

## Easy to get to/from...

Getting home is easy too! Luton airport is just 20 minutes away and you are only four hours by train to Paris so are only a stones throw away from top European destinations! There are four other airports within easy reach, including trains to Luton and Gatwick airports and the X5 bus travels from Oxford to Cambridge via Bedford and Milton Keynes. You can have lots of visitors as well - the excellent road networks make travel to Bedford from around the country straight-forward too!

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## Living...

Fancy living in a town centre apartment in riverside settings, a converted Victorian townhouse or in one of the new developments on the edge of town? Bedford caters for all.



Being in a prime location, property usually comes at a cost – but not in Bedford! Rental prices are much cheaper than London and compare very favourably with other locations in the South East. There are also lots of options for shared accommodation so you can continue to build new friendships.

And crime isn't a big issue – you'll feel safe in our Borough!

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“It's in a class of its own”  
**The Independent**

“The phrase ‘a well-kept secret’ is overused but it can be applied to Bedford. It seems to have it all”

**The Times**

“Consider a new beginning in Bedford, the river town”

**The Guardian**



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# Bedford



# Move 2 Bedford

A guide for graduates and newly qualified professionals



## Why come to work in Bedford?

Bedford is an attractive, cosmopolitan, bustling market town and regional centre for shopping, leisure and socialising, with plenty to suit all tastes – a perfect place to settle after university or first job!



### Bitesized Bedford:


- A buzzing town centre with plenty of pubs, bars and nightclubs;
- Regular live entertainment including comedy clubs and music;
- Unrivalled sports and leisure, with an athletics track, 5 a-side football, championship Rugby Club, rowing and much more;
- Unique blend of shops and boutiques housing all the high street favourites and designer brands;
- Affordable property including rental, to buy and plenty of shared accommodation.
- So much to get involved in!



And if that's not enough for you, London is just thirty-five minutes by train. Enjoy all of its attractions without having to endure the high cost of living there. Bedford sits between the thriving cities of Cambridge and Milton Keynes so you can enjoy what's on offer there too.

## Business...

Bedford is a business success story, attracting companies of international repute due to the unique nature of its location, labour force and quality of life. This means we have lots of opportunities for you to continue your career in a variety of sectors and levels of management without having to up-sticks and move!

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## Things to Do...

### Eating, Drinking & Socialising

Bedford has a great range of entertainment on offer. It is not short of places to eat, drink and party. Fancy drinking a pint in a traditional country pub or in an upmarket bar? Devouring delicious cream teas or sipping a cappuccino at an Italian street café? The choice is endless. Whether you are looking for gourmet food or a quick bite to eat, there are restaurants offering cuisine from all over the world, many of them independent. An annual Beer & Cider Festival also takes place at Bedford Corn Exchange, organised by CAMRA for those wanting to sample real ales from around the country!



### Live Events



There is a great live music scene in Bedford, showcasing hot new bands, jazz and blues and world renowned DJ's. Bedford's calendar of events celebrates its unique cultural heritage with traditional and innovative festivals for local people and visitors to participate in and enjoy. The biennial River Festival sees Bedford's riverbanks packed as over

350,000 people come to enjoy one of the biggest free events in the country. Bedfringe brings internationally renowned artists to Bedford theatres while the Bedford Film Festival brings cinematic variety to locations around the town.



### Heritage

The Higgins Bedford tops the list of local culture spots, as well as the recent addition to the town's art scene, the Bedford Creative Arts Gallery. Discover for yourself Bedford's history, spanning more than a thousand years with a wealth of historic buildings and areas to view.



## Shopping

Bedford has a vibrant Town Centre offering shoppers a range of high quality shops, from large department stores and major chains to smaller niche retailers and boutiques.



The compact pedestrianised shopping centre with over 300 shops, a historic open-air market and a shopping mall with all the well-known names, makes Bedford an excellent choice for shopping. And in the unlikely event you can't find what you are looking for here, then Milton Keynes, Cambridge & London are all on your doorstep.

### Arts, Crafts and Local Pursuits:

There's so much to get involved with on your doorstep. The Borough has a plethora of clubs; supper, literary, amateur dramatic and even a whisky one! Local pubs offer quiz nights, bingo and open mic sessions where you can join in or just sit back and be entertained!



## Sport

Bedford is home to a number of sporting events, teams and venues. From Bedford Blues Rugby Club, Bedford International Athletics Stadium to national rowing regattas, you will find a great mixture of sports on offer. Let's just say it's not by chance that Bedford has produced many successful sports star over the years!



### Adrenalin Junkies:

For those who crave a sense of adventure when it comes to their days out, Bedford is the place to be. From paintball to freefall, off-road to on-target, Bedford has got just what you need to give you your adrenalin fix!

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