

THE
RANDOLPH HOTEL

by GRADUATE HOTELS



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Bridge of Sighs with the Sheldonian theatre background and street lamp foreground during sunset in Oxford.

WELCOME TO OXFORD

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Inspire your group with once-in-a-lifetime experiences in the heart of Oxford. From culturally-immersive museums to lovely countryside day trips, our sales and events team at The Randolph Hotel by Graduate Hotels are here to craft an unforgettable itinerary to incentivise your team throughout their stay.

EXPERIENCE THE RANDOLPH HOTEL BY GRADUATE HOTELS

Located within the city's cultural epicenter, The Randolph Hotel by Graduate Hotels takes inspiration from the University of Oxford's history, paying homage to its storied innovators and alumni. Just steps from iconic colleges, including St. Johns and Trinity, this historic landmark is a welcome retreat for locals and travellers alike.



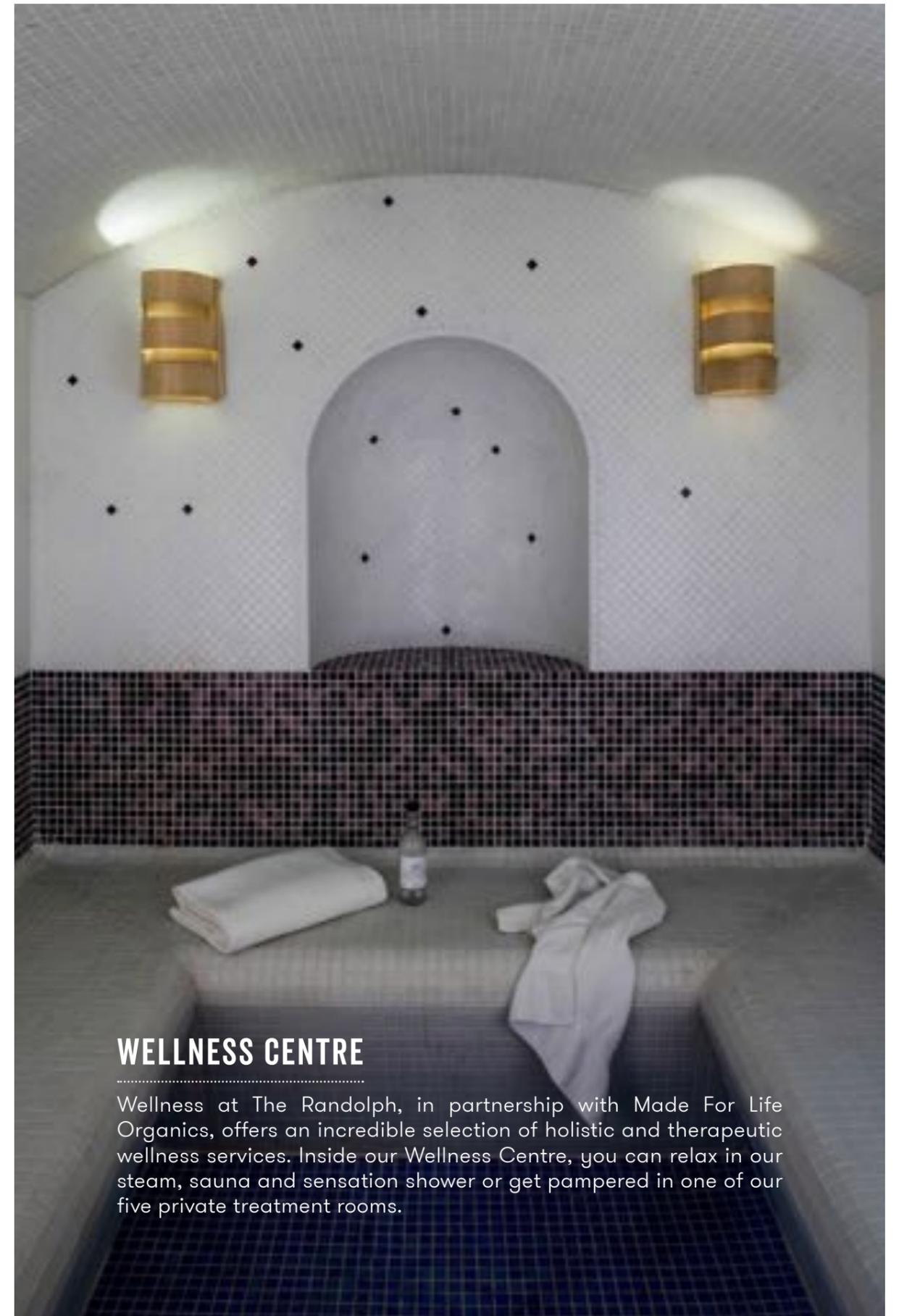
The Randolph Hotel.



ROOMS WORTH WRITING ABOUT

From handcrafted odes to college shields hanging above the front desk to custom guest room wallpaper inspired by the city's native flowers and birds, even the smallest details pay homage to what came before. Centrally located, the hotel is steps away from Oxford's finest cultural and historic sites, providing a perfect spot to explore the city.





WELLNESS CENTRE

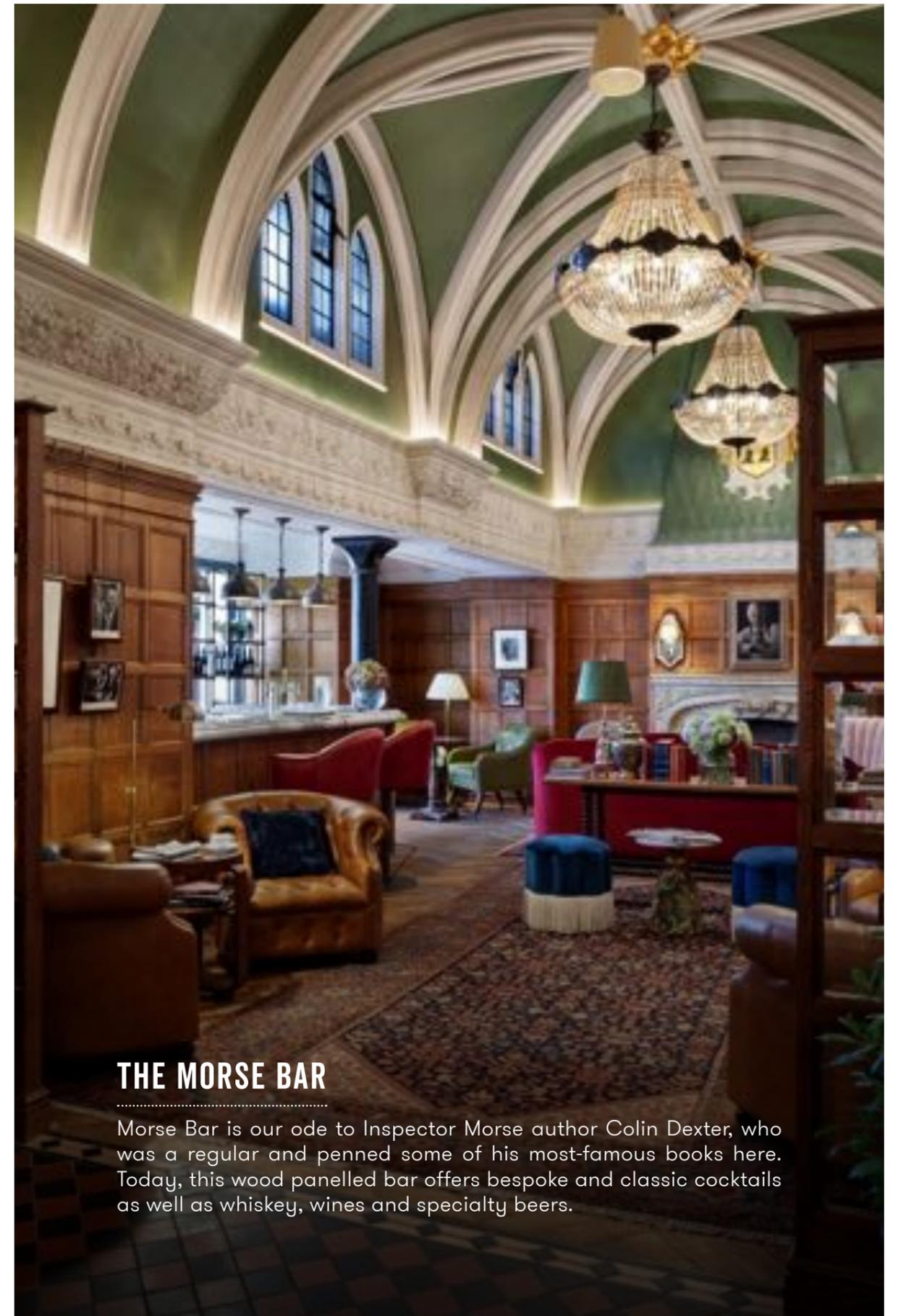
Wellness at The Randolph, in partnership with Made For Life Organics, offers an incredible selection of holistic and therapeutic wellness services. Inside our Wellness Centre, you can relax in our steam, sauna and sensation shower or get pampered in one of our five private treatment rooms.



THE ALICE

Named after Lewis Carroll's famous protagonist, The Alice serves up locally sourced, British dishes with a contemporary twist from Executive Chef Chris Emery. You can enjoy seasonal menus for breakfast, lunch, and dinner or choose from a selection of house inspired cocktails at The Alice Bar.





THE MORSE BAR

Morse Bar is our ode to Inspector Morse author Colin Dexter, who was a regular and penned some of his most-famous books here. Today, this wood panelled bar offers bespoke and classic cocktails as well as whiskey, wines and specialty beers.



THE SNUG

The Snug is our intimate cocktail lounge, offering a bohemian spin on a traditional English library space. Located in a cosy nook between the main restaurant and our private dining areas, The Snug serves up drinks and food from The Alice's menu.





THE DRAWING ROOM

Enjoy a quintessential English Afternoon Tea, curated by Chef Emery in The Drawing Room. Expect a range of delicacies with a contemporary twist, such as Chicken Sliders with Spiced Coleslaw, Raspberry & Earl Grey Macarons and Salted Caramel Tarts with Chocolate Bon Bons. Our afternoon tea is available in The Drawing Room daily.



HOTEL HIGHLIGHTS

- City centre location situated directly across from the Ashmolean Museum within walking distance of bars, restaurants, historic landmarks and Oxford University colleges.
- 472 m2 of flexible and versatile meeting and event space perfect to host gala & award dinners.
- On-site valet car parking and excellent transport links.
- 151 bedrooms inclusive of complimentary wi-fi.

TRANSPORTATION

- From Heathrow Airport (47 miles)
75 minutes by car
- From Gatwick Airport (84.2 miles)
2 hours by car
- From Central London
45 minutes from Paddington Station to Oxford station direct
- From Oxford Station
10 minute walk to The Randolph Hotel

DAY ONE | INTRODUCTION TO OXFORD

📍 Bodleian Tour

Follow in the footsteps of the most famous authors, scientists, politicians and film stars as you tour one of the oldest libraries in Europe. Affectionately known as “The Bod,” the Bodleian Library is the principal University library, and has been a library of legal deposit for 400 years, only second in size to the British Library. During your behind-the-scenes tour, you might recognize the gothic vaulted ceiling of the Divinity School, used as the infirmary in the Harry Potter film series. You’ll also stop by the Radcliffe Camera, part of the Bodleian Library complex and perhaps the most iconic building in Oxford.

📍 University Church of St. Mary the Virgin

Venture up a medieval spiral staircase to the top of University Church tower for sweeping views of the City of Dreaming Spires. The 127 steps up lead you past the Clore Old Library and historic bell-ringing chamber to the oldest part of the church, which dates back to 1280. Consider this the perfect place to take pictures and see Oxford from above.

📍 The Covered Market

Wander into this impressive market, around since 1770, filled with florists, butchers, coffee shops, cafes, cheese and chocolate merchants, even the original Ben’s Cookie stall. Now’s the time to enjoy lunch – we suggest a taste of everything – while taking in the bustle of Oxford life.

📍 Magdalen College

The largest college in the University, Magdalen’s alumni include many influential figures like Oscar Wilde and C.S. Lewis. Once you arrive, marvel at the college’s incredible architecture and very own deer park with a meadow bordering the Cherwell River. This oasis is sure to transport you away from the city lifestyle just beyond its gates. Conclude your journey with a quick jaunt to the shops and sites on High Street.

📍 Punting

Go from the tranquility of Magdalen’s grounds to a relaxing cruise up or down the river. A quintessentially Oxford (or Cambridge, depending on who you ask) activity, punting is the best way to experience all the area has to offer. Punts are flat bottom wooden boats that move along the river and are guided by punters, who stand at one end and push off the riverbed with a five-meter-long pole.



Bodleian Library.

DAY TWO | MUSEUMS OF OXFORD

📍 Ashmolean

• The day's first stop is Oxford's art and architecture epicenter. Spend time combing through the rich collections of Britain's oldest museum, featuring objects dating all the way from 8000 BC to present day. Take in the world's greatest collection of Raphael drawings, contemporary art, Egyptian mummies and even the iron lantern Guy Fawke was carrying when arrested on the night of 5th November.

📍 Afternoon Tea

• Enjoy the ultimate English afternoon tea served in the hotel's Drawing Room, including a glass of English sparkling wine. Once finished, you just might be able to answer the age-old question – cream or jam first?

📍 Pitt Rivers Museum and Oxford University Museum of Natural History

• While away the hours combing through a museum bursting with interesting artifacts. Founded in 1844, the Pitt Rivers Museum arranges cultural objects by typologies: musical instruments, weapons, masks, textiles, jewellery and tools, allowing visitors to easily compare various eras. After examining the glass display cabinets, head over to the adjoining Museum of Natural History.



Interior of Natural History Museum in Oxford.



Blenheim Palace.

DAY THREE | CHURCHILL'S BIRTHPLACE

📍 Britain's Greatest Palace

• Explore Baroque masterpiece Blenheim Palace and its accompanying parkland and Formal Gardens. Begin with a private guided tour of the estate, built in the 1700s to house the 1st Duke of Marlborough, where his descendants still live today. The awe-inspiring tour features an opulent entrance hall as well as lavish paintings, tapestries and furniture. After the tour, you'll have time to wander the gardens on your own or visit Winston Churchill's grave.

📍 Explore Woodstock

• Following lunch, have a more extensive look at Blenheim. From walks around the grounds to taking in seasonal exhibitions and sensory adventures, there's plenty to enjoy. If you're looking to explore a little further, venture into Woodstock and pop by boutiques, cafes, art galleries and antique shops.



Quaint Cotswold romantic stone cottages on The Hill, in the lovely Burford village, Cotswolds, Oxfordshire.

DAY FOUR | ESCAPE TO THE COTSWOLDS

📍 Cogges Manor Farm

• Spend the morning at Cogges Manor Farm, a stunning historic manor house and farmstead. Learn about the 13th century manor house and 18th century farm buildings featured in Downton Abbey as the home of tenant farmer, Mr. Drewe. Browse the 17-acre grounds, walled garden, moated islands and river Windrush walk before heading to Burford for lunch.

📍 Burford Garden Centre

• Follow up your Cogges trip with the Cotswold's most famous Garden Centre. Whether you're a foodie, interiors lover or simply searching for a unique souvenir, Burford Garden Centre is sure to please. Dig into lunch at the Company Café, where delicious, rustic food is made from scratch. Don't forget to grab dessert from a display of freshly-baked cakes.

📍 Village of Burford

• Visit the charming Cotswold town of Burford, where honey-coloured stone cottages, winding alleyways and courtyard gardens dot High Street on the hill. Devote the rest of your afternoon to combing through antique treasures, sampling local treats and visiting St. John the Baptist, the incredible wool church.

📍 Evensong

• End your unforgettable trip to Oxford with a special Evensong performance by the Christ Church Cathedral choir.

STAYING LONGER?

Customise your visit with a range of bespoke experiences including:

- Oxford Artisan Distillery Whisky Tasting and Tour
- Soap Making Workshops with Oxford Soap Company
- Oxford Castle Tour
- Waddesdon Manor Tour
- Bicester Village Shopping Experience
- Highclere Tour - home of Downton Abbey
- Cocktail Masterclass with The Alice Bar team
- Souffle/Piping/Patisserie/Wellington/Pie masterclasses with Chef Chris Emery (subject to numbers)

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