



OXFORD SUMMER COURSES

HARRY POTTER WORLD

DAY TRIP FOR 10-12 YEAR OLDS

As the curtain rolls up, the carved doors to the Great Hall and the intricate magic that built the sets, props and costumes of Harry Potter are revealed.

The world that Warner Bros created is incredibly real, right from the oil paintings on the walls of Hogwarts to the three-domed room that is Dumbledore's office. To walk around the studios is to walk around the life-size world of Harry Potter.

It is fascinating how J.K. Rowling's words have been made into objects, especially the role that intricate architecture and engineering played in creating them. The original design sketches are on display, showing

you exactly how mythical creature were created on screen - a moving Buckbeak and life-size Aragog are incredible feats of engineering.

The smallest details are also wonderful: the self-knitting scarf in the Weasley's kitchen; the tiny, dusty potions' bottles in Snape's classroom; the individual books in the Gryffindor Common Room.

It's not all just looking at displays and keeping your distance, visitors can practise their flying on a broomstick, wand waving and climb inside the Hogwarts express at Platform 9 $\frac{3}{4}$. Probably most importantly, you can try chocolate frogs, Bertie Bott's Every-Flavour Beans and butterbeer!

It is particularly interesting visiting the studios after having visited Oxford, where a lot of the filming happened - many of those sets and objects once visited Oxford along with Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson, Maggie-Smith and all the rest of the star-studded cast. Thanks to the Harry Potter films, Oxford has gained a new layer of cultural richness, held in its centuries old buildings. The Great Hall, staircases, and cloisters from the films can be seen in Christ Church College, Oxford, which the Hospital Wing came to life in the Divinity Schools in the Bodleian Library.

Even if you are not a complete Potter-head, the sheer scale of the studios is incredibly impressive - you actually cannot take it all in in just one trip!



Platform 9 $\frac{3}{4}$

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