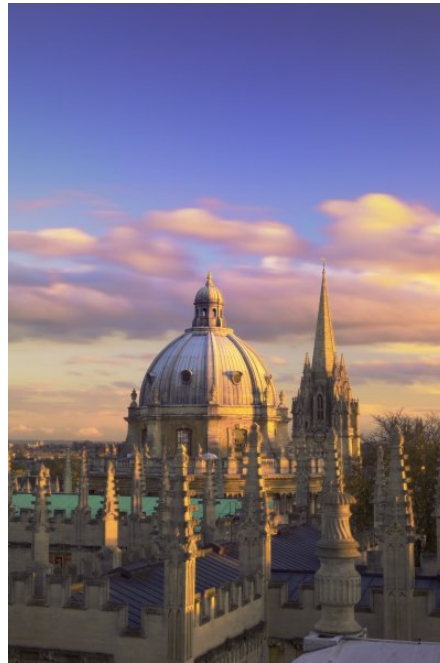


### **Luxury Tours - West and North of London**

- **Oxford University and Town**

The tall towers and 'dreaming spires' date back to 1167 when the first scholars came from France. Most of 36 colleges founded between 1200s and 1500s by the Church. **Christ Church College** dates from 1525 when Cardinal Wolsey built it to train cardinals and has produced 16 British Prime Ministers in the last 200 years; students eat at long tables in the college hall, grace is said in Latin as is the graduation ceremony. **New College** was built in 1379 to educate clergy to replace those killed by the Black Death in 1348. Much of **Merton College** dates from 1264. The **Bodleian Library** dates back to 1320 and is entitled to receive a copy of every book published in Britain.

Also the **Martyrs' Memorial** where Bishops Latimer and Ridley and Archbishop Cranmer were burned at the stake after being condemned as heretics by doctors of divinity at the university.



**Oxford Spires**

- **Cambridge University and Town**

Established in Roman times. In 1209 a group of religious scholars broke away from Oxford to set up a new university. It has 31 colleges, design based on monasteries, the college is based around a square (court) and many date back 600 years. **Kings College**, founded by Henry VI in 1441, 70 years to complete. Beautiful fan vaulted ceiling and altarpiece by Rubens (1634). The **Kings College Choir** sings daily in term time, travels the world and broadcasts a carol service at Christmas. **Peterhouse College** with original features from 1286. **Magdalene College** (1482) was the last all-male college to admit women in 1987. **Emmanuel College** (1677) contains a beautiful chapel designed by Sir Christopher Wren (St Paul's Cathedral). John Harvard was educated here, emigrated to the USA in 1636 and left his money to Harvard University.



**Kings College Chapel, Cambridge**



**River Cam, Cambridge**

- **Blenheim Palace**

After the Battle of Blenheim in 1704 Queen Anne built the palatial baroque masterpiece for John Churchill the First Duke of Marlborough. Winston Churchill, Britain's Second World War leader was born there in 1874. The magnificent gardens were designed by a French architect in the 1920s, in 17<sup>th</sup> century style.



**Blenheim Palace**

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