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HARRY POTTER

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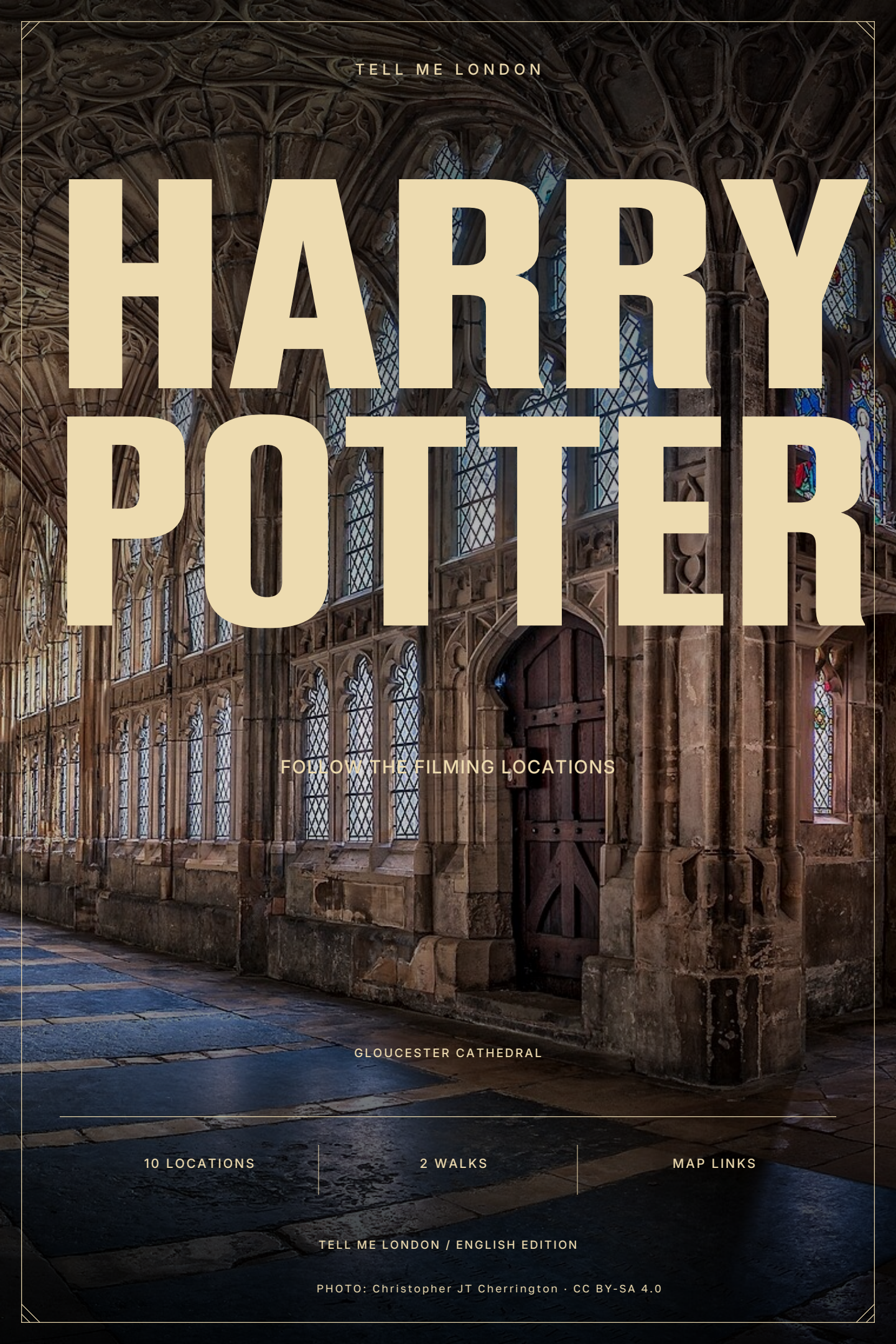

GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL

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Leadenhall Market



King’s Cross Station

City walks, ancient vaults and a studio. Plan the more distant locations as separate trips.

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THE STREET AND DOOR FROM THE FIRST FILM

A doorway into magic

Leadenhall Market



Leadenhall Market's galleries. The filming doorway is in a side passage.



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King's Cross Station

ON SCREEN

In Philosopher's Stone, Harry and Hagrid pass through here on their way to the Leaky Cauldron. Look for Bull's Head Passage: the familiar film doorway is in this small alley.

ON YOUR VISIT

Start in the covered market, then turn into the passage. This is a working shopping district: do not expect to find a wizarding pub operating behind the filming door.

Leadenhall Market / Bull's Head Passage, London EC3V 1LT

Source: Leadenhall Market

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FILMING STATION + PHOTO SPOT

Platform 9¾

King's Cross Station



King's Cross's modern concourse. The photograph shows the station's architecture.

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St Pancras International

ON SCREEN

King's Cross was used for scenes of the departure for Hogwarts. The station belongs to the story of the Hogwarts Express, but today's photo spot and the filming platform are not the same place.

ON YOUR VISIT

Find the trolley in the wall and the 9¾ sign in the main concourse. The real platforms 9 and 10 are separated by tracks. You do not need to enter the railway tracks to enjoy the station or take a photograph.

King's Cross Station, Euston Road, London N1 9AL

Source: Warner Bros. Studio Tour

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FACADE · CHAMBER OF SECRETS

Taking flight over London

St Pancras International

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St Pancras exterior. Archive photograph.

London · St Pancras

ON SCREEN

After missing the train, Harry and Ron set off in a flying Ford Anglia. St Pancras and its red-brick facade appear at the beginning of their flight over the city.

ON YOUR VISIT

View the building from Euston Road, then walk to neighbouring King's Cross. These are two separate stations: the facade scene and the platform scenes belong to different addresses.

St Pancras International, Euston Road, London N1C 4QP



IN THIS GUIDE: Millennium Bridge

Source: London St. Pancras Highspeed

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REAL CITY LOCATION + VISUAL EFFECTS

The bridge that survived

Millennium Bridge



Millennium Bridge and St Paul's Cathedral. The real cityscape.



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Warner Bros. Studio Tour London

ON SCREEN

At the beginning of Half-Blood Prince, the bridge is destroyed by a magical attack. Its collapse was created with visual effects; the real Millennium Bridge remains a recognisable Thames landmark.

ON YOUR VISIT

Walk between Bankside and the City. For a photograph with St Paul's Cathedral in the distance, look north from the south bank. This makes a convenient riverside finish to the walk.

Millennium Bridge, Thames Embankment, London

Source: City of London

OPEN MAP → PLAN A VISIT → FILMING SOURCE →

SEPARATE VISIT · FILM SETS

Behind Hogwarts’ doors

Warner Bros. Studio Tour London



The Great Hall at Warner Bros. Studio Tour London. Archive view of the set.

ALSO IN THE GUIDE

Bodleian Libraries / Divinity School

ON SCREEN

The Great Hall was built for the first film and used throughout the series. The Studio Tour displays film sets and the details that brought the wizarding world to life inside the studios.

ON YOUR VISIT

Book a timed ticket in advance. The studio is in Leavesden, outside central London. Plan a separate trip and check the tour’s website for travel via Watford Junction.

Studio Tour Drive, Leavesden, WD25 7LR

Source: Warner Bros. Studio Tour

OPEN MAP → PLAN A VISIT → FILMING SOURCE →

TWO FILMING SPACES

Hospital wing and library

Bodleian Libraries / Divinity School



The Divinity School in Oxford: the hospital-wing room, not Duke Humfrey's Library.

Oxford

ON SCREEN

The Divinity School became Hogwarts' hospital wing in the first film. In Duke Humfrey's Library, Harry slipped among the old books under his Invisibility Cloak.

ON YOUR VISIT

Admission to the Divinity School and the library differs. For Duke Humfrey's, choose a library tour; the 60-minute tour has an age limit of 11+. Check its contents, stairs and availability before booking.

Bodleian Libraries, Broad Street, Oxford OX1 3BG



IN THIS GUIDE: Christ Church, Oxford

Source: Experience Oxfordshire

OPEN MAP → PLAN A VISIT → FILMING SOURCE →

FILMED STAIRCASE · INSPIRATIONAL HALL

Meeting McGonagall

Christ Church, Oxford



The staircase to Christ Church's dining hall. Archive photograph.



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Lacock Abbey

ON SCREEN

Professor McGonagall greets the first-year pupils on the Christ Church staircase. The college's dining hall inspired Hogwarts' Great Hall; Great Hall scenes themselves were filmed on a set.

ON YOUR VISIT

Book through the official website and check Known closures. This is an active college and cathedral: access to the staircase, hall and other spaces depends on events and the institution's arrangements.

Christ Church, St Aldate's, Oxford OX1 1DP

Source: Experience Oxfordshire

OPEN MAP → PLAN A VISIT → FILMING SOURCE →

A REAL ABBEY PLAYING THE SCHOOL

Hogwarts beyond the arches

Lacock Abbey



Lacock Abbey's cloister. A modern photograph of the historic space.

ALSO IN THE GUIDE

Gloucester Cathedral

ON SCREEN

Lacock Abbey's medieval spaces played parts of Hogwarts. Here, shift your attention from a familiar facade to stone vaults, passages and the rhythm of old arches.

ON YOUR VISIT

You need an abbey visit, rather than just a walk around Lacock village. Check opening hours for the cloister and rooms separately: National Trust lists them in different rows.

Lacock Abbey, Lacock, near Chippenham, Wiltshire SN15 2LG

Source: National Trust

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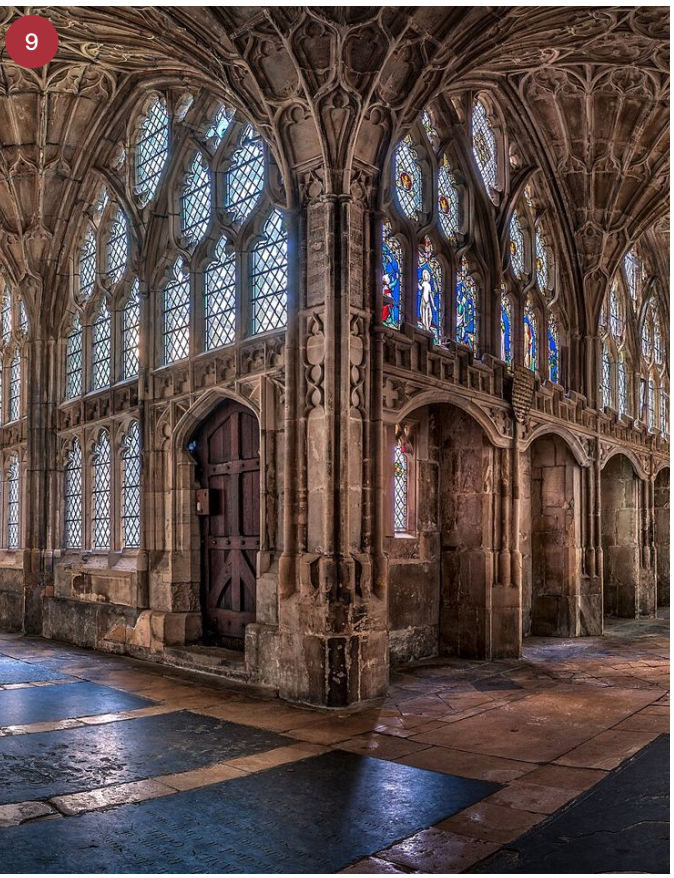
THE FAN-VAULTED CLOISTER

Hogwarts’ corridors

Gloucester Cathedral



Gloucester Cathedral’s cloister. Archive view; access may have changed.

Gloucester

ON SCREEN

Gloucester Cathedral’s cloister played parts of Hogwarts in three films. Its long passages and fan vaulting are recognisable even without school robes and film props.

ON YOUR VISIT

Check services and closures. A restoration programme is under way in the cloister, with its first phase covering the East Walk. Before travelling, confirm which sections will be accessible on your date.

Gloucester Cathedral, 12 College Green, Gloucester GL1 2LX



IN THIS GUIDE: Alnwick Castle

Source: Gloucester Cathedral

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CASTLE COURTYARD · FIRST TWO FILMS

The first flying lesson

Alnwick Castle

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Alnwick Castle. An overall view, not a close-up of the lesson location.



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ON SCREEN

Harry's first flying lesson and Neville's ill-fated take-off were filmed in the Outer Bailey. The castle's courtyards and arches became Hogwarts in Philosopher's Stone and Chamber of Secrets.

ON YOUR VISIT

At the source guide's preparation date, the castle was closed for winter: the 2026 season ended on 20 October. Choose an open date in the next season before travelling north. Alnwick Garden has a separate ticket.

Alnwick Castle, Alnwick, Northumberland NE66 1NQ

Source: Alnwick Castle

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London on foot



Millennium Bridge



Leadenhall Market

A market and a bridge in one walk. Keep King's Cross
and St Pancras as a separate pair of stops.

OUR SUGGESTED WALKING ROUTE

Leadenhall Market

The galleries and the turn into Bull's Head Passage.

Through the City to the cathedral

A connecting walk to St Paul's; not a filming stop.

Millennium Bridge

Cross to Bankside and look back at the cathedral.

Open route in Google Maps

Oxford



Bodleian Libraries / Divinity School



Christ Church, Oxford

Two filming locations and the city between them.
Choose the order around your timed tickets.

OUR SUGGESTED WALKING ROUTE

Christ Church

Start with your pre-booked visit to the staircase.

Radcliffe Square

A pause along the way: the square is not claimed as a filming location here.

Bodleian Libraries

Visit Divinity School and the library under your chosen admission option.

Open route in Google Maps

One journey. Three addresses.



King's Cross Station



St Pancras International

The journey to Hogwarts feels continuous. Across the films it was assembled from real stations and a studio set.

01 / DEPARTURE

King's Cross

Most Platform 9¾ scenes were filmed here. Today's trolley in the concourse is a separate visitor photo spot.

Filming source →

02 / FLIGHT

St Pancras

The facade appears when Harry and Ron fly away in the Ford Anglia in Chamber of Secrets. On screen, the neighbouring stations form part of one journey.

Filming source →

03 / STUDIO

Leavesden

Part of the platform was recreated in the studio for Deathly Hallows: Part 2. Train carriage interiors were also built on a soundstage.

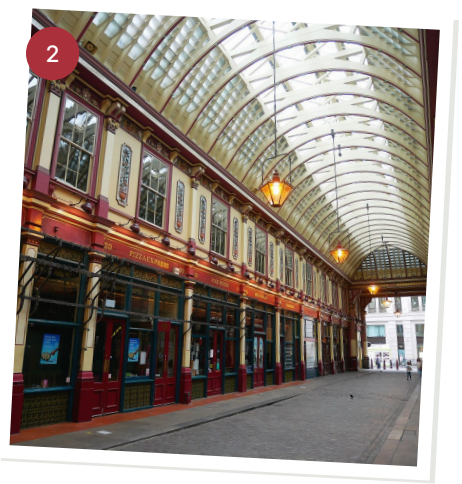
Filming source →

This explains the screen illusion, not a travel itinerary. The first two addresses are within walking distance; plan Leavesden as a separate trip.

Your day can still happen



King’s Cross Station



Leadenhall Market

If the Studio Tour is sold out, build a London day around two walkable areas.

01 / TWO STATIONS

King’s Cross → St Pancras

Start at the 9¾ trolley in the main concourse. A photo on your own phone does not require buying a professional photo. Then walk outside to neighbouring St Pancras.

02 / MARKET AND RIVER

Leadenhall → Millennium Bridge

Head to the City and follow the walk on page 13. This plan explores public city spaces; it does not include the studio or paid interiors.

Open the City walk →

Photo spot: King's Cross rules →

Travel and purchases cost extra. This plan does not guarantee a queue-free trolley photo.

Before you click 'Book'



Bodleian Libraries / Divinity School



Leadenhall Market

Four details that can change your visit.

Choose the right gate

Christ Church's usual visitor entrance is Meadow Gate, off Broad Walk. Its official website directs wheelchair users to Tom Gate.

Christ Church: entrances →

With a child under 11

Bodleian library tours are for ages 11+. The separately visited Divinity School welcomes children of any age: a way to see the hospital-wing location.

Bodleian: family visits →

Photos and video have different rules

The Bodleian permits personal photos without flash, except in the Radcliffe Camera. Do not photograph readers or staff. Video on the premises needs prior permission.

Bodleian: photography rules →

If step-free access matters

Divinity School is wheelchair accessible, while library tours involve stairs. Check your individual access arrangements before booking.

Bodleian: accessibility →

Conditions checked on 1 November 2026. Open the source before booking: access and rules may change.

Look for what remains



Bodleian Libraries / Divinity School



Gloucester Cathedral

Three tasks for an observant visitor. Try them at the locations you choose for your trip.

A cauldron older than the film

Find the large cauldron in the Warming Room by the cloisters. The National Trust catalogue dates it to 1500, made in Mechelen. Look for the maker's inscription: this is a historic object.

National Trust object 995957 →

Stone or a disguise?

At Gloucester, electrical fittings were hidden behind panels painted to look like stone. Ask a staff member whether one can be seen in the open part of the cloisters.

Visit Gloucester: filming traces →

Find your own sign

Choose a carved ceiling detail in Divinity School. Sketch it or write down what it resembles. Compare it with the fan vaulting over Christ Church's staircase: what is similar and what differs?

Location page →

These tasks are editorial suggestions. Access depends on your visit and restoration work. Do not open panels or touch exhibits.

A few things worth knowing



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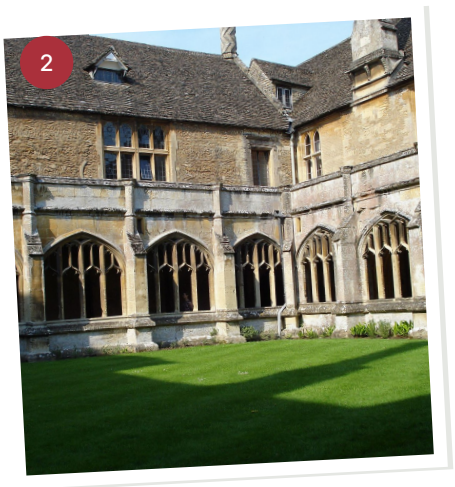

Lacock Abbey

One Hogwarts, many addresses

The school on screen combines castles, cathedrals and studios. Christ Church's staircase was filmed, while its dining hall inspired the studio set.

Choose a day, not all of England

London and Oxford have their own walks. Visit Leavesden, Lacock and Gloucester on separate trips. Alnwick is in northern England.

Book first, travel second

The Studio Tour requires advance booking. Duke Humfrey's Library needs a tour. Colleges and cathedrals may close; allow for cloister restoration at Gloucester.

The season matters too

At preparation, Alnwick Castle is closed for winter: its 2026 season ended on 20 October. Check the official website for new opening dates before travelling.

Main locations checked on 31 October 2026; extras on 1 November 2026. Check prices and hours via 'Plan a visit'. This guide covers the feature films, not the new television series. Archive photographs do not guarantee the current appearance.

Behind the scenes



Leadenhall Market



King's Cross Station

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