Oxford Street

Oxford Street is perhaps one of the busiest streets in London, and it is shoppers paradise with about 300 shops.

It runs for approximately a mile and a half from Marble Arch at the north east corner of Hyde Park, through Oxford Circus to St Giles' Circus, at the intersection with Charing Cross Road and Tottenham Court Road. Eastwards, the road then becomes New Oxford Street until it runs into High Holborn. To the west, Oxford Street becomes Bayswater Road (at Marble Arch). Oxford Street intersects with other famous London roads including Park Lane, New Bond Street and Regent Street.

Oxford Street is considered one of the world's best known shopping streets, home to major department stores and hundreds of smaller shops. It is the major shopping street in central London, though not the most expensive or fashionable. It is part of a larger shopping district with Regent Street, Bond Street and many smaller nearby streets. The other principal shopping area in central London is Knightsbridge, famous for Harrods department store.

Most major shops open 10am until 6 or 7pm, and some open Sunday 12 to 6pm with late nights on Thursday.

For many British chain stores, their Oxford Street branch is regarded as their 'flagship' store and used for celebrity launches and promotions. Oxford Street attracts approximately 200 million visitors per year.

There are 4 tube stations on Oxford Street: Marble Arch, Bond Street, Oxford Circus and Tottenham Court Road.

BE AWARE: Since Oxford Street is visited by millions of people, it also draws some pick-pockets, so guard your valuables carefully.