General market

Cambridge is a market city, and people have been trading at the historic market square in the city centre for hundreds of years. The general market is open Monday to Saturday in the main Market Square opposite the City Hall. Between 10a.m. and 4p.m. the market is busy with around 100 stalls selling fruit, vegetables, plants and flowers, but also on sale are books, clothes and even electrical items. Many of these stalls change on a daily basis, so you may not find the same things from one day to the next. You can even have your trousers, shoes, bike or sewing machine mended if you are not in a rush.

Arts, crafts and local produce market

The arts, crafts and local produce market is also situated in the main Market Square, and is open every Sunday. Here you can find a wide selection of produce from the region's finest artists, craftspeople, photographers and farmers. The market is a great mix of everyday items such as organic fruit and vegetables, unique gift ideas, antiques, books, pictures and jewellery. You can also find personalised gifts at this market, which make ideal presents for family members and friends, or even something for yourself as a reminder of your visit to Cambridge.

Street traders' market

Cambridge offers an excellent range of street traders located around the historic centre, along Silver Street and other streets nearby. They include a huge number of food and drink sellers, offering burgers, jacket potatoes, savoury and sweet crepes, and plenty of vegetarian options, so there's no excuse to go hungry while shopping.

Garden art and craft market

This garden art and craft market started in the summer of 1975, and since then has become increasingly popular with locals and tourists. The market encourages Cambridge artists and craftspeople by giving them somewhere to sell the things they make, such as designer jewellery, ceramics, wood carvings, artwork and much more. In the early days, when the market first opened, it was a fair-weather, summer-only event. The stalls had no roofs, and if it rained, the artists had to throw plastic sheets over their displays, and then hide under umbrellas or trees for shelter. Nowadays the stalls are protected, not just by the many trees which also provide shade, but by purpose-built covers. Over the years, the garden art and craft market has quickly flourished, not only due to its reputation for beautiful quality arts and crafts but more importantly as a result of its affordable prices. Furthermore, improved public transport links have made it easier for more people to visit Cambridge and the market. However, perhaps the most important reason for the increase in the market's popularity is the chance for people to talk to the makers of the products that they want to buy. The market, just opposite Trinity College, is held every Saturday and some weekdays during the peak holiday season, and is truly not to be missed.

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a Where exactly is the general market located? **[1]**

b Why might it be a bad idea to delay buying something at the general market? **[1]**

c What service is offered for people who have time to wait? **[1]**

d Which is the best day to buy home-grown food? **[1]**

e Which market would be a good place to buy a souvenir? **[1]**

f Where would you go to find the largest choice of food and drinks? **[1]**

g How does the garden art and craft market support local traders? **[1]**

h What nowadays protects buyers and sellers at the garden art and craft market? Give two examples. **[2]**

i Why has the market grown so fast? Give **four** examples. **Extended only [4]**

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