



# SOCIAL PROGRAMME

## *Experiencing Cambridge flavors*

<b>Wednesday</b> August 26th	Early Evening: Welcome Reception at St John's College, Old Divinity School, Central Hall 18:00-19:30 <i>Included in the registration fee</i>
<b>Thursday</b> August 27th	Full Day Scientific Sessions Welcome Dinner at St John's College Hall at 19:00 <i>Included in the registration fee</i>
<b>Friday</b> August 28th	Morning: Scientific Sessions  Afternoon (optional): Option 1. Ely Cathedral Option 2. Punting tour Cambridge <i>Admission by ticket only</i>  Evening (optional): Dinner at River Suite – Hilton Graduate Hotel at 19:00 <i>Admission by ticket only</i>
<b>Saturday</b> August 29th	Full Day Scientific Sessions Farewell Dinner at Trinity Hall at 19:15 <i>Included in the registration fee</i>

Social and networking events are a core part of the GRS Meetings. The Social Program of the upcoming GRS 2026 will provide a unique experience for participants to enjoy the culture, history, hospitality and gastronomy in Cambridge.

Cambridge is a city that stimulates curiosity and rewards exploration. Despite its compact size, it offers a remarkable variety of experiences for those interested in history, science, and the arts. The city's historic colleges, renowned libraries, and world-class museums provide endless opportunities for learning, while its cafés, bookshops, and lecture series foster a lively intellectual community.

Join us for a trip full of history, culture, tasty food and traditions!

## **Welcome Reception**

*Included in the registration fee*

*Wednesday August 26th, 2026 at 18:00 -19:30  
St John's College, Old Divinity School, Central Hall*

*All registered delegates are invited to join this wonderful evening at the Central Hall of the college.*



# Welcome Dinner

*Included in the registration fee*



*Thursday August 27th, 2026 at 19:00  
St John's College Hall*

St John's College Hall is a distinguished gathering place in the heart of Cambridge. It brings together history, architecture, and community in a stunning setting.

The hall offers an atmosphere that blends elegance with a welcoming sense of warmth.

# Farewell Dinner

*Included in the registration fee*



*Saturday August 29th, 2026 at 19:00  
St John's College Trinity Hall*

You will enjoy a memorable dining experience at Trinity Hall, where centuries of history form the perfect backdrop for an elegant meal.

Inspired by the college's timeless architecture and serene courtyards, the hall offers a unique setting to savor traditional Cambridge cuisine.



## *Optional* SOCIAL PROGRAMME

### OPTION 1. Ely Cathedral

28 August 2026

Ely Cathedral is a magnificent medieval cathedral located in the small **city of Ely** (45' from Cambridge by bus), in the flat wetlands of The Fens.

Built between the 11th and 14th centuries, it is known for its impressive **Norman and Gothic architecture and its famous Octagon Tower**, an outstanding example of medieval engineering.

Often called the "**Ship of the Fens**" because it rises above the surrounding landscape, the cathedral is one of the largest in England and has also been used as a filming location for movies such as Elizabeth: **The Golden Age, The Other Boleyn Girl, and The King's Speech.**



#### Programme and price: 28 August 2026

**14:00** Departure from St John's College by bus  
**15:00-16:00** Guided tour of Ely Cathedral  
**16:00-17:10** Free time to explore Ely town  
**17:15** Transfer back to Cambridge

**Cost: £45 per person**

The tour is available on a first-come,  
first-served basis.

Registrations close on **24 July 2026.**

[Click here to buy the tour & the dinner](#)



## OPTION 2. Cambridge Punting tour

28 August 2026

Enjoy a 50-minute chauffeured punting tour along the River Cam, passing through the world-famous Cambridge College Backs.

The guide will punt you past several of the university's most historic colleges, including **King's College, Clare College, Trinity College, and St John's College.**

Along the way, the guide will share fascinating stories about the university's history, traditions, and notable alumni, while pointing out famous landmarks such as the **Bridge of Sighs, the Wren Library, and the Mathematical Bridge.**

This tour offers a relaxed and scenic way to experience one of Cambridge's most iconic views.



### Programme and price 28 August 2026

15.00 Departure from St. John's Jetty  
16.00 End of the guided tour and free time

**Cost: £40 per person**

The tour is available on a first-come,  
first-served basis.

Registrations close on **24 July 2026.**

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## *Optional Dinner*

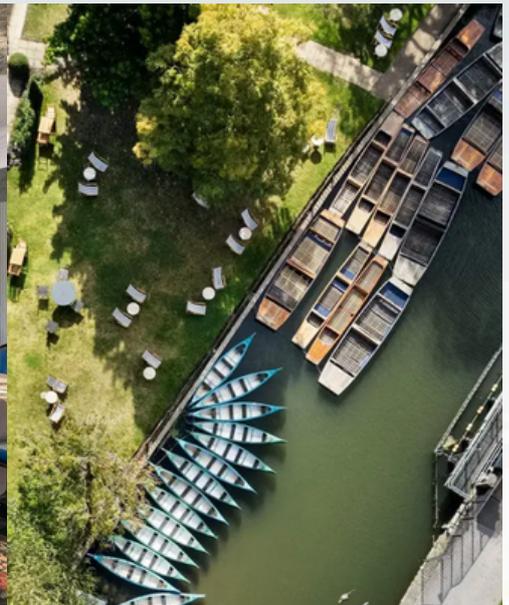
# River Suite at Hilton Graduate Cambridge

28 August 2026 - At 19:30

Nestled on the banks of the **River Cam**, **Graduate by Hilton Cambridge** is an idyllic retreat inspired by centuries of rich traditions and academic life.

Enjoy a delightful dinner in the River Suite Hall, overlooking the water.

12 minutes walking from St. John College, no transfer is provided.



### Programme and price 28 August 2026

**19:00** Walk from St. John's College  
to the restaurant  
**19:15** Apertif and dinner

**Cost: £110 per person,  
including 3 courses meal and drinks**

The dinner is available on a first-come,  
first-served basis.

Registrations close on **24 July 2026**.

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