



Travel Guide and Activities



Useful Information

Climate

Cambridge enjoys a temperate maritime climate, which means mild temperatures throughout the year. Summers are usually warm, while winters are cool but rarely extreme. Rain is spread throughout the year, so it's a good idea to carry an umbrella or raincoat with you.

Money

The currency used in Cambridge, like the rest of the UK, is the British Pound Sterling (£). You can change money and traveller's cheques at the post office in the city centre. There are several banks on the same street (HSBC, NatWest and RBS) where you can withdraw money from the atm (cashpoint) machines.

Telephone Country Code

The telephone country code for the UK is +44.

Electricity

230 V; 50Hz – 3-pin plug.

Tap water

Tap water in Cambridge, as in most of the UK, is safe to drink unless there's a sign to the contrary (e.g. on trains). The water supply is carefully regulated, ensuring high-quality drinking water.

Discover the best of Cambridge

Must-See Sights and Travel Essentials

Cambridge is famous for its prestigious university, but there's so much more to this charming city. The city boasts stunning architecture, winding cobbled streets, and beautiful green spaces. With a rich cultural scene, Cambridge also offers a variety of museums, theatres, and galleries, as well as numerous shops, restaurants, and pubs.

Check out the [Monthly Activities Calendar](#)

5 Things to Do

- Visit King's College Chapel
- Take a punt along the River Cam
- Wander through the Cambridge University Botanic Garden
- Shop at the bustling Market Square
- Cycle around the historic city centre



Transportation

Cambridge is well-connected by various modes of transportation, making it easy to get around. The city is bike-friendly, with extensive cycling paths. Should you wish to hire a bike, there are several cycle shops around Cambridge. Additionally, walking is common due to the city's compact nature.

Public Transport Info

Cambridge has an efficient and reliable public transport system, primarily served by buses. The city's bus network covers most areas, with frequent services running throughout the day and night. Many students choose to buy weekly or monthly bus passes for cost-effective travel.

You can purchase a 7-day Megarider bus pass from the bus driver and get a free Smartcard.

7 or 28 day Megarider bus passes can be purchased online. Prices are approximately £16.80 per week (if you are under 19 years you can get a 'Youth Person' ticket which is approximately £11.90 per week) . You will need a Smartcard in advance – available at the school reception for £1.

You can also purchase a mobile ticket via the app.

Useful Links

[What's On](#)

[Rail Travel](#)

[City Cycle hire](#)

[Weather in Cambridge](#)

Legal Driving Age

The legal minimum age to drive a car in the United Kingdom is 17 years old, provided you hold a valid driving license.

Alcohol Age

The legal drinking age in the UK is 18. Be prepared to show identification in pubs, bars, and restaurants, as many establishments operate a strict ID-checking policy, especially for those who look under 25.

Smoking Laws

Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed public spaces, including restaurants, pubs, and public transportation. You must be 18 or older to purchase cigarettes. Many places offer designated outdoor smoking areas, but smoking in certain public spaces, such as playgrounds and schools, is also restricted.

Insurance

Students must have adequate health, accident and travel insurance while attending EC programmes.

British Public Holidays

Public holidays falling on a weekday

2025: 01 Jan, 18 Apr, 21 Apr, 05 May, 26 May, 25 Aug, 25 Dec, 26 Dec.

Visa Requirements

Please contact us for more information.

[Visa Requirements](#)

Cost of Living

Bottle of water / soda (0.33 litre)
£0.80-£1.50

Coffee/Cappuccino (Starbucks)
£2.00-£3.00

Fast-Food combo meal
£5.00-£7.00

Meal, inexpensive restaurant
£10.00-£18.00

Fitness club (monthly, 1 adult)
£22.00-£45.00

Public transport (local transport)
£2.50-£3.50 (one-way)

Public transport (monthly pass)
£50.00-£60.00

