Welcome to the University of Exeter!

This tour aims to give you a flavour of what the campus is like and show you the main facilities it has to offer. It is not, however, comprehensive and does not show you all the buildings where teaching takes place. These are marked clearly on the map so please feel free to have a look at these buildings and any other areas of the campus you are interested in during your visit. You can also view buildings online at www.exeter.ac.uk/virtualtours We hope you have a very enjoyable and informative visit.

The Streatham Campus covers approximately 300 acres and is very hilly, so we would advise that you wear comfortable shoes.

This self-guided tour guide is complemented by a campus audio tour audio that can be downloaded from www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate/visiting/tours/audio in advance of your visit. If you have downloaded the campus audio tour from the website we have indicated when you should start the relevant section.

If you have downloaded the audio tour, select section A at this point.

We have three campuses in total, two of which are in Exeter. The department of Sport and Health Sciences, the Graduate School of Education and the University of Exeter Medical School are based at St Luke’s Campus where there are about 2,500 students. St Luke’s is one and half miles from the main Streatham Campus where the majority of our 18,000 students are based. Our third campus, the £100 million Cornwall Campus in Penryn near Falmouth, 98 miles from Exeter, opened in 2004 and has around 4,000 students.

The University has recently completed a £275 million investment programme on the Streatham Campus. This includes the Forum, a £48 million new student services building, which was opened in May 2012 by Her Majesty The Queen. The Forum provides a stunning centrepiece for the campus, featuring an extended and refurbished library, a landscaped Piazza and the University Reception. £25 million has been invested in the Business School, which enabled the School to double its annual turnover to £28 million; and Biosciences invested £25 million into refurbishing the Geoffrey Pope building which created a state of the art aquarium facility and laboratories for research on a range of biological sciences.

Exeter is a top UK university which combines world leading research with very high levels of student satisfaction. Students and staff enjoy some of the finest campus, environments in the UK. The South West counties of Devon and Cornwall boast an unrivalled mix of city life, countryside and coastline. After your tour you may wish to visit the city centre – it is situated one mile from the campus and is a 15-minute walk away or you may wish to get the D or H bus into the city centre. You will walk pass several stops from where you can get the bus whilst you are on the tour. The tour begins from the University Reception adjacent to the Great Hall.
Parking for visitors
Our main visitor parking is in Car Park C (map reference 6F) with additional visitor spaces in Car Parks A and B (map reference 4H). Visitors must have a valid pay and display ticket or a daily parking ticket provided by the University. Please note that spaces are limited, especially during term-time.

The car park at Streatham Drive (map reference 7D) is for visitors to Reed Hall only.
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Look out across the Piazza and you will see the INTO Student Centre directly in front of you. This stylish three storey building incorporates flexible teaching spaces, a lecture theatre, learning resource centre and a café.

To your right is the Great Hall. This multipurpose venue is used for events such as the various Guild balls, live music performances and the graduation ceremonies. It is also used as an examination space.

Beneath the Great Hall is The Sanctuary. During term time this recently refurbished area provides a quiet study space for 180 students. As with the Great Hall, The Sanctuary can also be used as an exam space and exhibition venue.

From the Piazza, turn left from the University Reception, heading towards Stocker Road. You will shortly pass the Exeter Northcott Theatre. This is Exeter’s largest theatre and is co-owned by the University. Its convenient location means that it’s often visited by both staff and students. Each year the student musical is performed here as are several other drama society performances over the academic calendar. The theatre has a varied programme and has hosted everything from touring opera companies to performers on the stand-up comedy circuit.

Once you reach the road, turn left and head up Stocker Road. As you do you will pass the Geoffrey Pope Building on your right hand side. This is where Biosciences is based and the labs have recently been refurbished and include a new state of the art aquarium for our postgraduate research.

If you look down North Park Road, you’ll be able to see Laver and Harrison. Laver is home to our Archaeology department whilst Harrison houses our Maths, Engineering and Computer Science departments.

Continue up Stocker Road until you reach the building with a curved frontage in front of you. This is the Peter Chalk Centre.

If you have downloaded the audio tour, select section C at this point.

The Peter Chalk Centre is our multi-use lecture and seminar building. This venue is used by various departments during term time as a teaching space. During the summer vacation this venue is also used as a conference centre. From the Peter Chalk Centre continue to head up Stocker Road and you will shortly come to the Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies on your left.

This building, modelled on Middle Eastern architecture, houses one of the largest collections of Middle Eastern documents and media in the country and students can study subjects such as Arabic, Islamic Studies and Kurdish as well as Middle East studies.

Just past the Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, on your right, you will see the Physics Building.

Like many of our departments this building has recently undergone a refurbishment of its labs and offices, which included the new Graphene Centre Cleanroom where the electrical conduction of graphene is being investigated. This building is the highest point in Exeter making it an easy landmark for our students to spot should they need to find their way back onto campus.

Now continue up the hill until you reach the Sports Park.
If you have downloaded the audio tour, select section D at this point.

This section of the audio tour will be covering our various sports facilities and provisions on campus. We have excellent sports facilities at both our campuses in Exeter, plus a boathouse on the Exeter canal; a fleet of dinghies at the Roadford Sailing Centre which is near to the town of Okehampton; two football pitches in Topsham which is situated at the east side of the city; rugby pitches at Duckes Meadow about two miles away; and the use of Exeter Athletics Arena.

Here at the Streatham Campus our facilities include a multi-use games area, a variety of pitches, the largest sports hall in the South West, an indoor traversing wall, plus squash courts, exercise studios, and indoor tennis and cricket centres.

The University is a competitive sporting institution and ranks within the top 10 in the British Universities and Colleges sports league. There are 50 sports societies and teams you can join as a student at Exeter at all competitive levels.

We also have an outdoor swimming pool, which is located near Cornwall House and you will have the opportunity to see it later on in the tour. This is very popular with students in the summer, but for those who prefer an all-year-round swim we have an indoor pool at the St Luke’s Campus.

The University is investing more than £8 million in the Sports Park over the next year to provide new and improved facilities for students. This will include a purpose built health and fitness studio, two new exercise studios, a new team changing pavilion, a new cover for the outdoor tennis and netball courts, an Olympic standard hockey pitch and a new entrance including a café area.

If you’d like to take a tour of the Sports Park, there is a self-guided tour sheet that you can pick up at the reception. Staff will be very happy to answer any specific queries that you might have and you can then return to this tour.

With your back to the Sports Park, make your way down the hill until you reach the path on your right just before the Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies. If you have downloaded the audio tour, select section E at this point.

Take the path to the right of the Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, which runs behind the back of the Institute and stop once you reach the driveway leading to Holland Hall. At this point you may wish to pause the podcast and resume play once you have arrived at the path.

From here you can see the back of Holland Hall which is one of our blocks of catered accommodation. You will have the opportunity to see the front of the building in a minute but first continue down the hill until you see a large, older building on your right. This is Marden Hall and is another catered hall of residence. Carry on along in front of Marden Hall until you reach the front of Holland Hall. From here, standing with your back to the halls, you can look over the rooftops of some of our self-catered residences to the fantastic views of the rolling Devon hills.

Although the majority of our student halls are located on campus some university accommodation is located offsite. These include St David’s, James Owen Court, Rowancroft and Northfield. If you would like to find out more about our accommodation, including current prices, why not check out our accommodation website at www.exeter.ac.uk/accommodation

Now retrace your steps until you have passed back past Marden Hall.
If you have downloaded the audio tour, select section F at this point.

9 From Mardon Hall cross over the road and follow the path with the wall to your left and shrubs and trees on your right. You will soon come to a gap in the wall leading to a courtyard area called Reed Mews 15.

10 Reed Mews houses our Wellbeing Service and includes the Student Counselling Service together with Mental Health Advisers. On the right hand side of the courtyard is the Student Health Centre that offers a full service as you’d expect from any GP surgery. In addition to these services the University also has a dedicated Estate Patrol team who deal with security on campus, Student Community Wardens and Residence Life Team Leaders and Mentors based within our catered and self-catered residences.

Leave the courtyard and continue left along the path until you reach the large building on your left. This is Reed Hall 14. This building was donated to the University in 1922. It is used as an events and conference centre and is a popular choice for weddings. Catering outlets are available within this building.

Follow the path in front of the building until it takes a turn to the left. You are now in Reed Hall gardens.

Amongst the exotic planting and Italianate Balustrades you will be able to spot an old chimney standing on its own at the far end. At first glance this may appear like a pillar, but look for the chimney pots on top. This garden is the site of an historic Orangery, which stood here in the early 1900s until it was sold to a neighbouring estate, which is now part of a local pub, The Imperial, just down the road from campus.

The grounds of the University are a registered botanical garden and provide an important habitat for insects, reptiles, birds and mammals as well as an excellent resource for teaching. The campus has been awarded with a Green Flag which ranks it as one of the best parks and green spaces in the country.

Head through the gardens and follow the steps up next to the chimney pot. Continue on the path heading up the hill, once at the top of the path cross over the road. You should see Northcote House 12 in front of you.

If you have downloaded the audio tour, select section G at this point.

11 Northcote House 12 is the main University administration building. This houses many of the behind-the-scenes offices of the University including finance, accommodation and personnel. You will also find the Estate Patrol office here. Estate patrol is responsible for the security on campus and operates a 24-hour patrol system. They can be contacted in person or by phone at any time of the day or night and are a reassuring presence on campus.

With Northcote House in front of you turn right and continue down the hill until you reach the Queen’s Building 11 on your left.

As you head down you’ll see several sculptures on your right. These make up part of a collection of sculptures that are located around the campus and can be viewed as part of our sculpture tour. The Queen’s Building houses our English, Modern Languages and Film Studies departments as well as the Foreign Language Centre.

Behind the Queen’s Building, and a little further down the hill, you can see the Washington Singer Building 7, home to our Psychology department, and the Mood Disorders Centre 22 that was built in partnership with the NHS to conduct psychological research and offer assessment, treatment and training for the benefit of people who suffer from depression.

Once you reach the Queen’s Building turn left and keep walking down the path which will take you to Devonshire House 3.
If you have downloaded the audio tour, select section H at this point.

In this part of the tour, we will be covering Devonshire House, one of our Students’ Guild buildings. With the Queen’s Building to the right of you, directly ahead of you is an archway. Walk under this archway and turn left. This will take you to the entrance to Devonshire House.

Devonshire House hosts several catering outlets including Luigi’s Pizzeria and the Coffee Bar. It is home to our Students’ Guild and features many facilities for students to use. Enter Devonshire House and turn left. Go through the doors on your right and up the stairs to the first floor. You will pass the XpressionFM student radio studio and the music and drama room which is a bookable meeting and performance space in constant use by societies.

Once on the first floor go through the set of doors and turn left. This area houses offices for Community Action (student volunteering), RAG (Raising and Giving) and X-Media (student media). In front of you will be the Kitchen Café. Carry straight on and when you reach the end you will see a branch of Santander on your right hand side and the Terrace Restaurant to your left. The Terrace Restaurant features an outdoor dining area offering a fantastic view over the city and surrounding area. If you have time why not pause the audio tour and take a look at the view for yourself.

Go down the main staircase by Santander and you will find yourself in the foyer of Devonshire House, where the Porters’ Lodge is located.

Before you leave Devonshire House, you may wish to visit the Guild shop and the Ram Bar which are located down the corridor on your left. So if you’d like a break, feel free to take one and sample the facilities on offer.

If you wish to continue with the tour head out of the foyer through the ground floor catering area and out towards the door you came in by.

If you have downloaded the audio tour, select section I at this point.

In this section of the tour we will be moving from Devonshire House to the Chapel. With your back to Devonshire House continue straight ahead down the path which runs alongside the Queen’s Building. You will eventually reach a car park with the Mary Harris Memorial Chapel in front of you. At this point we suggest pausing the audio tour and resuming play once you reach the Chapel.

The University employs a dedicated multi-faith chaplaincy team across all our campuses. The team serves all students regardless of their faith or background. There are five places of worship on the Exeter campuses; three on the Streatham Campus and two at St Luke’s. On the Streatham Campus these include the Mary Harris Memorial Chapel, the Catholic Chaplaincy Chapel and the Muslim Prayer Rooms.

From the car park head down the steps on the right hand side of the Chapel and follow the path around until you come to the front of the Chapel. You should be able to see The Old Library in front of you.
If you have downloaded the audio tour, select section J at this point.

The Old Library recently underwent a £2 million investment to create a world-class research orientated library facility called the Research Commons. It houses facilities and resources that complement the Forum Library with a particular focus on research, but that are available for all students to use. It is the home to the Bill Douglas Centre for the History of Cinema and Popular Culture, the second biggest subject library in the UK after the British Film Institute, and also houses a number of other special collections.

Opposite the Research Commons is the Roborough Building. Housed here are some of the facilities for the Drama department which have been refurbished as part of the department’s £3.7 million investment. The Drama department also has another building, Thornlea, which is located just down the hill opposite The Imperial pub. Facilities there include large rehearsal spaces, prop and costume stores, workshops and a registered Apple training centre where students can learn to do film editing using Final Cut Pro software.

From Roborough you may also be able to make out Exeter city centre. Look for the tall cathedral spires sticking out on the horizon. The city centre is approximately a 20-minute walk from campus and regular buses also run from the Streatham Campus to the city centre and onto our St Luke’s Campus approximately every 15 minutes. Exeter is a growing city that has recently seen major investment in facilities such as the Princesshay shopping centre, the Royal Albert Memorial Museum and Cathedral Square. The bus station and parts of Sidwell Street are also undergoing refurbishment plans that have attracted new high street retailers to the city.

Now retrace your steps back up the path along the Chapel and into the car park. From here head right and follow the signs towards the Forum.

If you have downloaded the audio tour, select section K at this point.

This part of the campus tour covers the Forum, which was opened by Her Majesty The Queen in May 2012. This section is in two parts on the audio tour so make sure that you download both sections if you want a full description of the facilities available within the Forum.

Once you have walked towards the Forum, you’ll see a branch of the Natwest Bank on your left and to your right is the 400-seat auditorium. Now enter the Forum through the set of doors in front of you. You may wish to pause the audio tour here and resume play once you are inside.

You are now in the Street of the Forum. On your left hand side, you will see the Market Place, the largest retail outlet on campus offering a wide variety of items from simple grab-and-go options through to toiletries, cards and stationery. A delicatessen selling local produce, a Royal Mail parcel service, bakery and dry cleaning are also available.

Our online book store can also be accessed via the customer service desk in the Market Place.

As you walk past the Market Place, to your left, you will see the Student Services Centre. The SSC is designed to make life easier for our students. Open six days a week it provides a single gateway to eleven student services. A queue management system, e-kiosks and a team of Student Information Assistants combine to ensure students’ questions are answered quickly. The Student Information Desk acts as a first port of call for students receiving friendly, professional and efficient support and guidance. Students can also access SIDOline providing 24/7 access to information and support.
The SSC also includes the Careers Zone, a central advice point where students can find more information on graduate opportunities, volunteering and work experience, enterprise, self employment and so much more. An online system, called My Careers Zone where students can search or apply for jobs and create a CV, for example, is also available. The Careers Zone is run by the Employability and Graduate Development Service who offer career planning, advice on CV’s and applications, links with employers and numerous careers fairs throughout the year.

To the right, you will see the Forum Library entrance. The Library has undergone significant refurbishment. It has 700 seats, 150 PCs and a mix of individual, group and silent study areas and is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Over a million books and journals are available through the library catalogue including many electronic journals. There are also 12 seminar rooms which can be used for group or quiet study.

From the Street, walk towards the library entrance and up the stairs to the second floor. From the top of the stairs head across the bridge and turn left. As you do so you will be able to view the library facilities through the glass panelling.

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In this second part of the Forum tour we will explore the upper level.

With the bridge behind you and the Auditorium straight ahead, start walking towards the Auditorium. To your right you will pass two, 60-seat exploration labs that are available for students to use. The first lab features ten, multi-touch surface tables designed to encourage group learning and are among the first of their type to be found in any UK university. The second lab has 60 tablet PCs and video-conferencing facilities.

Once you have passed the exploration labs turn right and head towards Costa Coffee. As you do so you will pass laptop and iPad lockers. Both laptops and iPads are available for hire from the library.

Once at the top of the steps, on your right hand side you will see the Students’ Guild offices where the student sabbatical officers are based. Walk down the corridor and you will pass the Students’ Guild Information Point on your left whilst the Students’ Guild Advice Unit is on your right. The Students’ Guild Advice Unit offers free independent and impartial advice on money, housing and academic related matters.

From here head straight towards the double doors which will take you back out onto the Forum Piazza. If you would like to further explore the Forum please feel free to do so.

Leave the Forum and turn right down Stocker Road. Cross over at the bottom of the road and head towards the large Students’ Guild sign fixed onto Cornwall House. On your left will be the University of Exeter Business School housed in Streatham Court and Building:One. At the end of the path in front of you is Cornwall House. Inside Cornwall House is the Lemon Grove, one of the most popular venues in Exeter for live music and club nights. Events happen throughout the year, including an open mic night every Wednesday, hosted by XpressionFM, the campus radio station.
There are a variety of food establishments to choose from in Cornwall House and there is also a licensed bar run by the Students’ Guild within Cornwall House.

Round the back of Cornwall House, you’ll see the international shop and you can view the outdoor swimming pool behind the fencing to your right. This 4-lane 25-metre pool set in a large grass and patio area, is heated to 29 degrees and is open from May to September.

To go back to central campus, retrace your steps round Cornwall House and back down the path until you reach Stocker Road, then take the turning on the right onto Rennes Drive. Looking up Rennes Drive you will see the Amory Building on the left hand side. Further along this road, on the right hand side you’ll see the Business School. As you walk up Rennes Drive, cross over at the zebra crossing and walk towards the Amory Building. Before you reach the Amory Building take the footpath that leads diagonally up the slope to the left hand side of the building. This will bring you to North Park Road.

As you walk along North Park Road you will find the Harrison Building and the Laver Building. Further along again to the left is the Geoffrey Pope Building.

When you reach Stocker Road you will see the Northcott Theatre ahead and the Peter Chalk Centre on your right.

This concludes the tour of the Streatham Campus.

We hope you have enjoyed your visit – have a safe journey home

Useful websites:
Accommodation – www.exeter.ac.uk/accommodation
Visiting the University – www.exeter.ac.uk/visit
Academic Colleges – www.exeter.ac.uk/departments
Employability and Graduate Development – www.exeter.ac.uk/careers