Inspector Morse in Oxford.
Oxford has long been home to Morse author Colin Dexter and famously became the backdrop to his popular murder mystery novels. It is not surprising that when ITV came to shoot the 33 Morse films, Oxford and the surrounding county consistently made it on to the screen. Inspector Morse is best known for an appreciation of beer, Wagner compositions, crossword puzzles, and zipping around his beloved city of dreaming spires in a red Jaguar car, usually accompanied by his long-suffering sidekick Sergeant Lewis played by actor Kevin Whateley. Enjoy a stroll around the city centre and retrace many of their steps in the normally peaceful setting of Oxford.

1. **The Randolph Hotel** (Beaumont Street. Tel: 0844 879 9132)
   Built in 1866 in a gothic revival style this historic hotel is the backdrop to *The Wolvercote Tongue* as the hotel for the American tour group.

2. **The Ashmolean Museum** (Beaumont Street. Tel: 01865 278000 Open: Tue-Sun 10.00-6.00)
   And in the same film, the American tour group visit the largest of the university museums where part of the exquisite Anglo-Saxon artefact, the Wolvercote tongue, is exhibited.

3. **Martyr’s Memorial**
   Again in *The Wolvercote Tongue* Professor Cedric Downes kicks off a city tour for the American tourists with a lecture at Martyr’s Memorial, erected in 1841 to commemorate the protestant Martyrs executed in Broad Street.

4. **Trinity College** (Broad Street. Tel: 01865 279900 Open: Mon – Sun. times vary)
   Dr Van Buren and Dr Kershaw take a walk in Trinity College gardens in *The Wench is Dead*.

5. **Blackwell’s** (48-51 Broad Street. Tel: 01865 792792)
   One of largest family owned bookshops in the world. After the murder of her husband Morse interviews Mrs Field at the bookshop in *Who Killed Harry Field?*

6. **The Kings Arms** (40 Holywell Street)
   In *The Dead of Jericho* Morse and Anne Stavely depart from The Kings Arm, a popular pub and coffee house at the end of the Broad. They walk past the Clarendon quad opposite.

7. **Sheldonian Quad** (Broad St. Tel: 01865 277 299. Open: Mon – Sat. times vary)
   A procession makes its way from Broad Street into the Sheldonian when suddenly opera diva, Gladwys Probert is shot in the *Twilight of the Gods*.

8. **Bodleian Quad and Divinity School** (Broad Street. Divinity School. Open: Mon – Fri 9.00 – 5.00, Sat 9.00 – 4.30, Sun 11.00 – 5.00. Info: 01865 277224.)
   The Bodleian features in many films including where American historian Dr Van Buren walks across the quad into the library in *The Wench is Dead*. Morse also walks into the quad from the Divinity School in *The Settling of the Sun* and looks up at Statue of the 3rd Earl of Pembroke.
9. **Radcliffe Square**
Known as the “heart of the University”, the square features in many films. The opening bird’s eye view shots in *The Silent World of Nicholas Quinn* are taken from The University Church of St Mary the Virgin. It is here, in *The Daughters of Cain*, that Ted Brook’s bloodstained bicycle is found by a policeman.

10. **Magdalen College** (High Street. Tel: 01865 276000 Open: Mon – Sun. times vary)
In *The Dead of Jericho* Morse questions an angry and confrontational Ned at Magdalen College about Anne Stavely’s murder.

11. **Botanic Garden** (Rose Lane. Tel: 01865 286690 Open daily, times vary)
In *The Silent World of Nicholas Quinn* Lewis trails Roope to the hothouse inside the Botanic Garden and in *Deceived by Flight* Anthony Donn and Morse sit on a bench and eat fish and chips in these beautiful gardens. The University of Oxford Botanic Garden is the oldest botanic garden in Great Britain.

12. **The Bear Pub** (6 Alfred St. Tel: 01865 728164)
Known for a display of over 4500 ties and as one of the oldest pubs in Oxford, Lewis trails Charlie Bennett here in *Absolute Conviction*.

13. **Gill & Co Ltd.** (128a High Street along the Wheatsheaf Passage))
Founded in 1530 Gill & Co may be the oldest ironmongers in the UK. In the first film, *The Dead of Jericho*, Lewis visits the shop to ask about Anne Stavely’s keys. And in *The Last Bus to Woodstock* John Sanders smashes up a display after he’s been sacked.

A successful trail of Charlie Bennett by Lewis ends here in *Absolute Conviction*.

15. **Exeter College** (Turl Street. Tel: 01865 279600 Open: Mon-Sun 2 - 5pm. No charge)
In *The Remorseful Day* Morse listens to a choir in the Exeter Chapel and departs with Phelps. After making a phone call to Lewis, Morse collapses in the Exeter front quad in this final film. Lewis chases Dr Roope through the Fellow’s Garden in *The Silent World of Nicholas Quinn* but loses him.