

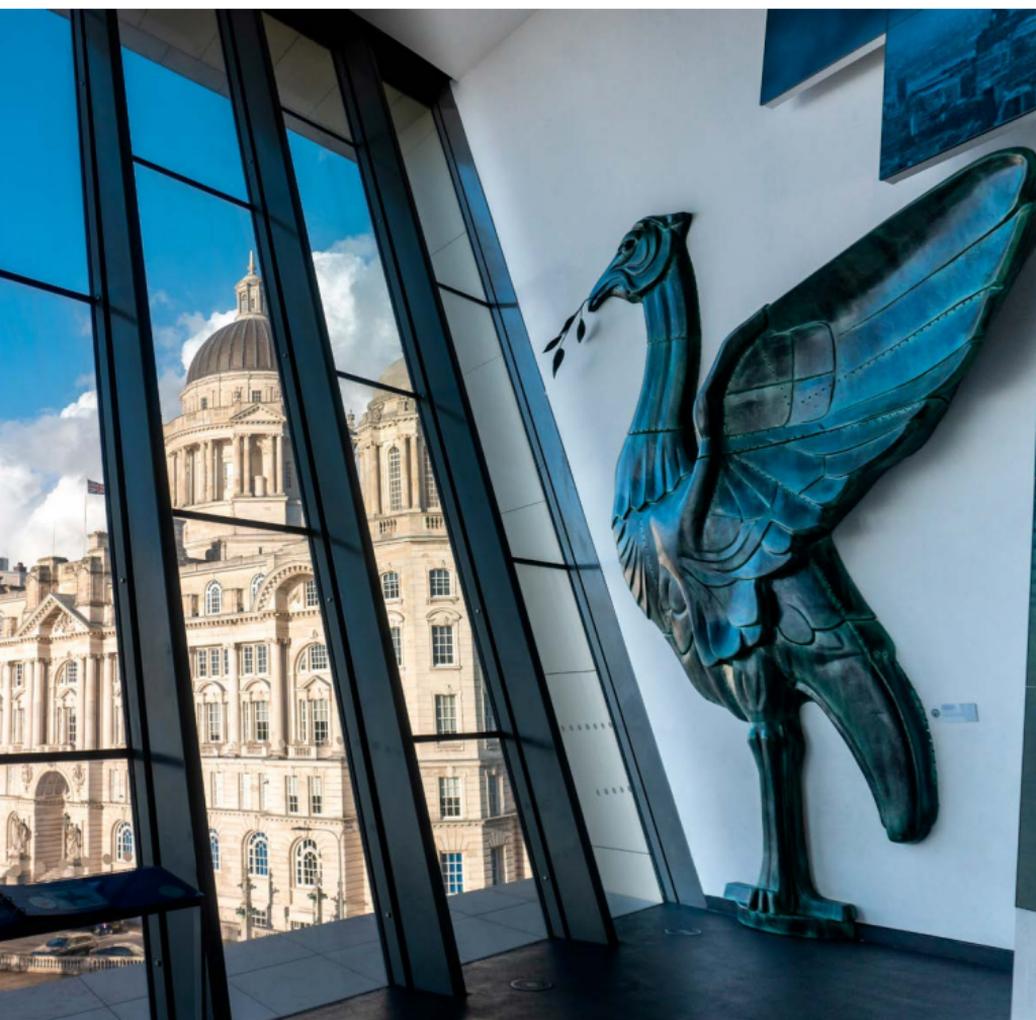


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# LIVERPOOL

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Liverpool is a city that moves to its own rhythm. Birthplace of The Beatles, a UNESCO City of Music and a cinematic backdrop for countless films, it's a place brimming with creativity and culture. Once a powerhouse of maritime trade, the city's historic docks now house world-class museums, cutting-edge galleries and waterfront restaurants. Whether you're discovering its musical roots, delving into its rich industrial past or simply enjoying a big night out with friends, Liverpool is a city that invites exploration with open arms. What's more, it's a great place to visit by train. While the main sights are scattered across the city, you can walk easily between most of them. With regular TransPennine Express services into Liverpool from Glasgow, Manchester, Yorkshire and the Northeast, getting here is a doddle. Find out more about travelling to Liverpool by **TransPennine Express**.

## Liverpool Cathedral

Hope St, L1 7AZ [liverpoolcathedral.org.uk](http://liverpoolcathedral.org.uk).

Free, but donation requested

The Anglican Liverpool Cathedral looks much older than the Metropolitan Cathedral, but was actually completed eleven years later, in 1978, after 74 years under construction. The last of the great British neo-Gothic structures, Sir Giles Gilbert Scott's masterwork claims a smattering of superlatives: Britain's largest and the world's fifth-largest cathedral, the world's tallest Gothic arches, and possessor of the highest and heaviest bells. Inside, contemporary art adds to its unique feel, including a neon sign by Tracey Emin: "I Felt You And I Knew You Loved Me". On a clear day, a trip up the 330ft tower is rewarded with views out to the Welsh hills.

## Royal Albert Dock

Liverpool, L3 4AA [albertdock.com](http://albertdock.com). Free

The Royal Albert Dock is a stunning example of Victorian dockland architecture. Once upon a time, this was a major

trading hub, but today it is home to cultural landmarks and buzzy restaurants. With its picturesque, revitalised waterfront, boutique shops and excellent eateries, it's the perfect place for a relaxed afternoon or evening stroll along the quayside. Look out for pop-up markets, dockside events and street performers that add to the area's lively, welcoming atmosphere.

## The Beatles Story

Albert Dock, Liverpool, L3 4AD

[beatlesstory.com](http://beatlesstory.com). Charge

This award-winning immersive experience takes visitors through the rise of The Beatles, from their early days in Liverpool to their unprecedented worldwide success. Original instruments, rare memorabilia and personal insights from Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr bring their journey to life, and you can walk through a recreation of the Casbah Coffee Club, The Cavern and even Abbey Road Studios. The experience also delves into the Beatles' solo careers and their lasting cultural impact. With



engaging audio guides available in multiple languages, this is an essential visit for any music lover.

## FACT Liverpool

**88 Wood St, L1 4DD** [fact.co.uk](http://fact.co.uk). Free  
In the heart of the Ropewalks district, FACT is the UK's leading centre for new media and digital art. Its galleries showcase cutting-edge exhibitions that blend art, film and technology, often pushing the boundaries of interactive and immersive experiences. The on-site cinema screens a mix of independent, foreign and mainstream films, while the café and bar provide a relaxed spot to discuss the latest show. Regular workshops and events contribute to making FACT a truly dynamic hub for Liverpool's creative community.

## Liverpool Film Locations Tour

Various locations across the city  
[visitliverpool.com/film](http://visitliverpool.com/film). Free and chargeable options

Thanks to its stunning Georgian architecture, historic docks

Royal Albert Dock  
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and lively streets, Liverpool has become a major filming location for movies and television shows. Fans of *Peaky Blinders*, *Fantastic Beasts*, *The Batman* and *The Crown* can take guided walking tours to visit iconic filming locations across the city. For those who prefer a self-guided experience, downloadable maps allow visitors to explore these cinematic backdrops at their own pace. Film lovers can marvel at the sheer versatility of Liverpool's streets, which have doubled for New York, London and even Gotham City.

## Sefton Park and Palm House

**Sefton Park, Liverpool, L17 1AP**  
[seftonparkpalmhouse.co.uk](http://seftonparkpalmhouse.co.uk). Free

A vast 235-acre green space, Sefton Park is one of the most beautiful parks in all of the UK, dotted with lakes, caves and statues. The highlight is the Palm House, a stunning Victorian glass conservatory filled with exotic plants from around the





The Palm House in Sefton Park  
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world. Throughout the year, it hosts concerts, yoga sessions and art exhibitions, making it both a cultural venue and a peaceful retreat. Families can enjoy the playgrounds, and walkers can take in the stunning natural scenery. Unsurprisingly, Sefton Park is a favourite spot for both locals and tourists.

## **The Baltic Triangle**

**Jamaica St, Liverpool, L1 0AF**

📍 [baltictriangle.co.uk](http://baltictriangle.co.uk). Free

Once a neglected industrial district, the Baltic Triangle is now Liverpool's creative quarter, buzzing with live music and independent businesses, and adorned with punchy street art. Home to legendary venues like Camp and Furnace and District, it's the go-to area for alternative nightlife and cutting-edge cultural events. The Baltic Market also offers some of the best street food you can sample in the city, while the area's ever-growing collection of murals provides the perfect

Instagram backdrop. No matter whether you're up for art galleries, enjoying live DJ sets or sampling craft beers, the Baltic Triangle is a top showcase of Liverpool's modern and vibrant cultural scene.

## **Anfield Stadium – Liverpool FC**

**Anfield Rd, Liverpool, L4 0TH**

📍 [liverpoolfc.com/tours](http://liverpoolfc.com/tours). Charge

Anfield, home of Liverpool FC, is more than just a stadium – it's a symbol of footballing history. The stadium tour offers fans an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at the club's legendary past, including access to the dressing rooms, the players' tunnel and the pitch-side dugout. The LFC Museum features iconic trophies, memorabilia and interactive exhibits, and celebrates the club's many triumphs from its foundation in 1892 to the present day. Whether attending a match or taking a tour, visitors can truly feel the passion that makes Anfield one of the most iconic stadiums in the world.



## Shops

### Bluecoat Display Centre

College Lane, L1 3BZ

🌐 [bluecoatdisplaycentre.com](http://bluecoatdisplaycentre.com)

Established in 1959, this contemporary crafts and design gallery curates, exhibits and promotes jewellery, textiles, ceramics and more. The jewellery exhibition is a real highlight in the calendar, with over 90 jewellers displaying intricate, extremely stylish designs for all tastes and budgets.

### Utility

8 Paradise Place, L1 8BQ

🌐 [utilitydesign.co.uk](http://utilitydesign.co.uk)

Stylish, design-led Liverpool store with three outlets across the city, two of them on Bold Street. This one, on Manesty's Lane, has the longest hours. Make a beeline for the quality Scouse souvenirs, particularly the brilliant wheelie-bin desk tidy.

## Restaurants

### Cargo

Alexandra Tower, L3 1BD

🌐 [cargoseafoodrestaurant.co.uk](http://cargoseafoodrestaurant.co.uk)

Nestled on the iconic Albert Dock, highly-rated *Cargo* offers a contemporary twist on classic seafood dishes, while providing stunning waterfront views. With its chic maritime decor and relaxed atmosphere, it's an ideal spot for intimate dinners.

### Delifonseca

Brunswick Way, L3 4BN

🌐 [delifonseca.co.uk](http://delifonseca.co.uk)

The best bit about this dockside venue is the ever-changing menu of Italian and British delights, including Welsh black beef braised in local Wapping ale, and crayfish and chicken pie. Plus, if you come for breakfast or lunch, you can pick up gourmet treats to take home from their foodhall next door.

### Egg

16–18 Newington, L1 4AD

🌐 [theeggcafe.co.uk](http://theeggcafe.co.uk)

Up on the third floor, this plant-strewn bohemian café serves excellent vegan and vegetarian food with good set-meal deals in a relaxed atmosphere. People travel from wide and far to sample the renowned garlic bread and cheese slices, while the flavour of the day quiches are also worth trying. Also a nice place for a chai or a freshly made juice.

### Lunya

55 Hanover St, L1 3DS

🌐 [lunya.co.uk](http://lunya.co.uk)

This gorgeous Catalan deli-restaurant in the heart of Liverpool ONE, is an award winner and it's easy to see why. The vast tapas selection and menus run the gamut from suckling pig banquet to vegan, all of a similarly tasty high standard. Estofado – ox cheek slow roasted in a rich orange and cinnamon infused gravy until falling apart – is a real highlight.

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The Cavern Club  
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## Madre

6 Atlantic Pavilion, Albert Dock, L3 4AE

📍 [thisismadre.co.uk](http://thisismadre.co.uk)

A fun and lively joint right on the Albert Docks dedicated to bone fide Mexican food. Order zesty ceviche with radish and fennel, perfectly formed tacos piled high with punchy salsas and tear-off-the-bone ribs cooked over flame. Wash it all down with Mezcal margaritas.

## Bars

### Berry & Rye

48 Berry St, L1 4JQ 📍 [berryandrye.uk](http://berryandrye.uk)

It's described as a secret drinking den and it lives up to its name – you'll have to hunt hard – or ask a local – to find this unmarked bar. Once you're in it's a real gem. An intimate, bare-brick gin and whiskey joint with knowledgeable bartenders, turn-of-the-twentieth-century music – often live – and well-crafted cocktails.

## Camp and Furnace

67 Greenland St, L1 0BY

📍 [campandfurnace.com](http://campandfurnace.com)

The city's most creative and exhilarating venue is located in the Baltic Triangle. Its huge warehouse spaces – one boasting the city's biggest public screen – hosts all sorts of parties and pop-ups, art installations, live performances, the lot. Do not miss it. It can become particularly lively when one of Liverpool's football teams are in action.

## Cavern Club

10 Mathew St, L2 6RE

📍 [cavernclub.org](http://cavernclub.org)

The self-styled “most famous club in the world” has live bands, from Beatles tribute acts to indie pop and rock, at the weekends, plus occasional backstage tours and special events. The atmosphere is always high-spirited, and even though this is not *the* Cavern Club of the Beatles' days, there's a certain thrill to it all.

## Kazimier Garden

4–5 Wolstenholme Square, L1 4BE

📍 [invisiblewindfactory.com](http://invisiblewindfactory.com)

Affectionately known as *The Kaz*, this super-creative, split-level place with a magical garden space (entrance at 32 Seel St) is *the* place to come for cabaret-style club nights, gigs and off-the-wall events. Acts performing here are eclectic, to say the least, so it could be best to check listings in advance before making the journey.

## Philharmonic

36 Hope St, L1 9BX

📍 [nicholsonspubs.co.uk](http://nicholsonspubs.co.uk)

Liverpool's finest traditional watering hole, where the main attractions – beer aside – are the mosaic floors, tiling and gilded wrought-iron gates. The gents' toilets famously ornate. If you get lost finding this place, ask for directions to *The Phil*, as few locals know it by its full name.