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PRIOR INCANTATO

Welcome to the **A Novel Holiday** travel guidebook, *Harry Potter Places Book 2—OWLS: Oxford Wizarding Locations*, the second of five guidebooks designed to help *Harry Potter* Fans (**Potterites**) visit places found in the United Kingdom of Great Britain (the **UK**) that are associated with the *Harry Potter* Universe (the **Potterverse**). In the Potterverse, you'll find:

- Real-life places mentioned within J.K. Rowling's *Harry Potter* novels.
- Real-life locations where *Harry Potter* movie filming took place.
- Real-life sites that significantly influenced *Harry Potter* movie studio set design.

The **Prior Incantato** section is the *Harry Potter Places Travel Guidebook Introduction*. As such, it contains important explanations of the symbols and terminology found within each of the five *Harry Potter Places* (**HPP**) travel guidebooks.


Harry Potter Places Portkeys


To assist Potterites using eBook-reading devices that don't have a web browser—devices from which you cannot apparate—or Potterites using a printed HPP travel guidebook, we've created **HPP Portkeys**: Internet-posted PDFs containing all the Internet resource links provided in each section of every HPP book.


Go to **HarryPotterPlaces.com**. Click on the link for **Book Two**, then click on the **Supplementums** link. There you can access the Portkeys.

Harry Potter Places Ratings Icon Guide

It took more than three years of research, but we managed to find *sixty-eight (68) Potter Places in the UK*—specifically on the island of Great Britain. However, not all of these sites are places every Potterite will enjoy. Thus, we assessed each for their reasonable importance to an average Potterite's UK holiday, and created icons that provide an *at-a-glance* recognition of their rating.

 The **Great Site** icon indicates a Potter Place you don't want to miss. These are important sites mentioned in the books, or film locations readily recognized in real-life.

 The **Might Be Fun** icon identifies places some Potterites might find disinteresting, or unworthy of the inconvenience required to reach them. Each Might-Be-Fun Site's entry explains why it received that rating.

 The **Skip It** icon is assigned to places we strongly suggest you *avoid* visiting, and the Site's entry explains why. Although we provide SatNav/GPS coordinates and/or addresses for Skip-It-rated sites, we do not provide directions for finding them, nor are Skip-It sites included in *any* of the suggested *Harry Potter Places* itineraries. Potterites divinely inspired to visit any Skip-It site should investigate the location using the information provided in its Site entry, then create their own itineraries.

LUMOS OXFORD



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Best known as home to the oldest and most prestigious English-speaking University in the world, **Oxford** is awesome! The city is cram-packed full of buildings representative of every British architectural style ever conceived and executed. Once the haunt of literary giants such as **JRR Tolkien** and **CS Lewis**, Oxford also abounds with art galleries, museums, churches, colleges, and *shops* of all kinds.

<http://www.oxfordcity.co.uk/>

<http://www.oxfordcityguide.com>

Four Iconic Harry Potter Places are Found in Oxford's City Centre



The Bodleian Library (Site #30) contains *two* Harry Potter Places:

- **Duke Humfrey's Library** where Hogwarts' Library scenes were shot.
- **The Divinity School** where Hogwarts' Infirmary scenes were filmed, as well as *Goblet of Fire* dance lessons.



Christ Church College (Site #31)

Seen in all eight Harry Potter movies, the **Hogwarts Great Hall** set is an almost-exact reproduction of Christ Church College's **Dining Hall**. Actual location filming for *Sorcerer's Stone* and *Chamber of Secrets* took place on the grand staircase that leads up to the Dining Hall.

🧐 New College (Site #32)

Some *Goblet of Fire* courtyard scenes were shot here, including the incident when Mad-Eye Moody turned Draco Malfoy into a white ferret.

A Fifth Harry Potter Film Site is Merely 8 Miles Northwest of Oxford

🧐 Blenheim Palace (Site #29)

Order of the Phoenix flash-back scenes of young Severus Snape being bullied by James Potter and his entourage (Sirius Black, Remus Lupin, and Peter Pettigrew) were shot on the shore of Blenheim Palace's lake, near a readily recognizable tree.

Oxford Parseltongue Pointers:

- Blenheim Palace = "BLEN-um"
- Bodleian = "BOD-lee-an" (*not* "BODE-lee-an")
- Gloucester = "GLAH-ster"
- Oxford = "OX-furd"
- Oxfordshire = "OX-furd-sher"

Planning Your OWLs Visit

Only 50 miles northwest of the UK's capital, Oxford is the most convenient *outside-London* location to visit via public transportation *from* London. Unfortunately, the factors involved in planning an Oxford Potter Places trip are far more complex than those required by any other Potter Place—*especially* if you want to visit **Duke Humfrey's Library**.

In **Specialis Revelio Oxford Part One** we explain the Duke Humfrey's Library access dilemma, and provide in-depth directions for determining the best **manner** and **date** for your OWLs visit.

In **Specialis Revelio Oxford Part Two** we provide several **Suggested Oxford Wizarding Locations Itineraries**. Our itineraries identify the best order for visiting the OWLs on specific days, whether you arrive in Oxford via train, bus, or rental car. Important *time-restrictions* were considered when developing these itineraries, such as the closure of Christ Church College's Dining Hall (**Hogwarts Great Hall**) from 11:45am to 2:15pm so that students can eat lunch.

In the **Ambulatus Oxford** section you'll find our fantabulous **Oxford Wizarding Locations Map** and directions for walking between Oxford arrival points and the central-city OWLs.

The Oxford Tourist Information Centre

<http://www.visitoxfordandoxfordshire.com/>

Google Maps UK: 15-16 Broad Street, Oxford OX1 3AS

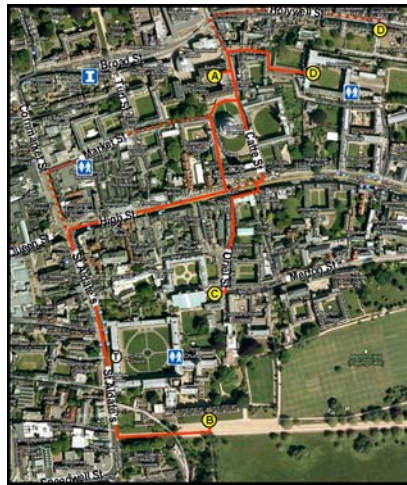
The **Oxford Tourist Information Centre** (OTIC) office and website are extremely helpful resources for trip planning. OTIC's *Pottering in Harry's Footsteps* tour—the only Oxford-based Harry Potter tour—is discussed in **Specialis Revelio Oxford Part One**.

AMBULATUS OXFORD

A Potterite's Guide to Ambulating (Walking) Around Oxford

The Oxford Wizarding Locations Map

We created the **Oxford Wizarding Locations (OWLs) Map** using map images obtained from **Google Maps UK**. The *Harry Potter Places* OWLs Map identifies the best routes to follow when walking between central-city OWLs.



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<http://HarryPotterPlaces.com/b2/OWLsMap.pdf>

The *Harry Potter Places* **Suggested OWL Itineraries**—found in **Specialis Revelio Oxford Part Two**—each contain the OWLs Map (and its key), and identify the best order for visiting the OWLs on specific days. The OWLs Map link above is provided for Potterites who plan to design a personal Oxford itinerary. Happily, **all** Potterites can use the directions below to follow *Harry Potter Places* itineraries, or to ambulate around Oxford in your own way.

Directions for Walking from Oxford Points of Arrival to the OWLs

To keep the OWLs Map as clear (large print) and easy to follow as possible, we limited it to the central-city OWLs area. Oxford's Railway Station, the Gloucester Green Bus Station, and the Westgate Car Park *do not appear on the map*.

Individual **Oxford-Arrival-Point-to-OWL** walking directions, with close-up, large print map segments, are posted online as *Harry Potter Places* **Supplementums**. Once you've determined your mode of transportation to Oxford, download the appropriate Directions Supplementum.

BODLEIAN LIBRARY



(SITE #30)

Home of *Two Harry Potter Places*

- The Divinity School: Hogwarts' Infirmary and the *GOF* Dance Practice Room
- Duke Humfrey's Library: Hogwarts' Library

<http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/home>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bodleian_Library


Google Maps UK: Catte St, University of Oxford, Hertford College, Oxford, Oxfordshire OX1, or 51.754121,-1.253943

Travel and lodging information is in the **Lumos Oxford** section.

Visit date restrictions, time requirements, and entry fees information is provided in **Specialis Revelio Oxford**.

Bag Restrictions: Do not bring large bags with you. Visitors must secure all bags, backpacks or purses, in small lockers for the duration of *any* Bodleian tour.

Photography Restrictions: You are welcome to snap Potter Pix within the Divinity School, but *no* pic-taking is permitted within Duke Humfrey's Library.

 The Bodleian Library has no public toilet facilities. The nearest non-Potter-Place public toilet is on the south side of **Market Street**, between the **Covered Market** entrance and the **Wagamama** noodle restaurant. (See the **OWLs Map**.)



The Bodleian Libraries are an integrated collection of nearly 40 (*yes, forty*) libraries located in buildings scattered throughout the city of Oxford. As impressive as that sounds, the Bodleian Libraries represent less than half of the **100** Oxford University Libraries (**OULs**).

When spoken of in the *singular*, the **Bodleian Library** refers to five buildings found at the intersection of Broad and Catte streets—also known as the **Central Bodleian Site**. Pronounced “BOD-lee-an,” Oxford scholars call it **the Bodley**, or simply **the Bod**. Since we're not Oxford scholars, we call it **the Bodleian**.

The Bodleian is one of the oldest libraries in all of Europe. Containing 120 *miles* of occupied shelving and at least 29 reading rooms, the Bodleian is Britain's second-largest library. (The **British Library** in London is the largest.)

The Bodleian is unique in that it operates principally as a **reference library**—*not* a **lending library**. No one is allowed to remove books or documents from the Bodleian. Legend has it that even King Charles I was refused permission to borrow a book from the

The Divinity School: Hogwarts Infirmary & Dance Lessons Room

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Divinity_School,_Oxford



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The Divinity School is a spectacularly ornate medieval building originally planned as a single-storied structure similar in scope and grandeur to a free-standing chapel. Specifically intended for theology lectures and discussions, the Divinity School is the oldest surviving *purpose-built* Oxford University building. Its foundations were laid in 1424. Unfortunately, Divinity School construction was plagued by frequent financial delays, resulting in several modifications (down-sizing) of the original architectural design over the years. One cannot help but wonder how much *more* grandly ornate the original Divinity School design must have been!

Divinity School Potter Pix

Below are five of our favorite Harry Potter screenshots that show sections of the Divinity School room you'll be able to photograph during your visit.

CHRIST CHURCH



COLLEGE

(SITE #31)

Hogwarts Great Hall and Grand Stairway

<http://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christ_Church,_Oxford

<http://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/visiting/harry-potter>

Google Maps UK: Saint Aldates, Oxford, OX1 1 (Christ Church)

Travel and lodging information is in the **Lumos Oxford** section.

Operation Hours: Mon-Sat 9am to 5pm, Sunday 2pm to 5pm. Closed on Christmas Day and Good Friday. The Dining Hall (Hogwarts Great Hall) is closed daily from 11:45am to 2:15 pm, so that students can eat lunch.

Entry Fee: Adults £8 (\$12); Children, Seniors, Students with ID, £6.50 (\$10); Children under 5 admitted free. Admission includes an illustrated Christ Church College and Cathedral pamphlet.

Cathedral Shop Hours: Mon-Sat, 10am to 5pm; Sunday, noon to 5pm

Visit Time: Schedule at least 90 minutes here.

Parseltongue Pointer:

- Frideswide = "FRIDES-wide" (like "BRIDES-wide")



Christ Church College is the thirteenth of the present-day Oxford colleges to be founded, but the ground it occupies was a place of Christian worship and education long before then. Near the end of the 7th Century, a Saxon noblewoman named **Frideswide** founded a nunnery here in order to escape the attentions of an Anglo-Saxon prince who wanted her to renounce her celibacy vow and become his wife. During the years she spent avoiding abduction to remain a nun, Frideswide performed several healing miracles and was considered a Saint by those in Oxfordshire. **Saint Frideswide's Parish church** was established on this site long before her official canonization in 1480.



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Anticipating that it would be used for many years of filming, Hogwarts Great Hall was constructed with a solid stone floor, exceptionally thick walls, and populated with hardwood tables and benches—all of which constituted an enormous expense and a degree of permanence quite unusual for film set construction. Now that the movies are finished, this set has been preserved and moved to the **Harry Potter WB Studio Tour (Site #27)**, a London Side-Along Apparation.

Contrary to what some might tell you, no filming ever took place within the Dining Hall. However, two other areas of Christ Church College *were* **location film sites** for *Sorcerer's Stone* and *Chamber of Secrets* scenes.

Please Note: Christ Church College is so familiar looking, be sure to take turns being your group's photographer. Send your companions ahead to pose while you snap shots with **everyone's cameras**. Then switch. Because both photographers shoot 2 or 3 pix with each camera, it will rarely take more than two sessions at each site to capture screenshot reproduction pix that include *everyone*.

Christ Church Potter Pix Directions

Enter Christ Church College from the Meadow Gate and follow signs to the **Cathedral Shop**. When you reach the shop entrance, walk *past* it, watching on your right for an elevated alcove containing two windows, above a plaque memorializing, "Jeremy Angus Sebastian Clement Kitchen."

THE END

Thus ends the adventures of
Harry Potter Places Book Two ...

Please join us in Harry Potter Places
Book Three—Snitch Seeking in
Southern England and Wales

