

## WELCOME HOME

### A great place to live. A great place to study.

Safe, friendly and affordable, Liverpool takes pride of place as one of the best places to study in Europe. Live in "one of the coolest places in the UK"\*, and find out why this European Capital of Culture is one of the top ten cities to visit in the world. With wellestablished international communities and a fascinating history, Liverpool stands apart from the rest of the British Isles, bursting at the seams with venues, festivals and cultural events. It's all yours for the taking.

\*The Times of London



### We can't wait to welcome you home.

#### WHY LIVERPOOL IS THE PLACE TO BE We may be biased, but you don't have to take our word for it:

Voted the kindest city in the UK (Travelodge Kindness Survey 2018)

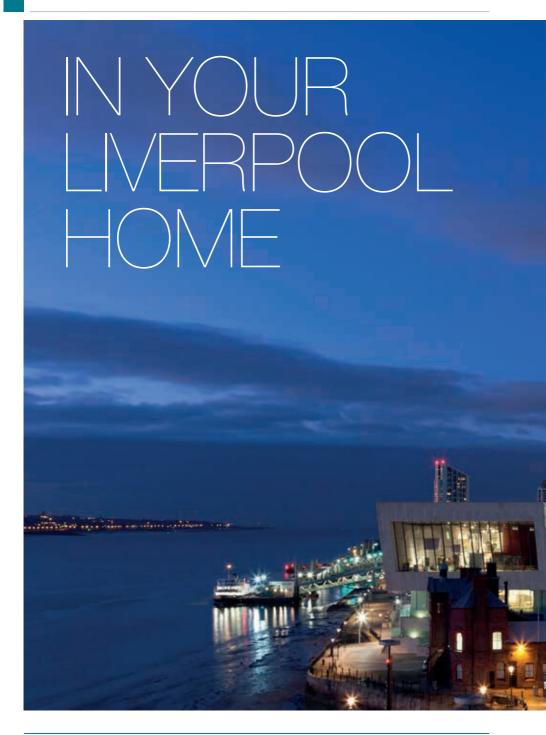
: In 2018, we celebrated the 10th anniversary of being named as European Capital of Culture

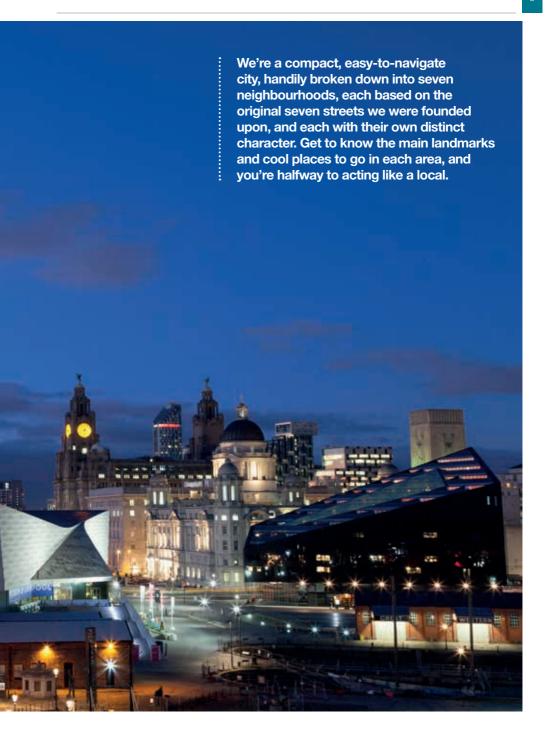
: Liverpool's waterfront : Awarded purple flag holds UNESCO World Heritage Site status, alongside the Great Wall of China and the Pyramids of Giza in Egypt

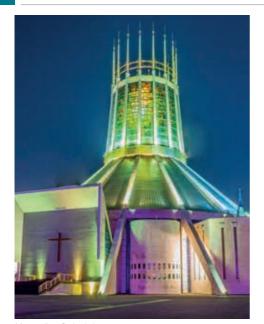
accreditation, which means Liverpool is a safe place to enjoy a night out



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Metropolitan Cathedral



Liverpool Anglican Cathedral



William Brown Street



Chinatown

#### **City Centre**

Liverpool city centre is like something out of a movie (most of the time because it is), with the finest buildings being found on William Brown Street. Elsewhere the city is a lively area with shops aplenty.

#### **Ropewalks**

Named to recognise the area's past as a centre for rope manufacture, the cobbled streets between Bold Street and Duke Street are home to Liverpool's independently-minded retail and entertainment quarter. Ropewalks is your perfect introduction to nightlife, Liverpool-style.

#### **Georgian Quarter**

One of the prettiest parts of town, Liverpool's Georgian Quarter is home to the stunning Liverpool Cathedral, the hub of Hope Street, Paul McCartney's Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts (LIPA) and plenty of pubs (some formerly frequented by John Lennon himself).

#### **Baltic Triangle**

This self-aware hip neighbourhood is Liverpool's take on New York City's Meatpacking District. The warehouses are home to an increasing roll call of bars, bistros, artist studios and al-fresco knees-ups.

#### **Commercial District**

Liverpool's business district is home to an American-inspired grid of streets filled with ornate banking halls, lofty skyscrapers and eye-catching late 19th century office buildings.

#### **Knowledge Quarter**

They call the top end of town the Knowledge Quarter and there's a simple reason for this; it is where smart folk like you will spend much of your time. Liverpool is home to the original red brick university, but the campuses and walkways that link LJMU and University of Liverpool buildings mix Victorian gothic, 60s modernism and everything in between.



Looking towards Bluecoat Chambers



Liverpool's Georgian architecture

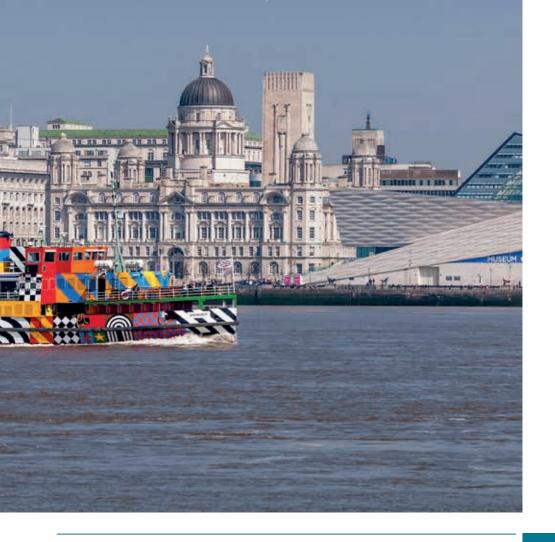


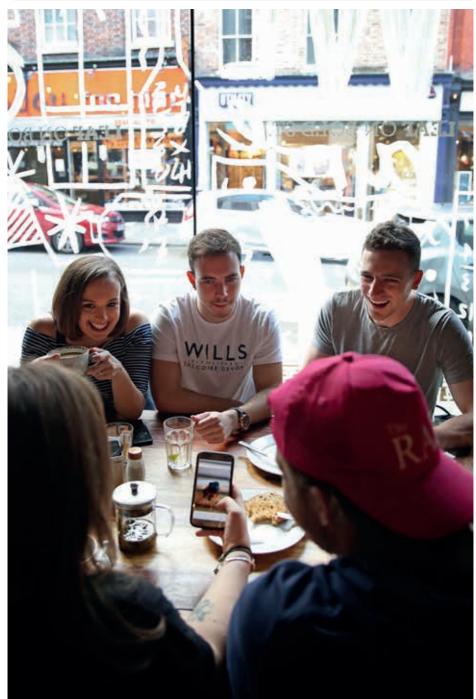
Looking across to the Commercial District



### **WATERFRONT**

Full of life and spectacularly beautiful, Liverpool's Pier Head is world class, with the fascinating Museum of Liverpool, and the Three Graces – Royal Liver Building, The Cunard Building and the Port of Liverpool Building (the three white-stone buildings which stand out from the skyline).





Leaf, Bold Street

# FOOD AND DRINK IN OUR CITY

You are what you eat and Liverpool has it all. From specialist shops selling halal and kosher foods, to the oldest Chinatown in Europe, with shops catering for all tastes. There are cool independent cafés, well-stocked supermarkets, reasonably priced restaurants and excellent eateries to suit every taste and budget. The city also has a huge choice of pubs, nightclubs, alcohol-free bars and coffee shops where you can enjoy great conversation, music and much, much more,

#### LIV Organic Food Market

At the bottom of Bold Street you'll find a supermarket and café where you can find organic food and drink. There's a place to dine on fresh pasta or sit with a coffee and a cake, right in the heart of Liverpool's food scene.

#### The Italian Club

A family run, laid-back classic Italian restaurant, serving family favourites from lunch right through until late-night supper. There is something for everyone on the menu, including vegans, and plenty of dessert options for you to choose from.

#### Mowgli

Ask any Liverpool local where to go for Indian food and most likely this will be their top recommendation. Their tiffin-style dishes offer an authentic taste of India for vegetarians, vegans and meat eaters alike.

#### Leaf

Leaf is a Liverpool landmark, originating as a tearoom with every flavour of tea you could possibly think of, and now operating as a brunch, lunch, dinner and drinks spot. Leaf is a place for everybody to enjoy, whether it be popping in for vegan brunch, taking part in Leaf's pudding club, or going to a gig.

#### The Brink

Liverpool's non-alcoholic bar The Brink, Parr Street, offers comfort food classics such as fish and chips, full English breakfasts and brilliant burgers. All for a purse friendly price, too, making it a popular student haunt.

#### KO Grill

Another authentic Indian and Pakistani restaurant, located on the lower end of Bold Street. Stock up on big and small plates, each one delicious, and still come home with change, and leftovers.

#### **Almost Famous**

If you like burgers, you're going to love Almost Famous. With skyhigh burgers, lots of cheese and Liverpool specialities, including the city's favourite salt and pepper chips.

#### Maggie Mays

Home to what is widely known as the best bowl of scouse in Liverpool, Maggie Mays, Bold Street, is a must. There's no fancy dishes in this place, it's all about good, fresh food, plain and simple.

#### **Baltic Market**

The Baltic Market, located inside Cains Brewery Village, is just a short walk away from Liverpool ONE and Chinatown. Find foods from around the world in their street food hall, alongside food trends like bubble cone ice cream - perfect for Instagram.

#### The Caledonia

You could be forgiven for not thinking a classic British pub such as The Caledonia, would be a vegan hotspot, but this pub actually has an entirely vegan menu. Try vegan versions of burgers, hot dogs and chicken wings in the settings of a beautiful pub with great music.







Vintage chic

# **SHOPPING**

We're all shopping on a budget, but no matter if yours is large or small, you'll find what you are looking for in Liverpool, and often with a discount, too. Most high street stores offer student discount. Liverpool ONE holds regular student events, plus, get money off at the city's independents with an 'Independent Liverpool' membership card. From the high street stores in Liverpool ONE and on Church Street, and designer departments in Liverpool ONE, the MetQuarter and Cavern Walks, to the independent boutiques on Bold Street, Liverpool is the place to go shopping.

#### **INDEPENDENT STORES**

#### **Red Brick Hangar**

Within the Cains Brewery
Village in the Baltic Triangle,
you will find an array of small
businesses offering everything
from quirky prints and organic
snacks to vintage clothing. Red
Brick Hangar is surrounded by
cool places to eat and drink,
so head over for a day out and
come back with some goods
you won't find anywhere else.

#### **Lost Art**

Located upstairs from The Merchant, Slater Street, is Lost Art, one of the coolest skate shops in Europe. Get everything from a new board to the shop's own clothing line and look like a true Liverpool skater.



Liverpool ONE



**Bold Street** 

#### Utility

With locations on Bold Street and in Liverpool ONE, Utility is the city's one-stop-shop for all things cute and quirky. Find funny greetings cards, great coffee table books and gifts you'll want to keep for yourself in these small stores.

#### **Probe Records**

Probe Records is another Liverpool institution, found on School Lane, next to the Bluecoat. The store itself is tiny, but always bursting with vinyl enthusiasts.

#### Resurrection

On Bold Street you will find Resurrection, a place for vintage clothes, independent clothing brands, and even a barbers and café. No matter who you are or what you're into, Resurrection will surely become one of your most frequented spots in Liverpool.

#### 69a

You can find just about anything in 69a, Renshaw Street. From eclectic bric-a-brac to old books and vintage clothes, it's a great place to spend a rainy afternoon.



### MARKETS

#### LACES OUT FESTIVAL

Laces Out Festival is the biggest event in the calendar for the sneaker heads of Liverpool. Find cool new brands and rare pairs from your favourites in a venue filled with fellow shoe lovers. Keep checking their website to see when the event is next in town.

#### **ARTS MARKETS**

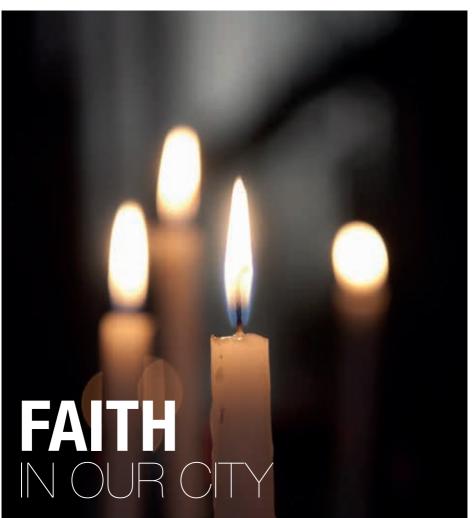
Twice a year, Open Culture host arts markets in the stunning Liverpool Cathedral. Here, you'll find handmade accessories, prints and knick-knacks from the city's small businesses, all worth a look. There's also treasures to be found in the pop-up markets in St. Luke's Church which us locals refer to as "the bombed out church" so don't miss out.



#### POP-UP AT THE PALM HOUSE

Such beautiful handmade items deserve an equally beautiful venue, which is why we love Pop-Up at the Palm House markets, held in Sefton Park's Palm House several times a year. Entry is free and it's a great excuse to venture outside of the city centre, too.





We are a multi-racial and multi-cultural city supporting a diverse range of religions and communities. The two cathedrals – Anglican and Catholic – may dominate the skyline but Greek orthodox, Unitarian and numerous European churches can be found across Liverpool.

The mosque at 8 Brougham Terrace was the first to be established in England and the Al Rahma mosque near the city centre can

hold up to 1,000 people. Liverpool has a thriving Jewish community too, with numerous synagogues, including the Princes Road Synagogue, one of the finest buildings in the city.

Liverpool has well established Nigerian and Somalian communities. Plus there's a thriving Sikh community, a Hindu temple on Edge Lane and smaller, but no less active, Buddhist communities.





Brazilica





Everyman Theatre



Playhouse Theatre



Liverpool Philharmonic

# **THEATRES**

Not only is Liverpool known for its music, but we love a good show, too. Catch everything from independent plays to Broadway shows at the Unity Theatre, Playhouse Theatre, Liverpool Empire, Royal Court, Everyman, Epstein Theatre, LIPA and Capstone Theatre. Of course you can't forget about the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall, either, where you'll find stand-up comedy and a live orchestra alongside your favourite films, dance performances and more.

# **FESTIVALS**

#### Arabic Arts Festival

For the past 20 years, Arabic Arts Festival has showcased both traditional and more modern Arabic arts to the city of Liverpool. Expect music of every genre and a festival you'll never forget.

#### **Indian Arts Festival**

Milapfest run an Indian arts festival comprising of traditional music and dance performances throughout Liverpool each spring and summer. Catch performances from Grammy award nominated musicians at the Capstone Theatre and other venues across the city.

#### **Liverpool Comedy Festival**

Here in Liverpool, we're proud to be known for our great sense of humour. Each year at the Liverpool Comedy Festival, you can laugh along with comedians both big and small at comedy venues across the city, from tiny comedy clubs to the huge Liverpool Echo Arena.

#### **Brazilica**

Every summer, Liverpool hosts its very own carnival, Brazilica. The festival sees feather-adomed dancers and drummers parade around the city's streets, bringing a smile to everyone who passes by. Each year Brazilica gets bigger and better, so get ready for a party!

#### **Liverpool Biennial**

Liverpool Biennial is one of Europe's best-attended arts festivals, and encompasses venues and artists across the city. Many events are free and open to the public, too, so make sure to see what's on and find your new favourite piece.



Liverpool Biennial

#### Africa Oyé

Experience African music, dance and food at one of Liverpool's favourite festivals, Africa Oyé. Africa Oyé takes place in Sefton Park and welcomes every member of the community to learn about African culture and have a dance whilst you're at it.

#### **Liverpool Irish Festival**

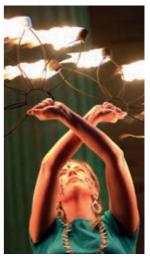
Liverpool has always had a strong connection to Ireland, with pretty much every scouser claiming to have Irish blood, and that strong connection is celebrated each year at the Liverpool Irish Festival. During the festival, the city is overrun with events, performances and short film viewings discussing all things Irish. Of course it's also a great excuse for a pint of Guinness and an Irish jig, too.

#### Homotopia

Celebrating all things LGBTQ+, Homotopia is one of the biggest events of the year. See theatre performances, dance, art and debate as part of the annual event run by the Liverpool based arts and social justice organisation.

#### **Light Night**

Each summer, Light Night takes over every corner of Liverpool, with arts and craft workshops, street performances, art installations and late-night openings in the city's museums and galleries. Everyone in Liverpool loves Light Night, because there is something for everyone to enjoy. Many of the events are free and it is a great excuse to explore the city after dark.



Light Night

### Liverpool Food and Drink Festival

Twice a year, Sefton Park becomes the place to be for Liverpool's food lovers, with street food trucks and pop-up stalls from the city's favourite restaurants. Try something new and fall in love with food from around the world at Liverpool Food and Drink Festival.

# **ART**GALLERIES

#### **Walker Art Gallery**

Marvel at some of the city's most extravagant art collections, encompassing paintings, sculpture and fashion. Some of the work dates back centuries, but modern art lovers will find an impressive collection of pieces here, too. Reminiscent of New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Walker Art Gallery, William Brown Street is well worth a visit.



Walker Art Gallery

#### **Open Eye Gallery**

Just across from the Royal Albert Dock, in Mann Island, you will find the small Open Eye Gallery. This gallery displays work often a little closer to home, capturing the city's past, present and even future.

#### **Tate Liverpool**

Tate Liverpool takes pride of place in Liverpool's Royal Albert Dock. See works from the likes of Tracy Emin, Henri Matisse and Roy Lichtenstein, often for free. You can also sit and enjoy a cup of tea in the Tate Café, overlooking the docks. LJMU Student Opportunities team offer discounts for ticketed exhibitions.



Tate Gallery

#### **FACT**

FACT, Wood Street, is home to not only an art gallery, but a café, bar and independent cinema. This creative hub has hosted dystopian interactive works and performance art pieces by the likes of Shia LaBeouf and local artists alike, with free exhibitions for everybody.

#### **Bluecoat**

The Bluecoat is not only home to artists' studios, small boutiques and a restaurant, but exhibitions from artists across the world. Each exhibition is free and is always changing, so wander on through as you make your way around nearby Liverpool ONE.



#### **The Royal Standard**

Located in Cains Brewery
Village, Baltic Triangle, the Royal
Standard is a small gallery that
attracts creatives from across
the city and beyond. Take a look
to see their latest exhibitions
from up-and-coming artists.

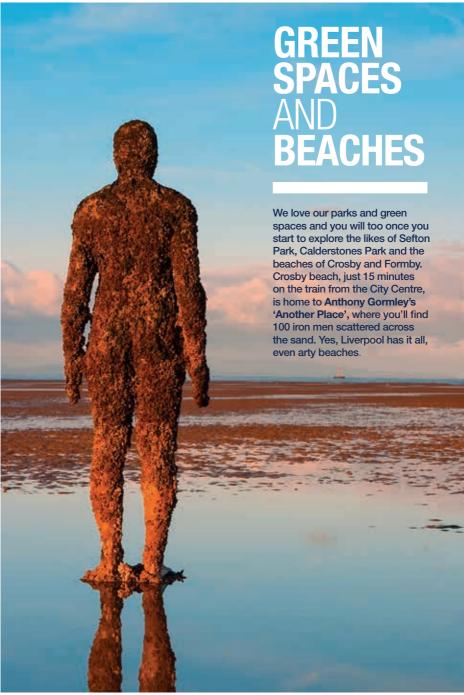




# MUSEUMS There are several museums across

There are several museums across the city of Liverpool, documenting everything from the city's often troubled past, to the swinging sixties and the best of British music. The city centre alone hosts the Museum of Liverpool, Maritime Museum, International Slavery Museum, The Beatles Story, World Museum and British Music Experience. Most exhibitions are free for all, but see websites for further information.

Museum of Liverpool



Crosby Beach

# **SPORT** IN THE **CITY**

#### Why not do a workout with a view, cycling, running or walking along the coast.

Casual runners have the picturesque routes of Crosby beach, Sefton Park and Riverside Drive, just to name a few. More advanced runners have a number of challenges to sign up to; two of the biggest are the Rock'n'Roll half marathon and the annual Santa dash. Oh yeah, if you see thousands of Santas running through the city, don't be alarmed, it's an annual thing.





If watersports are your thing, head to Crosby Lakeside Adventure Centre or Liverpool Watersports Centre in Queens Dock to get involved with rowing, surfing, windsailing and more.

**Skaters** have plenty of options in Liverpool, with the street art covered skate park on Jamaica Street, the glow in the dark ramp in Everton Park

and the place all Liverpool skaters learned their tricks, Rampworx, just a bus ride away from the City Centre.

## Of course, this wouldn't be a Liverpool city guide without football, would

it? Liverpool is home to two world-class football teams, Liverpool FC and Everton FC. We're a city obsessed with the beautiful game, and you really can't escape it. Both clubs offer tours of their stadia and museums, and on match days the atmosphere in the city is electric. Both clubs have ladies football teams and some of our LJMU students are associated with these clubs in a coaching, playing or volunteering capacity.



Liverpool FC v Everton FC



# PARTY PLACES

Did you know a night out in Liverpool was number three in Rough Guide's "50 things to do before you die"? Yep, we love a good time here in Liverpool, and no matter what you're into, whether you drink or not, you're bound to have the night of your life. There are pubs, bars and clubs scattered across the city centre, each area with a different vibe. Once you've found your favourite spot, many of the bars and clubs are very close to each other, and most are free entry, too, which means a night out shouldn't cost you too much. See some of our favourite party places...









PURPLE FLAG ACCREDITATION MEANS LIVERPOOL IS A SAFE PLACE TO ENJOY A NIGHT OUT, AND WHAT A NIGHT - WITH OVER 300 BARS, CLUBS AND RESTAURANTS TO CHOOSE FROM.

#### Kazimier Gardens, Seel Street

Liverpool's long-standing Kazimier Gardens can be easy to miss, tucked away in between large buildings on the quieter end of Seel Street, but once you're there you'll feel like you've discovered a hidden gem.

#### Salt Dog Slim's, Seel Street

Sing along to your favourite songs and scribble on the walls like you did in school. Salt Dogs is the place to go if you want to sing your heart out and grab a hot dog whilst you're at it. Just maybe don't do both at the same time.

#### Berry and Rye, Berry Street

Liverpool's very own speakeasy bar Berry and Rye can be hard to find, it is a secret bar after all, but is a hidden treasure for whisky lovers. Step out of the hustle and bustle of Ropewalks for a quiet drink in this cool location.

#### The Philharmonic, Hope Street

Possibly one of the most beautiful pubs in all of Britain. So beautiful in fact, the men's toilets are listed. Yeah, that's right, so good they can't be touched. Explore the snugs inside and wonder in the beauty of this classic pub, conveniently located right by the Mount Pleasant campus.

#### The Pilgrim, Pilgrim Street

The Pilgrim Pub has been a Liverpool student favourite for years. With live music and affordable ales, it's no wonder why it's such a popular venue, tucked away in the back streets near Liverpool Cathedral.

### Independent Liverpool Quiz Nights

Independent Liverpool, the hub of Liverpool's independent food and drink scene, run cult quiz nights throughout the year, with themes on everything from Harry Potter to Friends. Get a team together and play to make your fandom proud at some of Liverpool's coolest venues, including the incredible St Luke's bombed out church.

#### **Bongo's Bingo**

This is bingo, but not as you know it. Go wild with your friends and play to win everything from fluffy unicorns to thousands of pounds in cash. There's dancing on the tables and confetti cannons galore.





### THINGS TO DO IN LIVERPOOL IN...



The minute the sun shines in Liverpool, we all get a bit excited at the prospect of summer returning, which means it's time to ditch the coats and get outside. Stroll around the palm house in Sefton Park, go for a lunchtime drink on the Royal Albert Dock or the Oh Me Oh My rooftop bar overlooking the Royal Liver Building, or head to the Liverpool food and drink festival. Take your pick of Liverpool's best street food snacks and bask in the spring sunshine.



We love a festival in Liverpool, and each summer is jam-packed with music and art festivals to attend. There's Liverpool International Music Festival, with some of music's biggest names, Sound City for cool indie bands and LJMU students get major discounts on tickets. Besides festivals, there's also lots of classic summer activities to take part in, like hanging out on Crosby beach or the pop-up beach and funfair in Calderstones Park or chilling out with friends in the Baltic Triangle.





Whilst it might get cooler here in autumn, there's no excuse not to enjoy the beautiful outdoors. You can take a picturesque walk through Liverpool's many parks, including Calderstones Park where you'll find beautiful Japanese gardens. Or you could attend a Bonfire Night fireworks display along the waterfront or join in a Shiverpool tour, where creepy characters guide you around the city's most haunted locations.



Okay, Liverpool might not be Lapland, but every winter the city transforms into a winter wonderland, with the annual Liverpool ice festival in the city centre. Take a ride down the ice slide, skate around the ice rink or enjoy a hot chocolate in the cosy indoors. There is also Open Culture's Winter Arts Market, held in Liverpool Cathedral, where you can take shelter from the cold and browse the city's independent makers' handmade goods, from funky prints to greetings cards.





### GETTING AROUND

For your one-stop travel education, head to Merseytravel's Travel Centres, located at Liverpool ONE bus station and Queens Square, or use their online journey planner. Ask about their term-time ticket for reduced fares on buses, trains and Mersey ferries for students if you'll be using these routes a lot during the week.

#### **Public Transport**

Liverpool is an easy city to navigate, plus it's well connected to the rest of the UK, with coach and train journeys to Manchester, Scotland, London and more, with the country's capital just over two hours away by train.



#### Train

Merseyrail operate a reliable network of underground and overland lines connecting most of the city and its suburbs together. Services are fast and frequent running from 5am to midnight.



#### Bus

Liverpool's well served bus routes shuttle from city to suburb all hours of the day, with some routes also running throughout the night. For travel within the city centre itself, you're best cycling, hailing a taxi, or our preferred option, walking.

#### Ferry

Should you have an hour spare, you can take a zig-zagging cruise up and down the Mersey, giving you a brilliant view of Liverpool's iconic waterfront and the chance to visit the Wirral with its breathtaking views of the Liverpool sky line from the other side of the water.



#### Taxi

Hail a black cab on the street or at the taxi ranks around the city, paying around £4 to shuttle from point to point in town. You can also book a private hire cab by phone, or download the Delta Taxis or Uber app to bring a taxi to you.



#### Bike

Around town you'll find over 100 racks of bright green City Bikes, offering pay-as-you-go cycling for no more than a few pounds. CityBike even offer LJMU students a hefty discount on the cost of an annual membership, making the scheme even more affordable.



# YOUR LIVERPOOL BUCKET LIST

Liverpool is a city that never stops, with exciting events happening every day of the week, all year long. In fact, there can be so much you might struggle to tick them all off your list. That's why we've broken it down into the top 10 things you have to do before you leave Liverpool. Although we do hope you'll stick around...



SEE ANTHONY GORMLEY'S IRON MEN SCULPTURES
DOTTED ALONG CROSBY BEACH





FOOTBALL
MATCH

Follow the **BEATLES** theme and take a ride on the **magical mystery tour,** starting at the Albert Dock, and get your picture taken at the gate of **Strawberry Fields** 



EAT A **BOWL OF SCOUSE**,
THE DELICIOUS
STEW THAT
LIVERPOOL
LOCALS ARE
NAMED AFTER

Go for a **PICNIC** in one of our beautiful parks preferably on a sunny day





Win a wild prize at BONGO'S BINGO, the funniest night out in Liverpool







AT LIVERPOOL'S BEST AND MOST BEAUTIFUL VENUES.

LJMU students even get discounted or free tickets to the

LIVERPOOL PHILHARMONIC, ROYAL COURT and EVERYMAN AND PLAYHOUSE THEATRES



Take a trip up the **Liverpool** 

Cathedral tower to get the best view of the city, with a little discount

from LJMU Student Opportunities

# TAKE A FERRY ACROSS THE MERSEY...

crossing the river and getting a great view of our amazing

**SKYLINE** 

# LIVERPOOL CITY MAP

### Key



Pier Head



**Liverpool ONE** 



**Cavern Quarter** 



Wheel of Liverpool



**City Bus Tour** 



**Lime Street Train Station** 



**Liverpool Anglican Cathedral** 



**Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral** 



**Everyman Theatre/Liverpool Philharmonic** 



**LJMU Campus** 



**Anthony Gormley's 'Another Place'** 



**Football Stadia** 

