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Welcome to Liverpool

This season, we see Liverpool transition into a magical city of festive cheer and onto a city bursting with life at the sounds of spring. As ever, we'll highlight some of the best events and activities going on in the city region. Whether you use this guide to plan your upcoming visit, or during your stay it will help you to navigate your way around Liverpool and help you to get the most out of your time here.

One of the headlines for this period is DreamWorks Lights, which will see favourites from Shrek, Kung Fu Panda and Madagascar light up the historic St George's Hall in the form of intricate lanterns.

In spring, Exhibition Centre Liverpool will become a hub of comics, movies, gaming, sci-fi and cosplay fanatics at Comic Con and the British Music Experience opens. Sandwiched between are a whole host of exhibitions, events, dining delights and nightlife to rival any UK city region.

In this season's guide, we've decided to add a personal touch. The features you read will be written by VisitLiverpool's in-house experts. Look out for their name at the end of each piece.

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In Safe Hands Merseyside Maritime Museum
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Events

There's so much happening this season you will be spoilt for choice on what to do – why not extend your stay? For full details of things to see and do visit liverpool.com

EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE SEASON

REEL STORIES - LIVERPOOL & THE SILVER SCREEN

Museum of Liverpool. Until September 2017
liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/mol

TRACEY EMIN AND WILLIAM BLAKE IN FOCUS

Tate Liverpool. Until 3 September 2017
tate.org.uk/visit/tate-liverpool

IN SAFE HANDS: THE STORY OF THE LIVERPOOL PILOTS

Merseyside Maritime Museum. Until 4 June 2017
liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/maritime

PUTTING ON THE GLITZ

Sudley House
Until 31 March 2017
liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/sudley

YVES KLEIN

Tate Liverpool
Until 5 March 2017
tate.org.uk/visit/tate-liverpool

ANIMAL MUMMIES REVEALED

World Museum
Until 26 February 2017
liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/wml

TRANSFORMATION: ONE MAN'S CROSS-DRESSING WARDROBE

Walker Art Gallery
Until February 2017
liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/walker

PICASSO LINOCUTS FROM THE BRITISH MUSEUM

Lady Lever Art Gallery
Until 8 January 2017
liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/ladylever

GEORGE, ERIC AND ME

Beatles Story Pier Head
Until 9 January 2017
beatlesstory.com

DISNEY ON ICE - FROZEN

Echo Arena Liverpool. 30 November - 4 December
echoarena.com

ONE MAGICAL CITY

Liverpool is a magical place to visit this festive season; from shopping for the perfect gift in Liverpool ONE or the city centre, meeting your favourite DreamWorks characters at St George's Hall, strolling around the Albert Dock or enjoying some of the city's seasonal cultural events. Voted the fourth friendliest city in the world, you'll receive a warm Liverpool welcome this Christmas time.

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DREAMWORKS LIGHTS LANTERN EXPERIENCE

St George's Hall
26 November - 15 January 2017
Come along and meet Shrek, Alex, Po and friends at DreamWorks Lights. It's a Shrektacular event, encompassing over 100 figures of your favourite characters and 20 enlightening and Ogre-whelming scenes based on three major DreamWorks feature film productions.
dreamworkslights.com

DECEMBER

WINTER ARTS MARKET

Anglican Cathedral
3 December 2016
winterartsmarket.com

THE STAR

Playhouse
9 December – 14 January 2017
everymanplayhouse.com

ROD STEWART

Echo Arena Liverpool
18 December 2016
echoarena.com

LIVERPOOL INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW

Echo Arena Liverpool
31 December - 2 January 2017
echoarena.com

JANUARY



Raf Simons menswear
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NORTH: IDENTITY, PHOTOGRAPHY, FASHION

Open Eye Gallery
6 January - 19 March 2017
openeye.org.uk

CAVERN CLUB 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Cavern Club
16 January 2017
cavernclub.org

DONNY OSMOND

Echo Arena
29 January 2017
echoarena.com

CHINESE NEW YEAR

Chinatown
27 - 29 January 2017
cultureliverpool.co.uk



SWAN LAKE

Empire Theatre
31 January - 1 February 2017
atgtickets.com/venues/liverpool-empire

FEBRUARY

NO SUCH THING AS GRAVITY

FACT
Until 5 February 2017
fact.co.uk



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JACK WHITEHALL: AT LARGE

Echo Arena Liverpool
5 February 2017
echoarena.com

STRICTLY COME DANCING LIVE

Echo Arena Liverpool
7 - 8 February 2017
echoarena.com

BRITISH MUSIC EXPERIENCE OPENS TODAY!

Cunard Building, Pier Head
11 February 2017
britishmusicexperience.com

GISELLE REAWAKENED

LIPA
16 - 18 February 2017
unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk

MARCH



FUNNY GIRL

Empire Theatre
7 - 11 March 2017
atgtickets.com/venues/liverpool-empire

LOST SOUL

Royal Court Liverpool
10 March - 8 April 2017
royalcourtLiverpool.co.uk



OLLY MURS

Echo Arena Liverpool
16 March 2017
echoarena.com

2017 GYMNASTICS BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Echo Arena Liverpool
2 - 26 March 2017
echoarena.com

APRIL

THE WHO 2017

Echo Arena
3 April 2017
echoarena.com

CRABBIE'S GRAND NATIONAL

Aintree Racecourse
6 - 8 April 2017
aintree.thejockeyclub.co.uk

PORT SUNLIGHT 10K/5K

Port Sunlight Village
17 April 2017
visitwirral.com

HIGHLIGHTS FOR NEXT SEASON

67:17 - 50 SUMMERS OF LOVE

Venues across the city
April - August 2017
50summersoflove.co.uk

SOUND CITY

Clarence Dock
27 - 28 May 2017
liverpoolsoundcity.co.uk

ROCK N ROLL MARATHON

City centre
27 - 28 May 2017
runrocknroll.com/liverpool

MERSEY RIVER FESTIVAL

Liverpool waterfront
23 - 25 June 2017
cultureliverpool.co.uk

ARMED FORCES DAY

Liverpool waterfront
24 June 2017
liverpoolarmedforcesday.co.uk

LIVERPOOL INTERNATIONAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Liverpool Cricket Club
27 June - 1 July 2017
liverpooltennis.co.uk

LIVERPOOL INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Venues across the city
20 - 23 July 2017
limfestival.com

KNOWSLEY FLOWER SHOW

Court Hey Park, Huyton
6 August 2017
knowsleyflowershow.com

SOUTHPORT FLOWER SHOW

Victoria Park
17 - 20 August 2017
southportflowershow.co.uk

INTERNATIONAL BEATLES WEEK

Venues across the city
23 - 29 August 2017
internationalbeatleweek.com

SOUTHPORT AIR SHOW

Southport beach
15 - 17 September 2017
visitsouthport.com

Words: James Wood

Culture & Heritage

Art lovers, theatre fans and museum goers, Liverpool is the place for you.

Find out more about Liverpool's 800 year history and explore the best in performance, fine art and film from around the world.

ART

Art in Liverpool is a constantly-evolving offer, with such a vast and varied output emerging from the city, it can be hard to keep up.

Tate Liverpool has had a string of critical successes recently, with exhibitions from Warhol, Pollock, Bacon and Picasso wowing critics as well as proving popular with audiences. This success looks set to continue this winter, when the gallery welcomes Tracey Emin and William Blake: *In Focus* until September 2017. Centred around Emin's controversial 1998 artwork *My Bed*, this is the first time the piece has been displayed in the north of England, with critics already lauding the juxtaposition of the two very different artists within the exhibition. And if that wasn't enough, the permanent collection brings an eclectic range of modern art together from the extensive Tate collection.

Also located on the waterfront, Open Eye Gallery is one of the country's leading photography spaces with globally-renowned artists exhibiting throughout the year. Over in the Ropewalks, FACT is the natural home for bold new exhibitions exploring digital and contemporary issues, as well as a cinema programme bringing the best films from around the world to Liverpool.

But it's not all about the contemporary art. The stunning Walker Art Gallery on William Brown Street houses an incredible collection of paintings, sculpture and decorative arts spanning six hundred years, including works by Hockney, Rossetti, Turner and Rembrandt.

Celebrating its tercentenary in 2017, The Bluecoat is a cutting edge arts centre offering a programme of art, literature, music and dance, and is also home to a wide range of artists and creative businesses. The centre will commemorate its 300th birthday with a programme of special events and exhibitions for 300 days in 2017, running from 4 February to 29 November.

These are just a handful of the galleries around the city region. To explore further, have a look at The Royal Standard, The Atkinson, Metal, Crown Building Studios and Kirkby Gallery to name a few, or even book yourself in for a course at the stunning Shore Cottage in Thurston.

HERITAGE

Liverpool joins the ranks of the Taj Mahal and the Great Wall of China in being a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It's easy to see why the city holds such a revered title after a walk around Albert Dock – the largest collection of Grade I listed buildings in the country and an absolute must-see on anyone's list. The Dock, which dates back to 1840, is an integral part of the fabric of the city. But it is far from just a heritage site – it is home to exceptional restaurants, bars, museums and some of Liverpool's most popular visitor attractions.

If you want to get a sense of the ever-evolving story of Liverpool, you only need to look up and glance at the buildings. Liverpool has some of the best examples of neoclassical architecture in the world, most notably the magnificent St George's Hall. Visit Central Library to see how stunning original features like the Picton Reading Room have been merged with contemporary architecture to become an architectural wonder. Another must is a trip up to Hope Street to see Liverpool's two famous cathedrals, the soaring neo-gothic Anglican Cathedral (the largest in the UK) and the modernist Catholic Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King with its glorious stained glass windows.

Liverpool's iconic waterfront is home to the Three Graces – the Cunard Building, the Port of Liverpool Building and of course the Liver Building, with its two Liver Birds, the symbols and the 'guardians' of the city, perching 300 feet above the streets below.

A RIBA tour is the best way to learn more about the city's architecture. Liverpool also has a variety of fully qualified Blue and Green Badge guides who offer services from individual walking tours to large coach tours. There is a huge selection of special interest options too, including photography, ghost tours, comedy tours, secret tours and of course, the Fab Four.

MUSEUMS

The Liverpool city region has more national museums than any UK city region outside of the capital. The Museum of Liverpool impresses with its landmark waterfront location and unique exhibitions. In it, visitors can explore how Liverpool's port, its people and its creative, industrial and

sporting history have shaped the city and get a better understanding of what makes Liverpool.

Just along the waterfront around the Albert Dock, there is the Merseyside Maritime Museum, where you can find out all about the people, ships and the companies connected to this port city. Housed in the same building is the International Slavery Museum, which gives an unflinching account of the slave trade and the city's role in it.

Then there is World Museum, in the St. George's Quarter of the city, in which visitors can explore the natural world, ancient civilizations (with a special exhibition on animal mummies this season) and even make a journey into space through the planetarium.

PERFORMANCE

Liverpool's performance spaces do a roaring trade in both laughter and tears, sometimes in the same night.

The legendary Everyman theatre was completely rebuilt in 2014, winning the RIBA Stirling Prize for the UK's best new building and, more importantly, adoring fans for its bold, intelligent and fun productions. Together with sister theatre Playhouse, it attracts some of the best companies in the business as well as developing local talent.

The Empire is the largest theatre in Liverpool and stages the big musicals and spectacular shows, often straight from the West End.

The Royal Court offers a range of long-running plays and one-off nights, and the Epstein Theatre is Grade II listed with a striking interior and a variety of entertainment.

The Unity Theatre, which plays host to some of the most innovative theatre in the city, will follow in the footsteps of the Everyman when it undergoes a major transformation between January and April, before coming back better than ever.

Elsewhere, the hundred-year-old Floral Pavilion, located over the water in New Brighton, and the seaside resort of Southport's Theatre and Convention Centre both have varied programmes of theatre, family shows, comedy and music.

Regular comedy nights can be found everywhere in the city – with Comedy Central Comedy Club at Blue Bar & Grill, Laughterhouse at The Slaughter House and The Liverpool Comedy Cellar at The Magnet to name just a few offerings.

Then there is Echo Arena Liverpool - in addition to music superstars it hosts all the big names of comedy, such as Billy Connolly, Reeves & Mortimer and John Bishop.

Words: Sydney Cronin



Liverpool Cathedral



Museum of Liverpool



'The Star' at the Liverpool Playhouse



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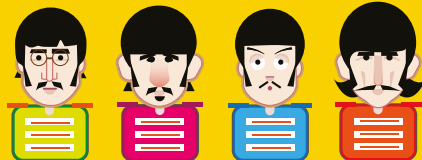


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Music

Declared a UNESCO City of Music in 2015, the Liverpool is proud of its musical past and present as both the birthplace of The Beatles and the home of a vibrant live scene with its award-winning venues and festivals.

Known to many as the home of pop music, Liverpool is the place that provided the world with the best-selling band in history and dozens of number one hits. Nowhere else in the world can you experience the impact the 'Fab Four' had on music like you can at the city's many venues and attractions, which appeal to both hardcore fans and those with a passing interest.

The Beatles Story at Albert Dock is an absolute must-see for those who want an unforgettable journey through the lives and the times of the four lads from Liverpool. A trip to Mathew Street to visit the famous Cavern Club should also be on your list, soaking up the history and atmosphere as well as the daily live music.

To follow in the footsteps of the band, hop on a Magical Mystery Tour through Penny Lane



Magical Mystery Tour

Cavern Club

and Strawberry Field as well as other Beatles locations. You can also take a tour of Mendips and 20 Forthlin Road – the childhood homes of John Lennon and Paul McCartney.

In 2017 Liverpool will celebrate a 'Summer of Love', with events taking place to mark the 50th anniversary of Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band and the 60th anniversary of the Cavern Club's opening and in February the much anticipated British Music Experience opens within the historic Cunard Building.

Urban festivals are also staged in the city throughout the year with Liverpool Sound City in May, Liverpool International Music Festival (LIMF) in July and Liverpool International Festival of Psychedelia in September. Africa Oyé and Brazílica also cement Liverpool on the global stage for world music whilst the always-popular Creamfields festival is held just 30 minutes' drive from the city centre.

The Liverpool city region is renowned for its world-class venues such as the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall and Echo Arena, as well as the live hubs that are Arts Club, The Magnet and new for this year - the Invisible Wind Factory. Liverpool's enviable roster of live venues attracts artists from the ranks of superstardom as well as burgeoning talents to the city's famously passionate crowds year after year.

Liverpool Philharmonic Hall is one of the most impressive buildings in the city, both internally and externally. Located halfway between the two cathedrals on Hope Street, the art-deco hall is home to the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra led by chief conductor Vasily Petrenko. The orchestra season



Liverpool Philharmonic Hall



Magical Mystery Tour

lasts until June 2017 and features the works of Bach, Beethoven, Berlioz, Stravinsky and even The Beatles.

You're never far from a musical event in the city and there's something to see every night, no matter the genre. Liverpool has a reputation to uphold when it comes to music and you'll never fail to receive a unique yet warm welcome when you're fortunate enough to visit any of our remarkable venues.

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Nightlife

Liverpudlians like to socialise. Their sense of fun and love of a great night out guarantee that the city's bars are lively and its nightlife is legendary – so much in fact that the users of TripAdvisor voted Liverpool as Britain's best nightlife destination.

When Rough Guides were compiling their travel bucket list last year, they chose places of wonder, places that change your life and you never forget. The Grand Canyon topped the list. The Great Wall of China was fourth. Wedged between them in third place, was a night out in Liverpool.

Seel Street. You can spend your entire night on this one street. You'll find yourself starting off amongst Latin dancers and church grandeur at Alma De Cuba, and finishing with a Tom Collins or something a little stronger at Some Place, an absinthe bar. Sandwiched between that is the delicious 5 Dolla Shake at Santa Chupitos. Once you've sipped the milk bottle dry, pop outside and downstairs to experience the tiny but unique El Bandito. At Be At One there are more than 130 cocktails to choose from, neon decor and of course, live music. Squeezed amongst these are other favourites, Heebie Jeebies and underground club EBGBs, Brooklyn Mixer, Jacaranda, the Peacock and not forgetting the Merchant with pizza take out!

Mix it up by visiting some of the city's wealth of traditional pubs. Thomas Rigby's on Dale Street offers over 40 world beers and conditioned cask ales. At the other end of Dale Street you'll find Ship and Mitre, stocked with premium Belgian and German beers, while Dead Crafty over the road is an excellent next stop to taste some of their ever-changing taps. Our pubs tend to be clustered together, and another area worth exploring is the Georgian Quarter. There are almost too many to mention, but as a taster try The Grapes, The Roscoe Head, The Dispensary, Peter Kavanagh's, The Belvedere and, of course, the Philharmonic with its ornate and oft-photographed grade-listed men's toilets.

The Baltic Triangle is the hippest area of the city. The jewel in its crown is Camp and Furnace, a destination in itself which plays host to weekly food slams, madcap bingo and music events such as Psych Fest. Within a two minute walk are other warehouse-turned-bars including Constellations, Baltic Social, 24 Kitchen Street and Black Lodge.

Back in the city centre, the LGBT scene comes alive at night. Stanley Street is home to the 'gay and gorgeous' Navy Bar, historic gay pub the Lisbon and the place where everyone's a superstar, Superstar Boudoir. Probably the most famous name though is over in Eberle Street. There's truly no place quite like Garlands. It's crazy, glamorous, unique and you definitely won't forget it. If you're out until dawn, Garlands' neighbour, Gbar is the place, with show bar and lower after-hours club until 6am.

Words: Jess Cavendish



Fly in the Loaf



Santa Chupitos



McCooley's



Revolucion de Cuba

Days out for all

with National Museums Liverpool



Photo: James Carroll

Sport

Sport is a very serious matter in Liverpool, and is one of the factors that has made it world famous. With two Premier League football clubs, the world's most famous steeplechase and a host of championship golf courses, the city region offers something for all sports fans.

Liverpool Football Club museum and stadium tours are immersed in the history of one of the most famous clubs in the world through state-of-the-art technology, learning about legends such as Bill Shankly and Kenny Dalglish and Liverpool's great success both home and abroad. The tours include a good look around the new Main Stand that has increased Anfield's capacity significantly. Over the park, Everton Football Club are one of the most storied in the country. Since being founded in 1878, they have won nine national titles, five FA Cups and one European trophy, as well as pioneering developments such as numbered shirts, televised matches and undersoil heating. Visit their historic Goodison Park to see one of the best examples of a traditional English football ground.

National Museums Liverpool
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Liverpool National Museums

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Liverpool International Horse Show

Aintree and Haydock Park Racecourses both host Class 1 horse racing throughout the calendar. The Crabbie's Grand National is the most famous steeplechase in the world, with an estimated 600 million viewers worldwide.

Liverpool International Horse Show returns to Echo Arena Liverpool for another spectacular event.

England's Golf Coast is arguably the finest stretch of championship golf in the world. The region is home to 19 challenging and picturesque courses, including three Royal links courses – Royal Birkdale, Royal Liverpool and Royal Lytham & St Annes – which regularly host the Open Championship. In 2017, the Claret Jug (and the eyes of the sporting world) will come to Royal Birkdale.

St Helens Rugby League Club, one of the world's most famous sides, play at the 18,000-capacity Langtree Park, which hosted its first Saints game in February 2012, and Widnes Vikings are also becoming an established name in the Super League.

Words: Joe Keggins



St Helens rugby league



Crabbies Grand National

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Choose from sleek fine dining to independent bohemian bistros and high-street favourites, and from modern British to the finest world cuisine.



Marco Pierre White Steakhouse Bar & Grill Liverpool



The Art School



Smugglers Cove

We'll start at Bold Street. A multicultural journey of worldwide flavours in the heart of Liverpool's Ropewalks. Nestled amongst some of the city's finest indie shops are some of the city's finest indie restaurants, tea shops and bakehouses! There's street food at its best at Mowgli, Chicha and Bakchich, sweet potato fries you'll never forget at Maray and hundreds of tea blends at Leaf. There's Crust, pushing the boundaries of traditional pizza, The Italian Club and Miyagis, and too many more to name.

If it's fine dining that you're looking for, then head to Hope Street in the Georgian Quarter. Restaurants such as London Carriage Works, 60 Hope Street, Host and Paul Askew's Art School Restaurant make for a sensational dining experience and perfectly complement the sumptuous surroundings and cultural buzz.

Over in the traditional mercantile area of Castle Street and Exchange Flags, there's endless pizza at Santa Maluco Pizza Rodizio, the best cuts of meat at Fazenda Rodizio and Argentinian delights at CAU. Long standing residents Olive and San Carlo are joined by The Alchemist where one can enjoy some of the finest cocktails in town! And Cheese & Co is the place where dreams come true, a dedicated cheese deli.

Dine in the skies at Panoramic 34 in Liverpool's business district where breathtaking views come as standard, or if you prefer to keep yourself close to the water, the Albert Dock is perfect for river views and family outings. Some of our favourites include Smugglers Cove – where kids' meals come in a treasure chest! – PanAm and Spice Lounge. Newbies Revolucion De Cuba cook up a good Cuban party with cocktails, dancing and live music and food, of course.

The city centre doesn't have the monopoly on fine food though. Lark Lane, running alongside Sefton Park, is a hive of independent restaurants such as Bistro Medjool, Keith's and Green Days while Evil Eye, on the other side of the park, has arguably the best burrito in the city.

Over on Wirral Peninsula, Fraiche in Oxtown village is a discreet and understated Michelin-starred restaurant that really impresses with its tasting menu, The Lawns at Thornton Hall has also won national acclaim and Claremont Farm, the best place to taste Wirral asparagus, has a delicious farm shop and café using much of its own produce.

Looking northwards, try the sushi restaurant at the Vincent Hotel in Southport, Bistro Verite in beautiful Birkdale village or the American breakfasts of Moose Coffee in Crosby – just make sure you get there early, as their breakfasts are so good there's often queues out the door!

Words: Jess Cavendish

Explore

Should you wish to escape from the bright lights of Liverpool city centre, there are lots of beaches and coastal walks nearby, plus stunning countryside spaces where you can blow away the cobwebs.

Head across the River Mersey to Wirral for a trip to the historic village of Port Sunlight with its late 19th century cottages. The story of how it was built by the Lever brothers for the workers at their Sunlight soap factory and wonderfully preserved is told in full at the Port Sunlight Museum. The Lady Lever Art Gallery, built for William Lever's art-loving wife and now open to the public, boasts a magnificent collection spanning centuries and has recently undergone renovation to restore its original grandeur.

New Brighton is a rejuvenated seaside resort, with the Floral Pavilion Theatre at its heart plus plenty of family-friendly activities. Nearby you can go on one of Wirral's fantastic walks, such as striding out to Hilbre Island or traversing the Wirral Way. For a shorter stroll there is Birkenhead Park, acknowledged to be the first publicly funded park in Britain and a model for Central Park in New York.

Liverpool has more parks than Paris; Calderstones, Croxteth and Sefton Park are just a few favourites. Head to Sefton Park to see the beautiful glass-panelled Victorian Palm House.

Further afield, Crosby Beach is a must-see, not only for its beautiful views but for Antony Gormley's *Another Place*; 100 cast-iron, life-size figures spread out along three kilometres of the shore and out to sea.



Antony Gormley's 'Another Place'



Knowsley Hall

In Southport, breathe in the refreshing sea air as you stroll along Southport Pier enjoy a picnic in Southport's Botanic Gardens, and embrace the traditional amusements of a grand seaside town. Close by, explore the sand dunes along the Sefton coast and try and spot a rare red squirrel at Formby Nature Reserve.

Knowsley Safari Park is well worth a visit - with over 700 exotic animals, amusement rides and a fantastic sea lion show, only eight miles from the city centre and in the parklands of the stunning Knowsley Hall.

Chester Zoo is also a great day out for the family with some of the most endangered and exotic species in the world.

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Port Sunlight Village

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Liverpool Waterfront

If the River Mersey is the city's lifeblood, the waterfront is its calling card to the world. As well as being a place of breathtaking beauty, it is home to many of the most popular venues and attractions Liverpool has to offer.

Take for example Albert Dock, a collection of Grade I listed red brick former warehouses on the banks of the River Mersey, which date back to the 1840s. While the architecture of its industrial past is retained, today it is home to museums and galleries as well as a wide range of bars and restaurants.

Winter at Albert Dock is an experience in itself. Wrap up warm and take a stroll along the frosty banks of the Mersey as you flit between attractions. For a cosier moment, curl up with a coffee or sit down for dinner at one of the many mouth-watering restaurants, where you can appreciate the dock at its wintry finest.

One of the biggest names in the Dock is Tate Liverpool, the home of modern art in the north. In addition to a host of big name exhibitions – Tracey Emin and William Blake this winter follows recent successes such as Andy Warhol, Jackson Pollock and Francis Bacon – there is a permanent collection of diverse works from the vast Tate collection.

The Beatles Story is a must-see whether you're a Fab Four fanatic or not. The interactive museum follows the history of four lads who changed the world, from their early days of playing village halls in suburban Liverpool to the period of Beatlemania, their later experimental work and subsequent solo careers. With rooms themed around the plane they first flew to the US on, the Yellow Submarine and John Lennon's Imagine, it's a truly immersive experience.

Liverpool has more national museums and galleries than any other UK city region outside London, several of which are on the waterfront. Merseyside Maritime Museum charts the city's maritime history through exhibitions on ships such as Titanic and Lusitania, and the International Slavery museum, in the same building, is an unflinching examination of the history of the slave trade and the city's role in it. Then there is the Museum of Liverpool, a landmark building linking the waterfront together which tells the story of the city, its people and its passions.

The ferry 'cross the Mersey is far from just the inspiration of a famous Merseybeat song. Visitors can follow the route that has been sailing since the 13th Century, with several River Explorer cruises every day offering a perfect photo opportunity, an interactive history lesson and a relaxing voyage rolled into one. Since 2015, one of the ferries has been painted in a special 'dazzle' pattern by Sir Peter Blake, the famous pop artist who also designed the album cover for Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band. And if you want to see what's underneath the river, there are also guided tours of the Mersey Tunnel!

As well as its cultural attractions, there are restaurants and cafes to suit every taste, as well as stunning hotels which have seamlessly integrated into the waterfront such as Malmaison, Jury's Inn and Titanic Hotel. All of which makes it a destination in itself, before you even venture inland!

Words: Sydney Cronin



World Museum



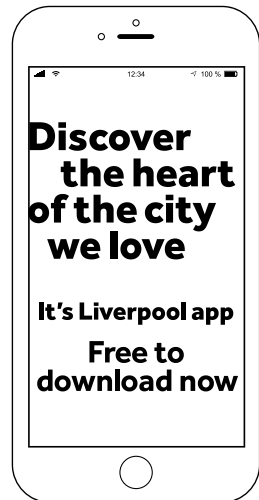
Shankly Hotel Museum

Itineraries

We have put together some suggestions to make the most of your stay.

Do you have suggestions on the best places to go and what to do and see?

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FAMILY FUN

World Museum: This is where education meets fun and your little darlings will love it! Many of the exhibits are interactive and hands on. Get up close and personal with mummies from ancient Egypt or discover the new Planetarium. liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/wml

Mersey Ferries: The best way to view the Liverpool waterfront is from the water and there's lots of fun to be had along the way with stop offs at Spaceport and the U-Boat Story – which are well worth a visit. merseyferries.co.uk

Mattel Play!: Inspire your child's imagination with over 13,000 square feet of interactive adventure play across three themed zones. Featuring Bob the Builder, Postman Pat and Thomas the Tank Engine. mattelplayliverpool.com

LUNCH

Smugglers Cove: This pirate themed restaurant is great for the whole family and has great views over Albert Dock. Food comes in the form of a rustic deli-style menu with rotisserie, barbecue and home comforts. thesmugglerscove.uk.com

Knowsley Safari: 700 exotic animals, an amusement park and a sea life show all add up to a magical and wild day out. The park also now includes an Aerial Extreme high ropes course. You may want to make a day of it! knowsleysafariexperience.co.uk

LUXURY LIVERPOOL

STAY

2 Blackburne Terrace: Winner - The Sunday Times Ultimate 100 Best British Hotel 2015. This is an exceptionally luxurious yet understated residence in the heart of the Georgian quarter of Liverpool. 2blackburneterrace.com

Metquarter: Designer retail therapy awaits with well-known brands galore at this city centre shopping destination. metquarter.co.uk

Land Rover Experience Halewood: Land Rover Experience is an exclusive opportunity to be immersed in the all-terrain capability of Land Rover, you are guaranteed to leave feeling a real sense of achievement. halewood.landroverexperience.co.uk

LUNCH

Panoramic 34: Dine high in the sky with stunning views of Liverpool and the Welsh hills beyond. Panoramic34.com

Beauty Bazaar Harvey Nichols, Liverpool ONE: The ultimate beauty destination! Get a massage, manicure or makeover and stock up on your favourite products. Afterwards head into Liverpool ONE for more famous brands. harveynichols.com

DINNER

Fraiche: A discreet and understated façade leads you into an intimate, modern space created with a theme of natural elements inspired by the shoreline. restaurantfraiche.com

CULTURAL DELIGHTS

STAY

Shankly Hotel: This hotel is a tribute to one of football's greatest managers: Bill Shankly. Offering spacious rooms, a trendy bar and restaurant and unseen memorabilia, you will never want to leave this hotel. shanklyhotel.com

Beatles Story: How four young lads from Liverpool became the best band in the world. A fascinating journey through the world of the Beatles, not to be missed. beatlesstory.com

Museum of Liverpool: More than 6,000 objects bring Liverpool's incredible heritage to life, celebrating hundreds of years of the city's achievements. liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/mol

LUNCH

Mowgli: We love this restaurant at the top end of bohemian Bold Street. Chat-style Indian fare within stylish surroundings. mowglistreetfood.com

Port Sunlight Museum & Garden Village: The beautiful village of Port Sunlight was created by William Hesketh Lever for his Sunlight soap factory workers in 1888. Also home to the Lady Lever Art Gallery and a Port Sunlight Museum. portsunlightvillage.com

The Cavern Club: No trip to Liverpool is complete without a visit to the most famous nightclub in the world, plus there is live music on every day from mid-afternoon until late evening. cavernclub.org

Words: James Wood



Shopping

Liverpudlians love to shop – and with the range of choice, who could blame us? With the high street brands and flagship stores of Liverpool ONE, the independent vintage shops of Bold Street, the up-market Metquarter and the boutiques of Cavern Walks, there's something for every wardrobe.

Liverpool ONE, located within the heart of the city centre, is the go-to place to shop, drink, eat and relax. The huge open-air complex is home to more than 160 high street and designer brands from John Lewis to Ted Baker, Disney Store to Apple and the only Beauty Bazaar by Harvey Nichols in Europe.

If you're after something a bit different, you'll find Liverpool's many independent shops peppered around the city – but many will agree Bold Street is the best place to start. With two stores on the stretch and three in the city centre, Utility is a local institution. The furniture and giftware shop is the perfect place to find something extraordinary for that special someone or perhaps yourself. Other gems include Transalpino – the haven for rare trainer collectors, Dig Vinyl – quite literally an underground record store, and Rex – Liverpool's independent department store.

Metquarter is the place to go if you're looking to make a purchase of the luxurious kind. Here you'll find the likes of MAC, Hugo Boss and Armani Exchange to name just a few brands on offer. Just moments from the Metquarter is Cavern Walks – known to many as Liverpool's fashion HQ. The boutique designer shopping arcade is home to Vivienne Westwood and celebrity favourite Cricket.

Liverpool's city centre is home to more than 400 shops, with the nucleus of Church Street hosting the megastores of Forever 21 and Marks and Spencer as well as a number of restaurants and shoppers' events including the Snowflake Trail – an immersive winter festival which runs through December.

Lark Lane, just 20 minutes south of the centre is known for its street markets and independent shops, whilst Lord Street in Southport is just a 40 minute train ride away and hosts boutique stores within a procession of classic Victorian arcades. Across the Mersey, West Kirby offers a similar calibre of boutique shopping whilst Wirral's many farm shops are perfect for trying some of the local produce.

Words: Sydney Cranin

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†All River Explorer Cruise tickets include entry to U-boat Story, subject to opening times. Check cityexplorerliverpool.co.uk and merseyferries.co.uk for timetables and opening times. Prices valid until 31/03/17. Terms & conditions apply, see merseyferries.co.uk



Pullman Hotel

Sleep

When it comes to places to stay, the Liverpool City Region has it all. With everything from luxury hotels, big-name brands and quirky independents, to stunning self-catering apartments and countryside B&Bs, you're guaranteed to find your perfect stay.

HOTELS

In Liverpool city centre, you'll find yourself spoilt for choice. We have the architecturally iconic at Aloft Liverpool, the football legend tribute at The Shankly and the truly unique at the Beatles-inspired Hard Days Night Hotel.

At Doubletree by Hilton, luxury is the name of the game, with its French renaissance-style exterior and opulent interior design. Carefully restored from what was one of Liverpool's first banks, at Heywood House Hotel you'll find the perfect mix of original elegance with modern luxury. Whilst over in Wirral, the Grade II listed Hillbark Hotel hides a fascinating history behind its stunning appearance.

There's style to be found at Liverpool's newer-build hotels, too. Pullman Liverpool offers panoramic waterfront views, deluxe rooms and a contemporary atmosphere. In Southport, you'll find the stylish



2 Blackburne Terrace



Hilton Liverpool



30 James Street

boutique Vincent Hotel and the waterside luxury of the Ramada Plaza.

Just outside Liverpool city centre, the 4 star Suites Hotel & Spa in Knowsley is the perfect place to unwind and indulge yourself.

SELF-CATERING

We also have a great selection of self-catering accommodation. In the city centre, you'll find luxury and style at EPIC Serviced Apartments and ideal location at BridgeStreet apartments in the heart of the Liverpool ONE complex.

Further afield, there's Herons Well Cottage in Wirral, offering a spacious self-catering option in the coastal town of West Kirby, and the Thatched Pavilion, nestled away in the beautiful surrounds of the grounds of Thornton Manor. In Southport, The Coach House is the perfect base for families wanting to explore the nearby seaside attractions.

B&BS, INNS AND GUEST HOUSES

If you prefer a more personal touch, try one of the city region's guest houses. For a city centre stay, The Aachen offers great value. Outside of the city, in Wirral you'll find the likes of Mere Brook House, offering high class facilities in a beautiful country setting, and Peel Hey, a Victorian country house offering luxury accommodation. In Southport, discover the award-winning Ambassador Townhouse in the heart of the town, or Edendale House, situated a short stroll from all of Southport's attractions.

BUDGET ACCOMMODATION

There's plenty of options for the budget traveller in Liverpool, including some great city centre hostels. Hatters Hostel is ideal for a stay in Liverpool, offering modern en-suite private and shared dormitory rooms. Euro Hostel is the newest addition to the city, offering contemporary accommodation at competitive prices.

Words: Amy Dann



Shankly Hotel



EPIC Apathotel



Suites Hotel Knowsley



Titanic Hotel



Cruise

Liverpool is known globally for its close links with the sea. It is a city with a rich maritime history, and the water plays a huge role in Liverpool life to this day.

For the third time in four years, Liverpool has been named the Best UK Port of Call by Cruise Critic, the world's leading cruise review site.

When you consider the city's maritime history as the birthplace of passenger shipping, and the experience on offer to cruise passengers in the modern day, it's easy to see why.

Liverpool Cruise Terminal welcomes cruise ships from all over the world, from all major lines.

With more than 60 ships having berthed in 2016 and a packed schedule for 2017, it's full steam ahead for Liverpool's cruise industry.

Ships berth right at the heart of the waterfront, in the shadow of the Three Graces - the Cunard

Building, Port of Liverpool Building and the Royal Liver Building, atop which sits the city's 'guardians', the Liver birds. These three buildings ensure a striking first impression of a city like no other.

Passengers can stroll along the waterfront to Albert Dock, a complex of dock buildings and warehouses first opened way back in 1846. Nowadays, they are home to an eclectic range of restaurants, cafes, bars, museums and galleries for every taste, from morning to late night. The acclaimed Museum of Liverpool also sits on the waterfront, a £72 million development which is the most visited museum in the UK outside of the capital.

For more information on Cruise Liverpool and the range of options available to passengers, please visit: cruise-liverpool.com or talk Cruise on Twitter @CruiseLpool. Ship arrival times and departure times are shown on Facebook ([liverpoolcruiseterminal](https://www.facebook.com/liverpoolcruiseterminal)).

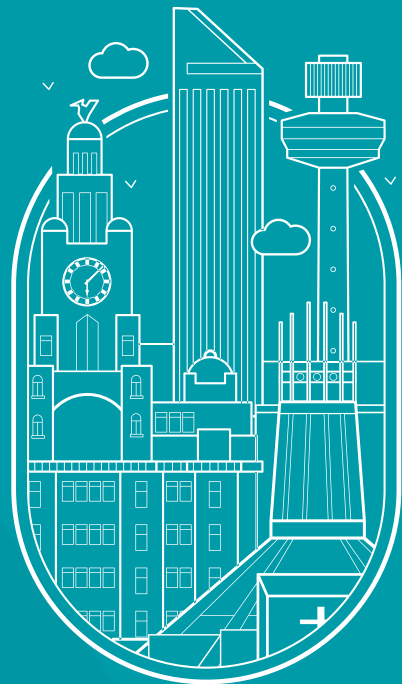
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John Lennon Airport is only 9 miles from Liverpool City Centre and offers over 70 UK and European routes – carriers include Flybe, easyJet, Ryanair and Blue Air. Regular bus services operate to and from John Lennon airport from Liverpool City Centre. liverpoolairport.com

Manchester Airport is only 45 minutes from Liverpool city centre and offers many direct long haul routes into the Northwest. Carriers include British Airways, Etihad, Hainan and KLM. manchesterairport.com

RAIL

Getting to Liverpool by train has never been easier – London to Liverpool in just over 2 hours and regular rail services from all over the UK taking you straight to the mainline city centre railway station, Liverpool Lime Street. nationalrail.co.uk virgintrains.com

FERRY SERVICE

Stena Line operates routes into Liverpool from Belfast. stenaline.com

Isle of Man Steam Packet operates seasonal sailings into Liverpool from Douglas steam-packet.com

CRUISE

The Cruise Terminal is located on Liverpool's Waterfront, close to the Pier Head. cruise-liverpool.com

ROAD

The Liverpool City Region is easily accessible from the main motorway network. From the M6 take the M62, M58 or M56 into the city centre.

COACH TRAVEL

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Merseytravel is here to help you make the most of your time in Merseyside, by providing information and special tickets for buses, trains and ferries. Most places of interest are within easy reach – thanks to Merseytravel's extensive network.



Airport Link

Liverpool South Parkway is the nearest Merseyrail station to the airport. There are frequent bus services to and from the airport, while regular train services run to Liverpool and beyond, keeping you connected.



Trains

Fast, frequent services operate across the whole of Merseyside. The shops and attractions of Southport are only a short ride away from Liverpool City Centre. Or in less than 20 minutes, you could be at Port Sunlight in Wirral, Merseyside's hidden gem of heritage.



Buses

Merseyside's comprehensive bus network, covering the whole of Merseyside, gives you the opportunity to make the most of your visit to the region. Many bus services link to the Merseyrail network and the Mersey Ferries.



Ferries

A River Explorer Cruise on the famous Mersey Ferries gives the best views of the historic Liverpool Waterfront. The service operates throughout the year. Your ferry ticket also includes free entry to U-boat Story at Woodside. There's also Spaceport at Seacombe and the Beatles Story exhibition at the Pier Head to make it a full day out!



Journey Planner

Create a journey plan for anywhere in Merseyside based on your current location, an address, a post code, bus stop or a point of interest. The planner will recommend the best routes for you, detail the steps of your journey and suggest modes of transport. You can also download the planner as an app in Google Play or Apple App Store. Simply search for 'Merseytravel' in the App Store.



Saveaway Tickets

The ideal pre-paid ticket to explore all over Merseyside. The special one-day ticket allows you to travel on buses and trains at any time except the morning peak (including all day weekends and Bank Holidays).



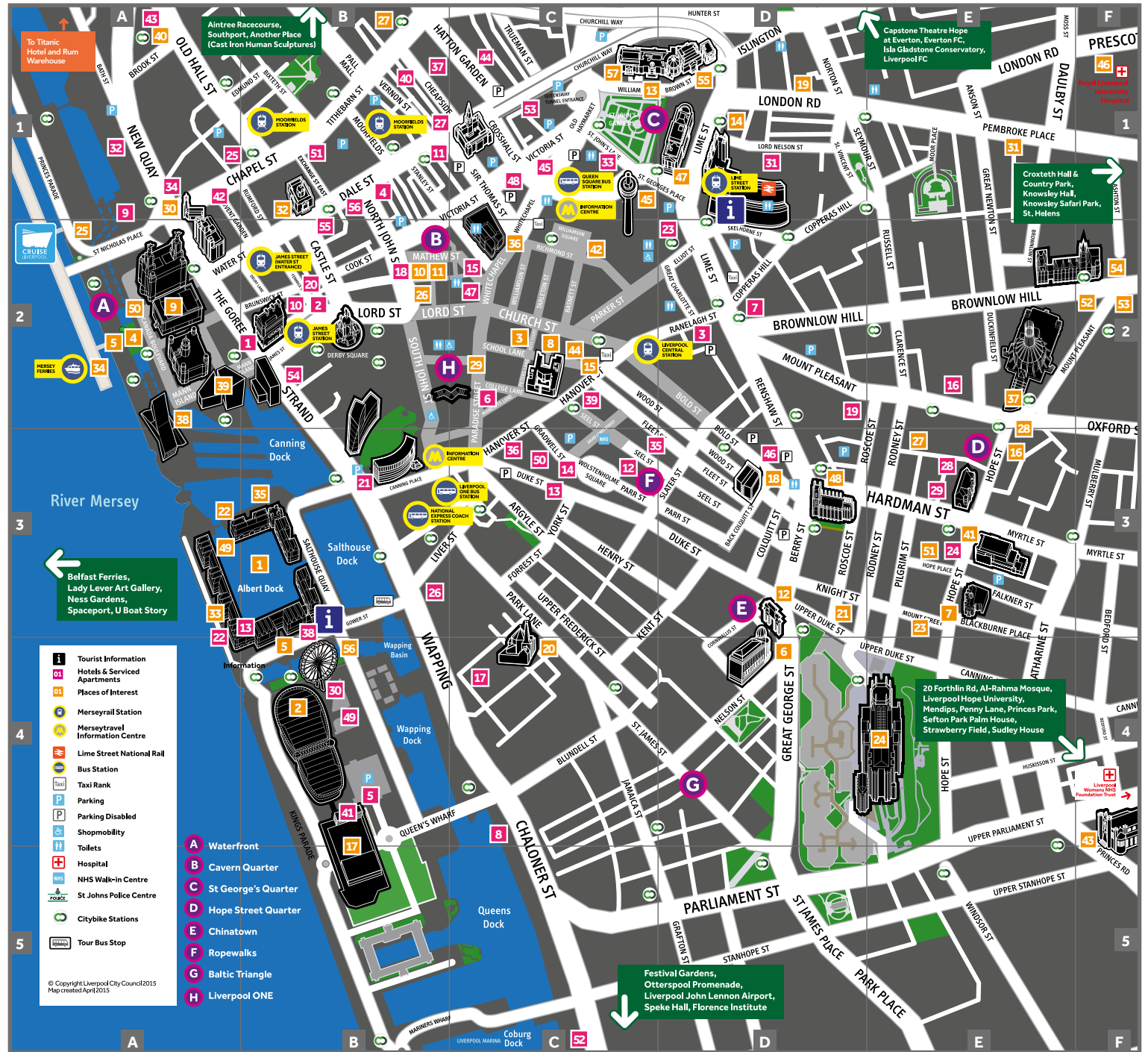
Hotels & Serviced Apartments

1	30 James Street	B2
2	62 Castle Street	B2
3	Adagio Apart Hotel	D2
4	Aloft Hotel	B1
5	The Block Apartments	B4
6	BridgeStreet Liverpool ONE	C2
7	Britannia Adelphi	D2
8	Campanile	C4
9	Crowne Plaza Liverpool City Centre	A1
10	Days Inn	B2
11	Doubletree by Hilton	B1
12	EPIC Apart Hotel - Seel Street	C3
13	EPIC Apart Hotel - Duke Street	C3
14	EPIC Apart Hotel - Campbell Street	C3
15	Euro Hostel	C2
16	Feathers Hotel	E2
17	Hampson by Hilton	C4
18	Hard Days Night Hotel	B2
19	Hatters Hostel	D2
20	Heywood House Hotel	B2
21	Hilton Liverpool	B3
22	Holiday Inn Express - Albert Dock	A4
23	Holiday Inn, City Centre	D2
24	Hope Street Hotel & The London Carriage Works	E3
25	Hotel Indigo	A1
26	Ibis Liverpool City centre	B3
27	Ibis Styles - Dale Street	B1
28	International Inn / Cocoon	E3
29	International Inn Serviced Apartments	E3
30	Junys Inn	B4
31	The Liner	D1
32	Malmison	A1
33	Marriott, City Centre	C1
34	Mercure Liverpool Atlantic Tower Hotel	A1
35	The Nadler	C3
36	Novotel	C3
37	Premier Suites	B1
38	Premier Inn, Albert Dock	B3
39	Premier Inn, Hanover Street	C2
40	Premier Inn, Vernon Street	B1
41	Pullman Hotel	B4
42	Racquet Club	A1
43	Racisson Blu	A1
44	The Richmond	C1
45	The Shankly Hotel	C1
46	Signature Living, Bold Street	D3
47	Signature Living, Mathew Street	C2
48	Signature Living, Victoria Street	C1
49	Staybridge Suites	B4
50	Stacycity Serviced Apartments	C3
51	Travelodge, Exchange Street East	B1
52	Travelodge, Liverpool Docks	C5
53	Travelodge, Old Haymarket	C1
54	Travelodge, The Strand	B2
55	Tune Hotel	B2
56	Z Hotel	B1

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Places of Interest

1	Albert Dock	B3
2	Arena & Convention Centre Liverpool	B4
3	Atheneum	C2
4	Beatles Legacy Statue	A2
5	The Beatles Story	B4 and A2
6	Black-E Community Centre	D4
7	Blackburne House	E3
8	The Bluecoat	C2
9	British Music Experience	A2
10	Cavern Club	B2
11	Cavern Walks	B2
12	Chinese Arch	D3
13	Central Library	C1
14	Empire Theatre	D1
15	Epstein Theatre	C2
16	Everyman Theatre	E3
17	Exhibition Centre Liverpool	B4
18	FACT	D3
19	The Gateway Centre	D1
20	Gustaf Adolf Kyrka (Nordic Church)	C4
21	The Hardmans' House	E3
22	International Slavery Museum	A3
23	LIPA	E3
24	Liverpool Cathedral	E4
25	Liverpool Cruise Terminal	A2
26	Liverpool International Language Academy	B2
27	Liverpool John Moores University	B1
28	Liverpool Medical Institution	E2
29	Liverpool ONE	C2
30	Liverpool Parish Church	A1
31	Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine	E1
32	Liverpool Town Hall	B1
33	Mattel Play	A3
34	Mersey Ferries	A2
35	Merseyside Maritime Museum	B3
36	Metquarter	C2
37	Metropolitan Cathedral	E2
38	Museum of Liverpool	A2
39	Open Eye Gallery	A2
40	Passport Office	A1
41	Philharmonic Hall	E3
42	Playhouse Theatre	C2
43	Princes Road Synagogue	F4
44	Quakers Meeting House/Prayer Room	C2
45	Royal Court Theatre	C1
46	Royal Liverpool University Hospital	F1
47	St George's Hall	D1
48	St Lukes Church	D3
49	Tate Liverpool	A3
50	The Three Graces - Royal Liver Building, Cunard and Port of Liverpool Buildings	A2
51	Unity Theatre	E3
52	University of Liverpool - Foundation Building	F2
53	University of Liverpool Guild of Students	F2
54	Victoria Gallery and Museum	F2
55	Walker Art Gallery	D1
56	Wheel of Liverpool	B4
57	World Museum Liverpool	C1



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