

St Giles Cambridge Cost of Living Guide for Students 2021

To help you to prepare for your stay in Cambridge, we have put together a 'Cost of Living' guide. This should help you to estimate how much money you will need to bring to England with you. We look forward to welcoming you to St Giles Cambridge!

Entertainment/Social Programme

St Giles Cambridge offers a social programme to help you make the most of your time in the UK. Some activities, such as a Conversation Club or Film Night will be free; others will have a small charge, such as bowling, cinema or cream tea. You can also go on weekend excursions, arranged by our partners or by the school.

A guide is included below. If you take part in one weekend excursion and 3 evening activities a week (where some are free), you should expect to spend about £60 (not including drinks if one of the activities is a pub night).

Activity	Price
Punting (booked through school social programme)	Self-hire: From £21/hour (6 people) Guided: From £10 (12 people)
Bowling	£7.95 per game
Cinema	£10
Entry into a nightclub	Free - £15.00
Day and weekend excursions with external providers	From £22 - £220 http://www.travelsights.co.uk/monthly-programme/
Drinks at a pub (pub nights)	Price
Cocktail	£9+
Pint of beer	£4.80+

Discounts may be available with your student card
Some nightclubs offer discounted nights especially for students during the week.

Eating and Drinking

If you have booked half-board accommodation, we recommend that you allow about £10 for extra food, snacks and drinks during the day.

St Giles Café

Students can buy lunch at our on-site café and can expect to pay the following:

Item	Price
Hot meal	£5.50
Baguette/sandwich	£2.50
Pizza	£2.80
Soup	£3.00
Patisserie	£1.20
Fruit	£0.70
Chocolate bar	£1.00
Hot Drinks	£1.20 +
Soft Drinks	£1.00 +
Milkshakes/smoothies	£2.80

Cafés in Cambridge

Please be advised that the following prices may vary depending on the place of purchase. Discounts apply in some shops and cafés when you show your St Giles student card.

Item	Price
Hot Drinks	£3
Restaurant lunch	£12+
Supermarket meal deal (sandwich, crisps and drink)	£3.50
A Big Mac meal	£6

Supermarkets / Grocery shops

Item	Price
Sandwich	£2.00 - £4.00
Can of Coke	£0.50 - £1.20
Fruit	£0.20 - £2.50
Crisps	£0.60 - £1.20
Salad	£1.00 - £5.00
Bottle of wine	£6.00 +

Restaurant prices / Evening meals

Item	Price
Budget restaurant meal	£6 +
Standard restaurant meal	£15.00 +
Exclusive restaurant meal	£20.00 +
Budget restaurant meal + wine	£20.00 +
Standard restaurant meal + wine	£30.00 +
Exclusive restaurant meal + wine	£40.00 +

Shopping

Below are some common items you may need to buy during your stay here and the prices for them you can expect to pay.

Item	Price
Inland stamp (first class)	£0.67
Stamp for a letter in Europe	£1.25
4 AA batteries	£1.00 +
20 cigarettes (main brand)	From £12.00
Toothbrush	£1.00 - £3.00
Toothpaste	£1.00 - £4.50
Shower gel	£1.50 +
Shampoo	£1.00 - £6.00
Box of washing powder	£1.25 - £8.00

Public transport

Here are some guide prices for travelling in and around Cambridge.

Bus

Item	Price
Single journey	From £1
1 Day Saver Ticket	£4.50
Bus pass	£15 per week + £1 for card

Prices correct as of 12/01/2021

Train

1 day Travelcard to London (Kings Cross Station)	From £35 weekdays, from £25.30 weekends (travelling off peak)
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If you think you will travel a lot by train, you may like to get a railcard. A Young Persons Railcard available to students aged 16-25, offering 1/3 discount on Off-Peak rail fares (some students aged over 25 may also be eligible).

Course Books

Course books start from £25.65 depending on your level). The number of books you need will depend on your own progress. You will usually need a new book each time you change your class; this may be about every 8-12 weeks depending on your personal progress.

You may also want to buy additional self-study materials to help you during your stay:

Monolingual dictionary: £15.00 - £28.00

Grammar book: £15.00 - £27.00

Examination Fees

If you would like to take an examination during your stay with us, you will need to pay extra for the examination. You can arrange to take the following examinations at St Giles Cambridge:

Examination	Fees
Cambridge B2 First (previously FCE)	£170
Cambridge C1 Advanced (prev. CAE)	£175
IELTS	£170 +
Certificate, Postage and Admin Fee	£10

You can book the Cambridge examinations and through St Giles. These exams take place on certain dates, and our courses are set to prepare students for those dates.

IELTS examinations must be booked by the individual, but we can provide support with this at the school. The exams take place every other weekend, and our course runs throughout the year.