

A low-angle photograph of a large, ornate brick building, likely a university hall or clock tower, under a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The building features a prominent circular clock face and several arched windows. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

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A GUIDE TO
Life in Reading



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Reading in numbers

The University of Reading provides a safe and beautiful environment in which to study, with a strong community atmosphere and everything you need on your doorstep. Off campus, there's even more to discover: a buzzing town with great night-life and stunning English countryside within easy reach.

The town of Reading perfectly situated in the Thames Valley, within easy reach of London (just 25 minutes on the new Elizabeth tube line) and 20 minutes to the beautiful and prestigious city of Oxford - there's something for everyone.

Reading is home to around
230,000
people, making it the largest town in the UK by population.



Madejski Stadium seats over
24,000
and is home to Reading football club.



Reading is only
25 minutes
from London, 20 minutes from Oxford and around one hour from Bristol and Bath.



Over
105,000
fans attend the Reading Festival every year.



Over
150
languages spoken across the town of Reading.

Work and career opportunities

Right at the heart of the innovative Thames Valley, and only 25 minutes to both London and Oxford, Reading is the perfect place to **kickstart your career**. There are plenty of opportunities during and after your studies to take on work placements, develop your career network and even start up your own business.

The Oxford Science Park is **Europe's biggest cluster of IT hubs**, opening up a range of career options and work placement opportunities for those looking to develop a career in computer science, cybersecurity, data, finance, or media and digital sector.

Reading is also the perfect place to **launch a career in the arts, media or film industries** - with the new Shinfield Studios being built just minutes away from the University, designed to service the largest blockbuster film and television productions in the world.

Staying in the UK to work

The Graduate Immigration Route allows students to stay and work (or look for work) in the UK for a further two years on successful completion of their degree.

This allows students to continue to improve their English language skills, build up work experience, or add credibility to their CV.

97% of Reading graduates are in work or further study 6 months after graduating

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Living in Reading



Reading named as one of the best places to live in the UK

The Sunday Time 2023



Sports and activities

Madejski Stadium is home to Reading football club and London Irish Rugby Club and seats over 24,000 people.

The Students' Union at the University of Reading also has over 100 clubs and societies, which are a great way to get involved in university life and make friends. The University's SportsPark provides students with extensive indoor and outdoor facilities.

ONCAMPUS Reading students have access to Student Union facilities from day one.



Places of worship

Reading is a diverse and welcoming town and there are a number of places of worship within easy reach of both the **ONCAMPUS** Reading centre and of the accommodation.

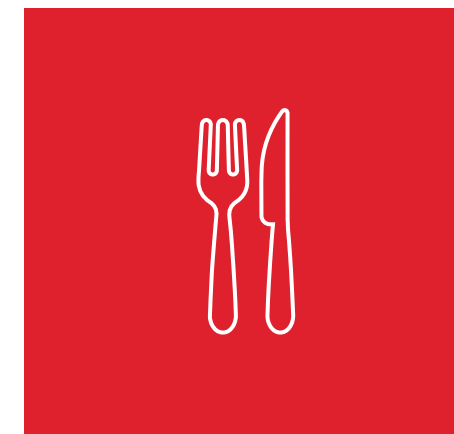
There are several faith based societies available for students to join which reflects the University's diversity and multicultural community.

The University of Reading Chaplaincy has a comprehensive list of all faith services available on campus and around the town: www.reading.ac.uk/chaplaincy/-/media/project/functions/chaplaincy/documents/places-of-worship-2023.pdf

Living in Reading

Reading offers plenty to do and see during your time as a student. It also has a fantastic and diverse culinary scene, with a wide variety of places to eat and drink on a student budget.

Places to eat



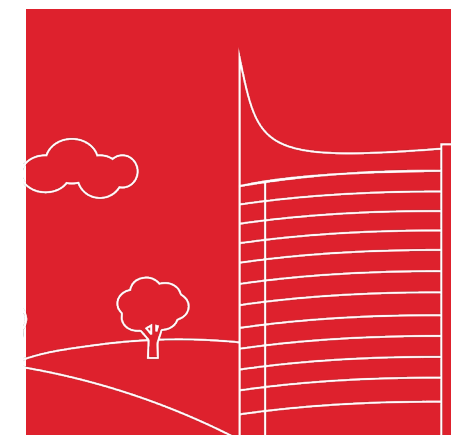
Visit The Oracle for a range of delicious restaurants including Slug & Lettuce, Honest Burgers and wagamama's.



If you're a fan of Sri Lankan cuisine, head to The Coconut Tree to try their signature curry.



Share some pizza with friends at Zerodegrees, with two outdoor areas to eat alfresco on warmer days.



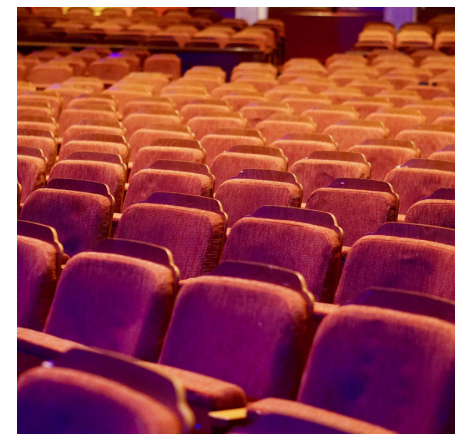
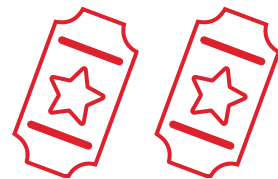
Things to do



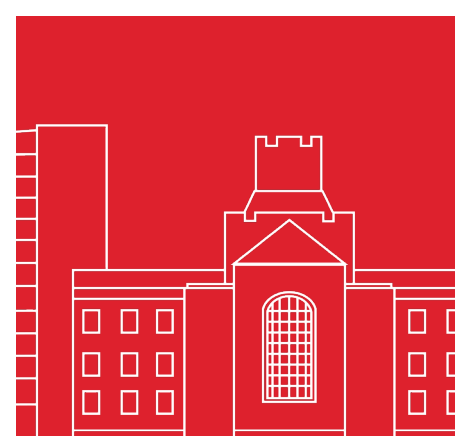
Take a walk around the beautiful **Forbury Gardens** and discover the local history at the 12th century Reading Abbey.



If you love the arts, visit Reading's **Hexagon Theatre** which offers performing arts performances and festivals throughout the year.



The **Oracle and the Broad Street Malls** are Reading's two indoor shopping centres, which offer a range of your favourite high street stores.



Reading Festival is one of the best known in the UK, with over 105,000 fans flocking to see some of the biggest names in music.

Places to visit near Reading

Scan the QR codes to interact with these amazing sites! Also, search #Reading, #RoyalAscot, #Oxford and #StGeorgesChapel to see these sites across social media.



Windsor Castle

Home to 39 monarchs, Windsor Castle is the oldest and largest occupied castle in the world. It is less than an hour from Reading and open to visitors throughout the year.

For less than £20, you can explore this historic site, home to over 1,000 years of history and founded by William the Conqueror.

Royal Ascot

Ascot, one of the most well-known racetracks in Britain, hosts a special week of races that are attended by The King. With almost 300,000 attendees over five days, all dressed up in their finest clothes, this week has emerged as Britain's most popular racing meeting.



St. George's Chapel

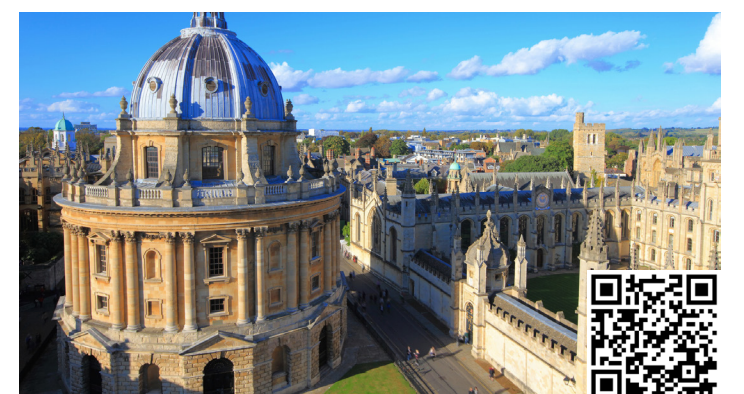
If you are a fan of history, then St. George's Chapel is a must visit with 10 monarchs buried there including Henry VIII and Charles I. It is recognised as one of England's most exquisite religious structures.

This sight is free to all, so make sure to visit this historic sight during your time in Reading.

Oxford

Beautiful Oxford is home to amazing architecture, history, and culture. There are both historic and contemporary colleges, great museums and galleries, and a lot of parks, gardens, and other green spaces where you may unwind.

Oxford is only a 25 minute train away, making it easily accessible to students at Reading.



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Reading Train Station

River Thames

Hexagon Theatre

Broad Street Mall

St James Rc Church

Reading Museum & Town Hall

The Blade

Central Jamme Masjid

The Oracle Shopping Centre

Vue Multiplex Cinema

South Street Arts Centre

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My River Cruising

Great Hall

Green Banks Building

Wycliffe Baptist Church

Heathrow Airport
27 miles

Unite Student Accommodation

Markaz Salafi

Museum Of English Rural Life

Henley
Business School
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Coley Recreation Ground

River Kennet

Whiteknights House

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Waterloo Meadows

Christchurch Parish Office

Cintra Park

Whiteknights campus

Humanities and Social Sciences Building

Reading University Students' Union

Library

Hopkins Building

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