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Welcome

There's something special about Liverpool in the cooler months.

As the evenings draw in, the city lights up, Christmas markets and festive events bring a little extra sparkle, and the city region is full of ways to embrace the season.

Whether you're planning a festive break, a winter day out or a longer stay, this visitor guide is here to help you uncover the very best of winter across the region. From shopping sprees and seasonal events to cosy cafés, cultural experiences and bracing coastal walks, there's plenty to discover when the temperature drops.

Liverpool is a city with plenty of character, from the waterfront and world-famous music heritage to the grand architecture, independent neighbourhoods and lively food and drink scene.

There's more to experience beyond the city centre, too. Turn to page 34 to explore Wirral, just across the River Mersey, where coast, countryside and culture come together for an epic adventure.

If the weather isn't playing ball, don't worry, we have that covered.

Find out how to make the most of a rainy day in Liverpool on page 28, with immersive experiences, creative activities and cultural escapes that prove a little rain needn't stop the fun.

Looking for inspiration during your stay? Our events listings on page 5 are packed with things to see and do throughout the season, from festive celebrations to live music, exhibitions and unmissable experiences.

So wrap up warm, embrace the winter weather and see where the city takes you.

However you choose to explore, we hope this guide gives you plenty of reasons to stay a little longer, try something new and experience Liverpool City Region this winter.



SuperLambanana, Royal Albert Dock



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Events

Christmas at Liverpool ONE

Liverpool ONE
From 6 Nov 2026

Liverpool's open-air retail and leisure destination sparkles throughout the festive season with striking decorations, seasonal dining and world-class shopping.

Elf The Musical

Liverpool Empire Theatre
19-22 Nov 2026

Join Buddy the Elf on a festive adventure as the hit stage adaptation of the beloved Christmas film comes to Liverpool. Packed with songs, laughs and seasonal magic, it's the perfect way to start the celebrations.

Enchanted

Knowsley Safari
20 Nov-23 Dec 2026

As darkness falls, Knowsley Safari transforms into a magical illuminated trail featuring dazzling light displays, glowing installations and festive family adventures.



Liverpool Christmas Wonderland

Pier Head
20 Nov 2026 - 3 Jan 2027

Set against Liverpool's world-famous waterfront, this festive favourite combines outdoor ice skating, family funfair rides, seasonal food and entertainment for a memorable winter day out.

Shakespeare North Presents: A Christmas Carol

Shakespeare North Playhouse, Prescot
20 Nov 2026 - 2 Jan 2027

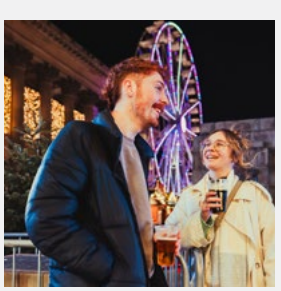
Charles Dickens' timeless festive classic comes to life in the unique surroundings of Shakespeare North Playhouse. Expect memorable storytelling, atmospheric performances and seasonal theatre magic for audiences of all ages.

Skate St George's

St George's Hall
21 Nov–3 Jan 2027

Enjoy a festive skate in the spectacular surroundings of St George's Hall. Whether you're taking to the ice for the first time or returning for a seasonal tradition, Skate St George's brings winter fun to the heart of Liverpool.

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Liverpool Christmas Market

St George's Plateau
21 Nov-3 Jan 2026

The scent of mulled wine and festive treats fills the air as Liverpool Christmas Market returns to the city's historic heart. Browse traditional wooden chalets, discover unique gifts and enjoy seasonal food and drink beneath twinkling lights.

Christmas Gift Fair

Norton Priory Museum & Gardens, Runcorn
22 Nov 2026

Kick-start the festive season at Norton Priory's annual Christmas Gift Fair, where artisan traders, festive entertainment and seasonal treats come together within one of the Region's most distinctive heritage attractions.

The Pantomime Adventures of Peter Pan and the Return of Captain Hook

St Helens Theatre Royal
28 Nov 2026-10 Jan 2027

Set sail for Neverland as this swashbuckling pantomime brings family fun, festive entertainment and plenty of Christmas magic to St Helens Theatre Royal.

Christmas at the Albert Dock

Royal Albert Dock Liverpool
From 29 Nov 2026

Liverpool's iconic waterfront takes on a festive glow with seasonal events, independent shopping, waterside dining and family-friendly experiences.

The Paul O'Grady Story

Williamson Art Gallery & Museum, Birkenhead
From 4 Dec 2026 - Late 2027

Discover the life and career of Birkenhead icon Paul O'Grady in this major retrospective exhibition. Featuring personal stories and treasured memorabilia, it celebrates one of the region's most loved entertainers.



Royal Albert Dock, Liverpool



The Cavern Club

Cinderella

The Atkinson, Southport
4-31 Dec 2026

The classic rags-to-riches fairytale arrives in Southport this winter, bringing family-friendly fun, enchanting storytelling and plenty of festive cheer.

Back to the Future: The Musical

Liverpool Empire Theatre
12 Jan - 6 Feb 2027

Great Scott! The Olivier Award-winning musical based on the classic 1985 film arrives in Liverpool. Expect unforgettable songs, spectacular effects and a thrilling time-travelling adventure.

70 Years of The Cavern Club

Museum of Liverpool
From 16 Jan 2027

Mark 70 years of Liverpool's most iconic music venue in this major exhibition celebrating The Cavern Club. Explore the stories, music and memorabilia behind the legendary venue that helped shape Merseybeat and launch generations of musical talent.

Michael Starring Ben

Liverpool Experience Campus
18 Feb 2027

Relive the music and magic of Michael Jackson as acclaimed tribute performer Ben delivers a high-energy live production featuring iconic hits and spectacular stage performances.

Disney On Ice Presents Road Trip Adventures

M&S Bank Arena
4-7 Mar 2027

Join Mickey Mouse and friends for a magical adventure on ice featuring beloved Disney stories, spectacular skating and fun for the whole family.

Randox Grand National Festival

Aintree Racecourse
8-10 Apr 2027

The eyes of the sporting world turn to Aintree for three days of elite racing, style and atmosphere, culminating in the world's most famous steeplechase.

Inclusive Sport & Culture Festival

Liverpool Waterfront
2-8 May 2027

Liverpool hosts a landmark celebration of inclusive sport and culture, bringing together international para sport, disabled-led arts and live performances across the city's waterfront. Expect world-class competition, creativity and inspiration.



Culture

History, creativity and community collide in Liverpool - and the result?

A cultural playground bursting with character, colour and inspiration around every corner.

Museums & Galleries

Museum of Liverpool
Discover the story of the city through engaging, hands-on displays covering everything from football to industry. It's the perfect place to understand what truly shapes Liverpool's identity.

World Museum
From dinosaurs and Ancient Egypt to outer space and an aquarium, this is an exciting all-in-one destination that's ideal for curious young minds.

Walker Art Gallery
Journey through six centuries of art, from iconic paintings to striking sculptures. A standout destination for fans of both historic and modern masterpieces.

Lady Lever Art Gallery
Step into an elegant setting filled with one of the UK's finest collections of fine and decorative art, beautifully displayed in a grand historic space.

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The Atkinson



Walker Art Gallery

Tate Liverpool x RIBA North
A dynamic centre for contemporary creativity, showcasing bold exhibitions, innovative installations and cutting-edge architecture.

FACT
A globally recognised hub where art, film and technology collide. Expect immersive cinema, digital installations and thought-provoking exhibitions.

The Bluecoat
Rich in character and history, this vibrant arts centre hosts exhibitions and events, and proudly holds its place as the UK's oldest continuously running arts venue.

The Atkinson
Home to thousands of artworks, many by local creators, alongside a lively programme of theatre, music and creative workshops for all ages.

Sudley House
Experience Victorian life through the former home of collector George Holt, where fine art is displayed within beautifully preserved period rooms.

Williamson Art Gallery
A lesser-known treasure offering a diverse mix of British and European works, with a strong emphasis on regional artists and heritage collections.

Open Eye Gallery
Dedicated entirely to photography, this unique space champions visual storytelling - and entry is completely free.

Icons Only

Discover the stories, spaces and experiences behind the region's most iconic landmarks.

The Royal Liver Building
Nothing captures the spirit of Liverpool quite like the Liver Birds, perched high above the waterfront with quiet confidence. Step inside for an immersive tour with Royal Liver Building 360 that brings the city's history to life, then climb towards the clock towers for unforgettable views across the river.



The Royal Liver Building

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Royal Liver Building 360 gives takes visitors on a fully guided tour of the world famous Royal Liver Building.

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- Get up close to the cities most famous residents, The Liver Birds and learn about their sculptor and creation.
- Experience the interactive clock and video wall in the visitors centre

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St George's Hall
A neoclassical masterpiece, St George's Hall is known as the heart of the city. Set on the plateau beside the World Museum and historic library, it anchors one of Liverpool's grand civic spaces. Inside, wander the Great Hall, explore the former cells and courts, or drop into exhibitions, tours and concerts. There's always something new to experience in this iconic landmark.

Another Place
Along Crosby Beach, Antony Gormley's hauntingly beautiful installation feels both still and alive. One hundred cast-iron figures stand facing the horizon, each slowly changing with the tide and light. Walk the shoreline to see them revealed and hidden again, then linger to watch the sun set behind their stoic silhouettes.

Port Sunlight
Port Sunlight offers a gentle step back through time. Wander leafy streets lined with Arts and Crafts homes, each with its own charm and flourish. Visit Port Sunlight Museum to explore the village's origins, then lose yourself in the elegance of the Lady Lever Art Gallery.

Liverpool Cathedral
Liverpool Cathedral, Britain's largest, is known for its soaring Gothic arches and impressive stained glass. For a deeper look behind the scenes, the Above & Beyond Tour leads you into seldom-seen spaces and up towards the tower, with expert guides bringing its century-long construction to life.



Did you know?
The café in Liverpool Cathedral is a great place to try Scouse - a local speciality dish.

Liverpool Cathedral



Port Sunlight

Shakespeare North Playhouse
Prescot's revival has been powered by creativity, with the Shakespeare North Playhouse as its sparkling centrepiece. Designed with Elizabethan inspiration, the theatre offers performances, workshops and tours that bring Shakespearean history to life. The surrounding town is perfect for a relaxed stroll, full of independent shops and cafés.

Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral
Rising like a crown above the city, Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral blends bold modern design with a warm, uplifting sense of welcome. Step inside to discover soaring space and radiant colour or pause outside to admire its striking silhouette and wide city views. This iconic landmark is also a perfect gateway to Hope Street, the cultural spine that links many of Liverpool's most inspiring places.

The Cavern Club
The legendary birthplace of The Beatles, where live music still fills the intimate space and Liverpool's rich musical heritage comes alive.



Shakespeare North Playhouse

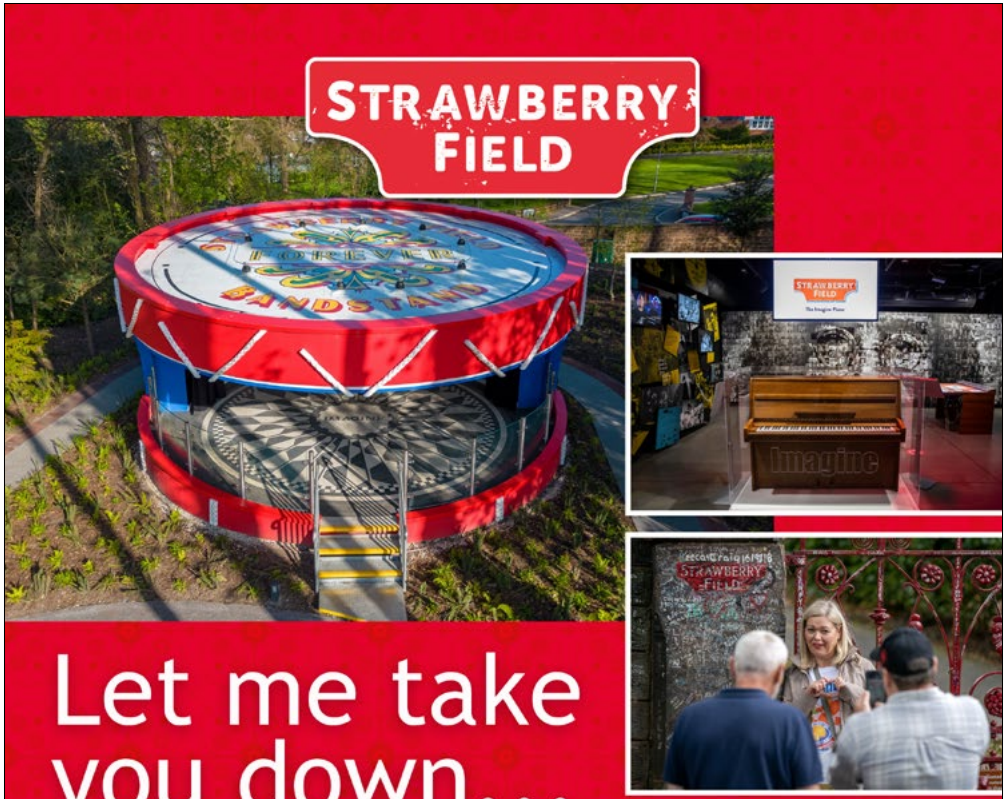
Dream Sculpture
In St Helens, Dream rises from the former Sutton Manor Colliery like a serene beacon. This striking white sculpture, shaped as a peaceful head gazing skyward, rewards visitors with a short woodland walk that opens into wide, leafy views. It is ideal for thoughtful wandering, artistic snapshots, relaxed picnics and serene contemplation.

Sefton Park Palm House
A stunning Victorian glasshouse set in the heart of Sefton Park, hosting everything from live music and cultural events to peaceful moments surrounded by exotic plants.

Halton Castle
Perched high on Halton Hill, Halton Castle, a ruined medieval fortress, is the borough's most historic landmark. Visitors can enjoy sweeping views across the River Mersey and the Cheshire Plains, then make a day of the surrounding heritage: pairing the hilltop walk with nearby Norton Priory Museum & Gardens or exploring Runcorn Old Town and the Bridgewater Canal for an easy, activity-filled visit.



Sefton Park Palm House



Let me take you down...

Visit Strawberry Field, the multi-award winning attraction in the place immortalised by John Lennon in the Beatles hit, 'Strawberry Fields Forever'.

Explore the Strawberry Field interactive visitor exhibition, featuring John's 'Imagine' piano, café, gift shop and gardens, including the stunning bandstand and new Sir George and Lady Judy Martin Rose Garden.

Profits fund the Steps at Strawberry Field programmes which support young people facing barriers to employment in to paid work.

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Music

Liverpool doesn't just play music, it lives it. From cosy gigs to arena anthems, the city's music scene never misses a note.

Music Venues

From intimate gig spots to grand concert halls, here are the top places to catch live music across the city region.

Invisible Wind Factory
A bold and brilliant creative space on the North Docks that hosts everything from live gigs to full-on immersive shows. Expect lasers. Lots of lasers.

24 Kitchen Street
Tucked away in the Baltic Triangle, this intimate venue is a haven for underground music fans and boundary-pushing beats.

Future Yard
Just across the River Mersey, this trailblazing venue is putting Birkenhead on the musical map with its fresh programming and community vibes.

Arts Club Liverpool
One of the city's busiest grassroots music venues, Arts Club Liverpool welcomes a packed programme of touring artists, emerging talent and unforgettable live performances throughout the year.

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The British Music Experience





Cilla Black Statue, Mathew St

Did you know?

You can sing and dance the night away on the Mersey Ferry's Evening Cruises? Take in stunning views of Liverpool and Wirral, watch the sunset, and enjoy live music, DJs and tribute bands on the world-famous Mersey Ferry.

M&S Bank Arena
The M&S Bank Arena sits right on the waterfront and draws huge touring names, UB40, The Courteeners and The Pussycat Dolls are all performing in 2026.

Liverpool Philharmonic Hall
For something a little more classical, head to this stunning Grade-II listed venue on Hope Street which is home to one of the oldest orchestras in the world.

The Jacaranda
A legendary music venue famous for its live gigs and historic ties to The Beatles.

The Tung Auditorium
A versatile performance space hosting concerts, talks, and community events in the heart of Liverpool's cultural scene.

Music Attractions

Liverpool is the ultimate pilgrimage for music fans. Here's how to explore the city's musical heritage.

The British Music Experience
Step inside the British Music Experience at the Cunard Building and walk through music history. From Bowie to The Spice Girls, explore decades of iconic costumes, instruments and memorabilia in this hands-on, interactive museum.

Mendips & 20 Forthlin Road
Step inside the childhood homes of John Lennon and Paul McCartney with a guided National Trust tour – perfect for die-hard fans who want a peek behind the curtain.

Liverpool Beatles Museum
The Liverpool Beatles Museum houses one of the largest Beatles collections in the world, featuring over 1000 never before seen authentic items across three floors.

Magical Mystery Tour
Hop aboard the famous brightly-coloured Magical Mystery Tour bus for a two-hour ride through the band's hometown haunts, from Penny Lane to George's childhood home.

The Beatles Story
Located at Royal Albert Dock, this immersive museum is packed with memorabilia, recreated sets (hello, Abbey Road!) and plenty of stories from their rise to global stardom.

Strawberry Field
Once a children's home and now a beautiful visitor attraction, this tranquil spot inspired one of John Lennon's most iconic songs.

Penny Lane
Yes, it's real and yes, you can get your photo with the street sign. Look out for the barber shop, the roundabout and the fire station too.

Mathew Street
Grab a drink and toast to rock and roll history on this famous street in the likes of The Grapes and Erics.





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Step into the world of The Beatles.



Free family-friendly workshops and events!

You're invited to embark on an incredible journey through time at The Beatles Story Museum, Royal Albert Dock! Experience Beatlemania first-hand within Instagrammable recreations of key locations in the band's career including Hamburg, The Cavern Club, and Abbey Road Studios.

See fascinating original artefacts as you journey down the long and winding road from George Harrison's first guitar to John Lennon's last piano and beyond.



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Tours

Fancy a tour around Liverpool? Check out a small selection of what the city has to offer.

Shiverpool
Dive into Liverpool's darker side with this atmospheric evening tour, uncovering ghostly tales and spine-tingling stories from the city's past.

Liverpool Cycle Tours
See more of the city on two wheels with guided bike tours that take in Liverpool's landmarks, waterfront and hidden corners.

Geoff Drake Photography Tours
Capture Liverpool through a creative lens on expert-led photography walks, perfect for sharpening your skills while exploring the city.

Liverpool Beatles Tours
Follow in the footsteps of The Beatles with immersive tours visiting the iconic places that shaped the band's story.

Liverpool Famous Walking Tours
Discover the city's rich history, culture and characters on engaging guided walks led by passionate local experts.

Reel Tours
Step into the scenes of your favourite films and TV shows with tours showcasing Liverpool's starring role on screen.



Shiverpool

The City Explorer
Sit back and enjoy a flexible sightseeing experience with hop-on, hop-off bus tours covering Liverpool's must-see attractions.

Love Liverpool Tours
Discover the best of Liverpool with guided tours specialising in The Beatles, pubs, city highlights and bespoke tours.

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Liverpool Cycle Tours





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Sport

Sport is more than just a game in Liverpool, it's a way of life.

Football

Football runs through Liverpool's veins. Home to Liverpool FC and Everton FC, the city offers visitors the chance to explore two of England's most iconic clubs.

At Anfield, take a behind-the-scenes stadium tour, visit the LFC Museum or enjoy spectacular views from the Anfield Abseil.

Across the city, Everton's impressive Hill Dickinson Stadium offers a new chapter in the club's history on Liverpool's waterfront.

And it's not just the men's game. Visitors can also experience top-class women's football, with Liverpool FC Women and Everton FC Women competing at the highest level.

Basketball

Looking for fast-paced sporting action? Liverpool Basketball brings top-flight Super League Basketball to the M&S Bank Arena, where thrilling games, a big-match atmosphere and family-friendly entertainment make for a memorable day or night out on the waterfront.

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Liverpool FC Stadium Tours



Hill Dickinson Stadium

Rugby League

If you love your sport full-throttle, Rugby League in Liverpool City Region won't disappoint.

St Helens R.F.C.
The most successful Super League team of all time.

Widnes Vikings
One of the original founding clubs from way back in 1895.

Golf

Ready for a hole in one? You're in the right place. Liverpool City Region is home to some of the UK's best coastal courses.

Royal Liverpool, Hoylake
A historic links course with sweeping views and a proud Open Championship legacy, Royal Liverpool offers a true test of golf on the coast.

Royal Birkdale, Southport
Renowned for its dramatic dunes and championship pedigree, Royal Birkdale is one of England's finest links courses and was home to The 154th Open Championship in 2026.

Horse Racing

If there's one thing Liverpool does with flair, it's race weekend.

Aintree Racecourse
Aintree Racecourse is home to the world-famous Grand National, held every April since 1836. Hats on, bets placed, excitement guaranteed!

Haydock Park
Haydock Park, meanwhile, is another local gem with a jam-packed calendar of race meets throughout the year.

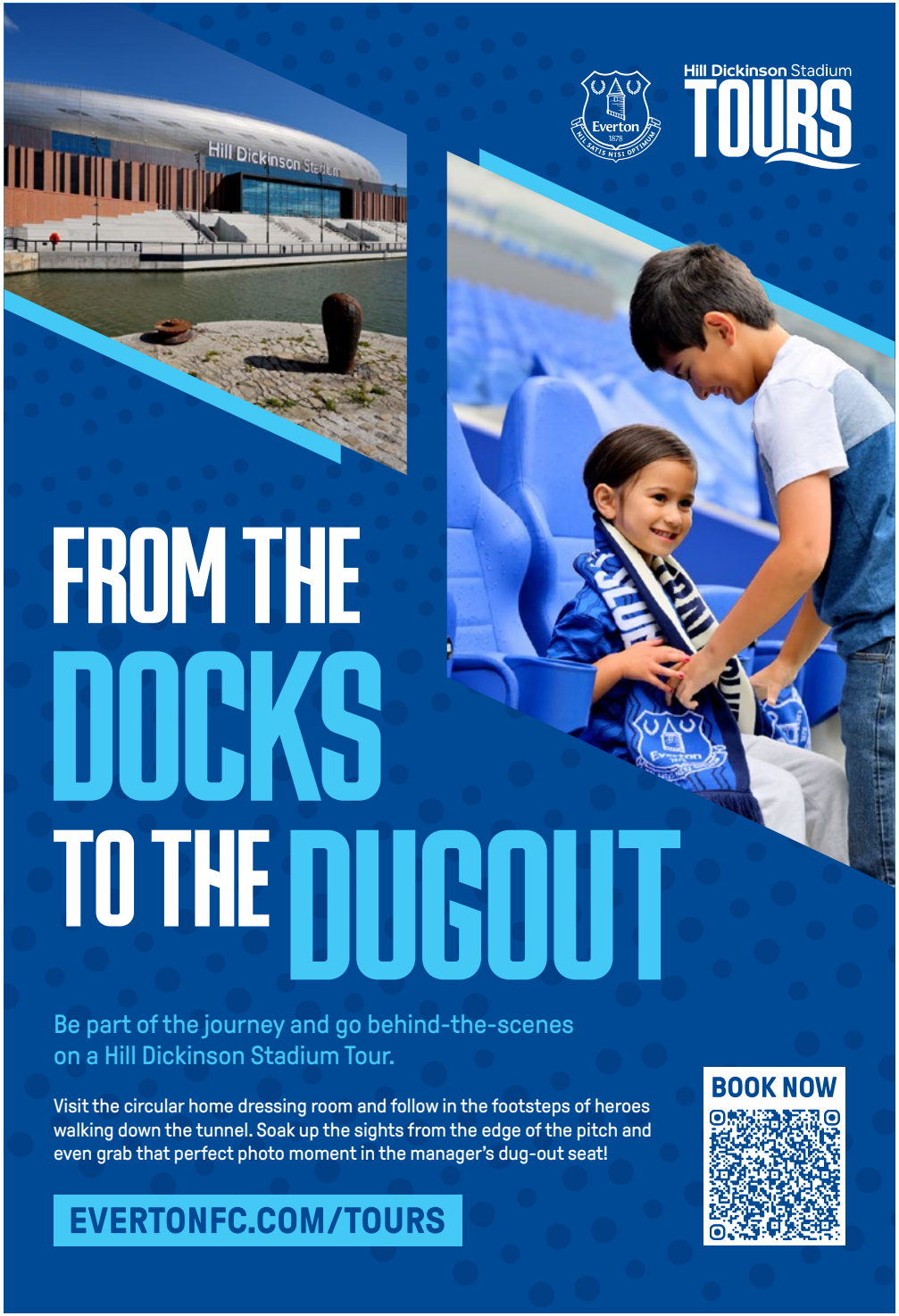
Did you know?
Liverpool will host the finish of Stage 2 of the Tour de France Grand Départ in July 2027.



Royal Birkdale, Southport



Aintree Racecourse



Families

Looking for a family break that keeps everyone happy?

From curious little explorers to thrill-seeking teens, Liverpool City Region is packed with experiences to enjoy together.

Discover & explore

Museum of Liverpool
Explore the stories, people and places that have shaped Liverpool at the Museum of Liverpool. Explore fascinating collections and interactive displays, with plenty to spark curiosity about the city and its unique history.

Eureka! Science + Discovery
Get hands-on with science at Eureka! Science + Discovery, located at Seacombe Ferry Terminal, where interactive exhibits encourage curious minds to touch, test and investigate.

World Museum
Travel through time and around the world at World Museum, where dinosaurs, ancient Egypt and fascinating natural history collections sit alongside an aquarium and planetarium to enjoy.

World of Glass
Learn about the fascinating story of glassmaking at World of Glass in St Helens. Explore interactive exhibits, museum collections and the town's industrial heritage.



Catalyst Science Discovery Centre & Museum

Imagine That!
Let imaginations run wild at Imagine That!, an interactive creative play centre where younger visitors can get stuck into messy making, building and imaginative play. There are four themed zones for kids aged 1-10.

Stadium Tours
Go behind the scenes at Anfield with the LFC Stadium Tour or discover Everton's new Hill Dickinson Stadium, the club's new home at Bramley Moore Dock. Football fans of all ages can experience both sides of Liverpool's famous footballing story.

Catalyst Science Discovery Centre & Museum
Catalyst Museum offers a unique interactive experience for all ages. With a host of interactive exhibits, museum archives, historical galleries, family shows and hands-on workshops, it brings a range of subjects to life.

Wildlife & adventures

Knowsley Safari
Enjoy a wild day out with lions, giraffes, rhinos, baboons and more at Knowsley Safari. Visitors can drive the classic safari, as well as enjoy the foot safari and Baboon Bus.

Chester Zoo
Home to more than 20,000 animals from across the world, Chester Zoo offers the chance to get closer to species ranging from elephants and big cats to penguins and primates. Located just outside the city, the zoo also hosts exciting daily talks and inspiring conservation projects.

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Mersey Ferry
Wrap up warm and take to the River Mersey aboard the Mersey Ferry. Enjoy iconic waterfront views on the 50-minute trip while discovering the stories behind Liverpool's famous river.

Splash Tours Liverpool
Part city tour, part waterborne adventure, Splash Tours Liverpool offers one of the city's most unusual sightseeing experiences. Take to the city streets before making a spectacular splashdown into the Royal Albert Dock, with entertaining commentary bringing the sights to life.

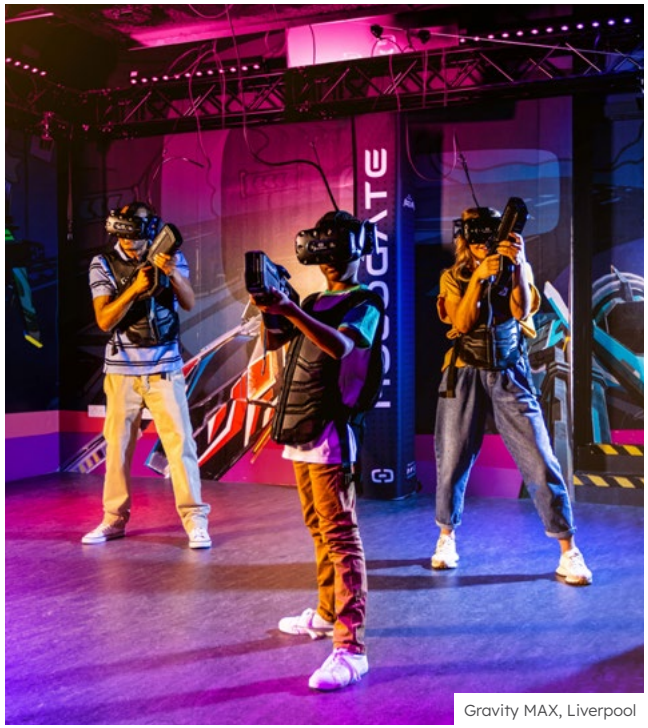
Fun & Games

The Upside Down House
Everything is turned on its head at this unusual attraction. Explore the rooms, discover the unexpected and capture some seriously memorable family photos.

Gravity MAX
Burn off some energy at Gravity MAX, with high-energy activities including indoor karting, bowling and immersive games - perfect for families with older children and teenagers.

Spartacus Bubble Soccer
Put a hilarious twist on football with bubble soccer. Suit up in giant inflatable bubbles and bounce, bump and roll your way towards victory.

Quirky Quarter
Enter a world of optical illusions, unusual rooms and interactive installations at Quirky Quarter. Word of warning, nothing is as it seems here!


Gravity MAX, Liverpool

Otterspool Adventure
Pack plenty of energy for a day at Otterspool Adventure, with huge play areas, indoor soft play, adventure golf, go-karts and an adventure farm. With activities for different ages, there's plenty to keep the whole family busy.

Something Spooky

Shiverpool Ghost Tours
Wrap up warm and discover Liverpool's darker side with Shiverpool Ghost Tours. Follow atmospheric walking tours through the city's historic streets, hearing tales of ghosts, mysteries and local legends.

Christmas in Liverpool City Region

From November onwards, the region gets into the festive spirit, with Christmas markets, light trails, seasonal shows and family-friendly events adding a touch of festive magic to winter trips.

Look out for Santa experiences, festive trails and Christmas events across the region, and check our events listings on page 5 for more ways to enjoy the festive season.



Rainy Day Heroes

Rainy days are no reason to stay at home.

Liverpool City Region is packed with ways to spend a few hours indoors, from immersive attractions to fascinating museums and creative experiences. Whether you're looking for something lively or a quieter way to spend the afternoon, there's plenty to keep you entertained whatever the forecast.

Play like a pro

Rain is no obstacle to some healthy competition! Swap the fairway for glow-in-the-dark greens at Golf Fang in the Baltic Triangle, a crazy golf course and activity hub for adults. Or test your aim at Flight Club, combining interactive darts with a lively cocktail bar for a night out with a difference.

Get hands-on

For a creative way to escape the rain, head to Splash Art for a colourful painting experience that throws the rulebook out of the window in favour of splatters, spins and plenty of imagination.

If baking is more your thing, The Big Liverpool Bake offers the chance to get stuck into a competitive baking session - it might be wet outside, but there are no soggy bottoms here!



Western Approaches

Escape the weather (literally)

Think puzzles, not puddles at Breakout Liverpool, where you and your team will attempt to escape one of 16 themed escape rooms.

Meanwhile, history buffs can descend into Western Approaches, the secret underground WWII bunker that served as a command centre during the Battle of the Atlantic.

See a show

If you're looking for a true escape from the weather, then why not head to the theatre? Catch a show at one of Liverpool's many theatres including Liverpool Playhouse, Royal Court Liverpool and Liverpool Empire Theatre.

If film is more your thing, make a beeline for the Everyman cinema where sofas and table service mean you won't want to leave, even if the rain has stopped!



Liverpool Empire Theatre

Charming!

For a unique way to spend a few hours while the rain hits, head to Lillibet Studio on Lark Lane. Here you can create your very own phone and bag charms, super cute!



Taste Liverpool City Region

Liverpool is a place to come hungry, with good food around every corner.

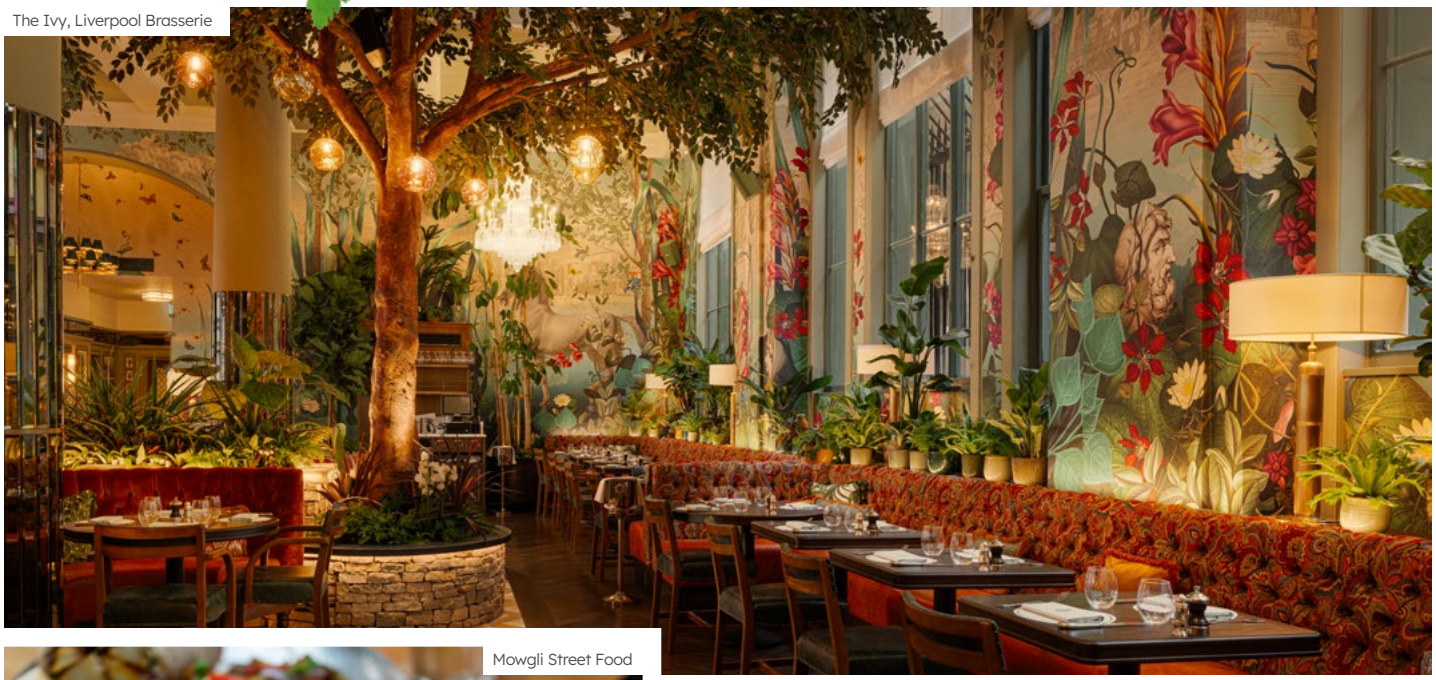
Explore the city

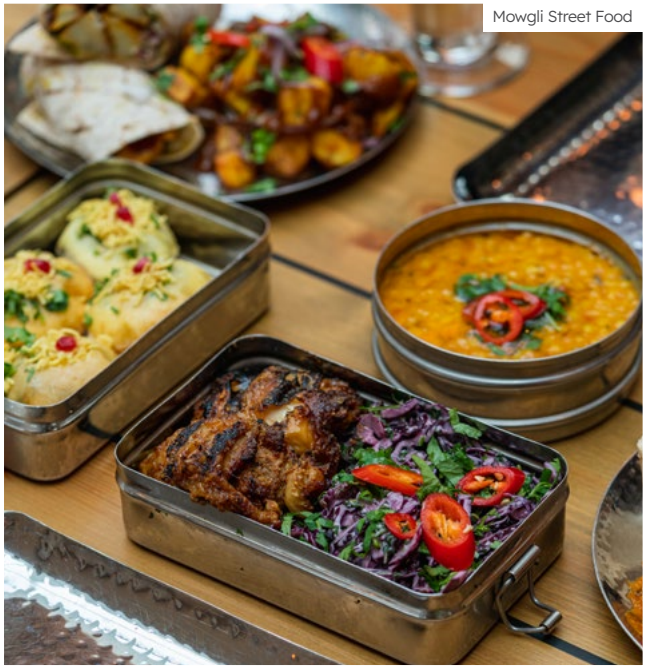
Bold Street
Bold Street has long been one of Liverpool's go-to food destinations, bringing together independent cafés, restaurants and bars with flavours from around the world including at Cafe Tabac, Spice Thai and the original Mowgli.

Castle Street
Grand architecture meets sophisticated dining on Castle Street, where historic surroundings provide the backdrop for restaurants, bars and cafés including Dishoom Permit Room, The Ivy, Pho and Bacaro.

Royal Albert Dock
Few places combine food, drink and waterfront views quite like Royal Albert Dock. The historic waterfront is packed with places to eat and drink, making it an easy choice from morning coffee through to dinner. Try Catalonia-inspired tapas at Lunyalita, hearty Italian food at Gusto or Middle Eastern sharing plates at Maray.

The Ivy, Liverpool Brasserie





Mowgli Street Food

Baltic Triangle
Street food, independent restaurants and lively bars make Baltic Triangle one of Liverpool's most exciting neighbourhoods for eating out. Local favourites include fine dining restaurant Manifest and Vietnamese venue Le Viet Social.

Liverpool ONE
For a little bit of everything, Liverpool ONE offers a huge choice of restaurants in the heart of the city. Here you'll find household names such as PizzaExpress and Wagamama along with local establishments Salt House Tapas and Lunya, all perfect ways to refuel after a day of shopping.



Food Markets

If you can't decide what you fancy, head for a food market. These lively spaces bring multiple cuisines together under one roof, making them ideal for groups, families and adventurous eaters.

Baltic Market
Find a changing line-up of street-food traders serving pizza, pasta, burgers, tacos and sweet treats. Add a drink and enjoy the buzzing Baltic Triangle atmosphere.

Duke Street Market
Six kitchens make Duke Street Market a great option when everyone fancies something different. Choose from fresh pasta and steak to Mexican and Southeast Asian-inspired dishes, alongside wine and cocktails.

Baltic Market



Southport Market
Southport Market combines food, drink and entertainment in a modern take on the traditional market. Browse the food traders, grab a drink and make an evening of it.

Blackstock Market
Food, live entertainment and nightlife come together at Blackstock Market. Alongside its food vendors, you'll find comedy, live music, bars and a rooftop terrace.

Sunday Roasts

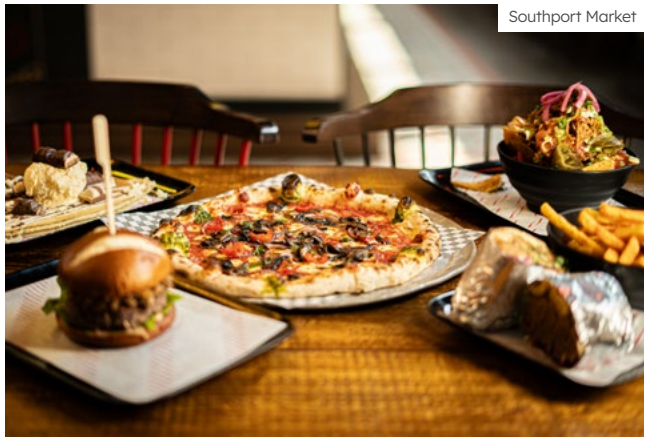
Make the most of a slow Sunday with a traditional roast dinner, plenty of gravy and somewhere welcoming to settle in for the afternoon.

Albert's Schloss
Make Sunday a celebration at Albert's Schloss, where Cook Haus roasts come with all the trimmings, proper gravy and a choice of meats or a vegan option. The Sunday Service offers two or three courses alongside Sunday choirs, DJs and live entertainment.

Ma Boyles
Head to this historic city centre pub for Ma's traditional Sunday roast, served every Sunday from noon with all the trimmings. Tucked away beside St Nicholas Church, it's a cosy spot for a leisurely Sunday lunch.

Arthur's of Hoylake
Take Sunday lunch to the coast at Arthur's, where roast dinners are served every Sunday. Pair your plate with something from the extensive wine selection for a leisurely lunch in the heart of Hoylake.


Albert's Schloss


Southport Market

Something Special

For celebrations, date nights or simply an excuse to dress up, the city region's dining scene has plenty of more indulgent options.

San Carlo
With its elegant Castle Street setting, San Carlo is a destination for Italian dining, from fresh seafood and handmade pasta to premium meats and indulgent desserts.

Ivy Asia
With dramatic interiors, Asian-inspired dishes, sushi, sharing plates and creative cocktails, Ivy Asia makes dinner feel like an occasion in itself.

Hawksmoor
Settle into the grandeur of Liverpool's Grade II-listed India Buildings for expertly cooked steaks, sustainably sourced seafood and a cocktail list to match. With its glamorous Art Deco-inspired interiors, Hawksmoor is ideal if you're looking for an indulgent experience from the minute you walk through the door.



Hawksmoor

The Art School
Set within Liverpool's historic Georgian Quarter, The Art School is an award-winning restaurant renowned for its seasonal menus, outstanding British produce and elegant dining experience.

Moor Hall
Make the journey to Aughton for an exceptional dining experience at Moor Hall, where chef Mark Birchall's three-Michelin-starred restaurant celebrates the finest seasonal produce, much of it grown in its own five-acre grounds.

Emily's
Emily's is a stylish botanical hideaway nestled in the heart of Formby serving daytime brunch and an evening à la carte menu. You won't miss it either, thanks to its stunning seasonal outdoor installations!

Cafe culture

Bold Street Coffee
A Liverpool favourite since 2010, Bold Street Coffee serves speciality coffee alongside all-day brunch, freshly baked treats and its popular Buoys - brioche buns filled with eggs, cheese and your choice of fillings.

Stanhope Coffee
Expertly roasted coffee is the focus at this independent roastery and café on Stanhope Street. Pick up a freshly brewed cup alongside a selection of bakes and light bites or browse the beans to take home.

Rococo
Rococo Coffee House on Lord Street serves tea and coffee alongside breakfast, brunch, sandwiches, cakes and sweet treats.

Moose Coffee
Bring your appetite to Moose Coffee, where an all-day menu takes its inspiration from North American comfort food. Expect generous breakfasts, pancakes, waffles, burgers and plenty of coffee to fuel a day in the city. There are three Moose Coffee venues in the city: Hope Street, Dale Street and Princes Dock.

Crosby Coffee
Discover Crosby Coffee, an independent speciality coffee roaster with cafés across the city region. Enjoy expertly brewed coffee alongside freshly baked treats and light bites, with the Waterloo venue making a great stop while exploring the Crosby coastline.

Pisces Fish Bar

Nothing beats fish and chips by the coast, and Pisces Fish Bar in Heswall has turned the classic into an award-winning art form. A favourite with locals for more than 25 years, the takeaway was crowned 'Best Fish & Chip Shop in the North West' at the English Fish & Chips Awards 2026.

Discover Wirral

Just across the Mersey, Wirral offers a change of pace from the city.

Spend a day by the coast, wander through historic villages or seek out cultural escapes. With its mix of countryside and coast, and its easy connections from Liverpool, Wirral makes a brilliant day trip; but with so much to explore, it's worth staying a little longer.

Coast, countryside and open skies

Wirral's coastline stretches for over 22 miles, taking in sandy beaches, rocky shores, promenades and spectacular views across the River Mersey and Dee Estuary.

One of the peninsula's most memorable adventures is the walk out to Hilbre Island from West Kirby Marine Lake. As the tide falls, the sands reveal a route to this small group of tidal islands, where you can spot wildlife and look back towards the Wirral coast. Always check the tide times before setting out - the crossing is only safe at the right tide.

For a walking adventure that combines the coast and dry land, follow the paths through Wirral Country Park.



OpenAIR Gallery, New Brighton



Port Sunlight

The former railway track route became Britain's first Country Park in 1973 and now offers woodland, wildlife and views across the Dee Estuary.

A step back in time

Few places capture Wirral's character quite like Port Sunlight. Built in the late 19th century for workers at Lord Leverhulme's soap factory, its tree-lined streets, distinctive architecture and village green feel like a film set... and they are! The village has been used as a backdrop for productions including Peaky Blinders and Tolkien.

New Brighton Lighthouse



Fun fact

Port Sunlight was named after Sunlight Soap, the Lever Brothers' most popular brand, which was made at the factory in the village.

Take a Port Sunlight walking tour to uncover the stories behind its buildings and residents, then step inside Lady Lever Art Gallery, where fine and decorative art sits within one of the region's most beautiful settings.

Art around every corner

Wirral's creative side extends beyond traditional galleries. In New Brighton, the OpenAIR Gallery turns the streets into a walkable outdoor exhibition, with colourful murals bringing walls and forgotten corners to life.

Many of the murals are created by local artists and tell the stories of local legends and characters.



West Kirby Marine Lake

Where to Stay

Looking for the perfect place to rest your head after a day exploring the region? There's everything from luxury stays to quirky pads.

Waterfront wonders

Wake up to stunning River Mersey views at Pullman, Malmaison, Heeton Concept Hotel, Crowne Plaza or Atlantic Tower Hotel Liverpool by Sunday, all nestled along the picturesque waterfront.

City centre hotspots

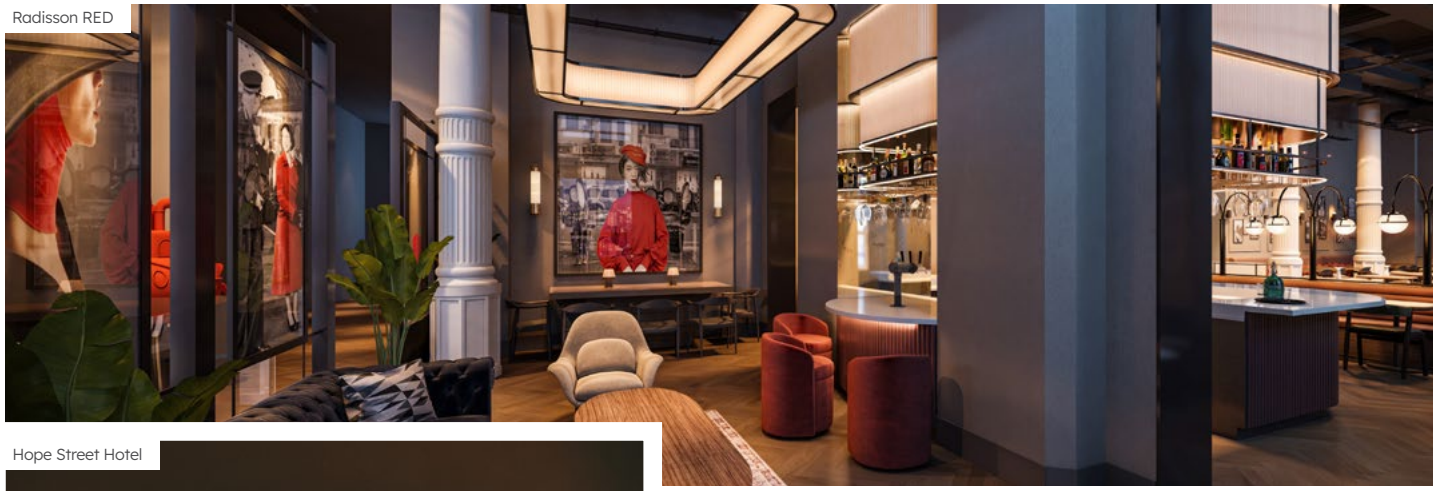
Stay in the heart of the action with Hilton, Maldron, Halyard, Ropewalks Hotel and School Lane Hotel, all just steps away from top attractions, restaurants, and shops.

Stays with a twist

Go for something unique at Hard Days Night Hotel, a Fab Four-themed experience for Beatles fans in the heart of The Cavern Quarter.

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Radisson RED





The Pullman

Hope Street Hotel



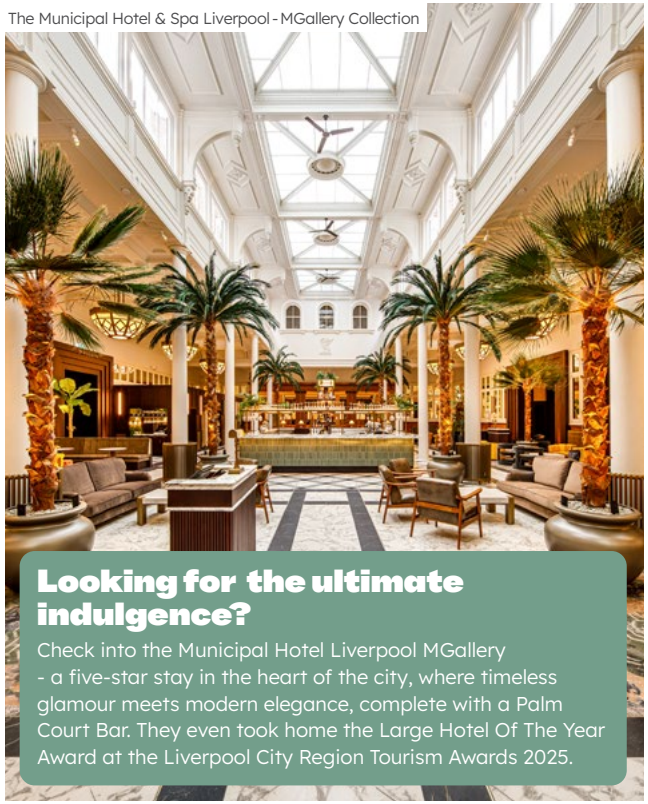
A Touch of Luxury

Looking to indulge? Liverpool is packed with sophisticated places to stay, perfect for those who enjoy a touch of luxury.

Set within the historic docklands, Titanic Hotel & Spa pairs striking industrial architecture with contemporary comfort, offering spacious rooms and impressive waterfront views. Over in the Georgian Quarter, Hope Street Hotel is a boutique favourite, loved for its welcoming atmosphere, stylish design and tranquil spa.

For something surrounded by history, Radisson RED Liverpool delivers bold, design-led interiors inside a beautifully restored Grade II-listed building. Meanwhile, INNSiDE by Meliá Liverpool brings a contemporary feel to the city, complete with sleek architecture and a stunning 360 Sky Bar.

The Municipal Hotel & Spa Liverpool - MGallery Collection



Looking for the ultimate indulgence?

Check into the Municipal Hotel Liverpool MGallery - a five-star stay in the heart of the city, where timeless glamour meets modern elegance, complete with a Palm Court Bar. They even took home the Large Hotel Of The Year Award at the Liverpool City Region Tourism Awards 2025.

Outside the City

Formby Hall Golf Resort and Spa is the perfect spot for golf lovers and spa-goers alike, set in gorgeous green surroundings with everything you need for a restful escape. Over at Thornton Hall Hotel & Spa, expect indulgent treatments, lush gardens and a seriously serene vibe.

If you're after something a little more unique, Hillbark Hotel is a luxury stay tucked away in a stunning Tudor-style mansion, while Moor Hall is a Grade II listed building which can be traced back to at least 1218.

Whilst in Haydock, the Mercure Haydock Hotel is a Georgian mansion-style property set in beautifully landscaped gardens, ideal for race-goers at Haydock Park Racecourse.

Thornton Hall



Formby Hall Golf Resort & Spa





Sunnyside Guest House

This award-winning B&B in the heart of Southport offers quality rooms, a delicious breakfast and a warm welcome from the family-run venue named B&B Of The Year in the VisitEngland Awards For Excellence 2025.

A Home From Home

Want more space, flexibility and even a kitchen to call your own? Serviced apartments are the way to go!

01

Happy Days Apartments

Serviced apartments in Liverpool City Centre offering a home-from-home experience.

02

Stay City

With two locations in Liverpool, it's the perfect base to explore the region with all your home comforts.



03

Staybridge Suites

Full equipped suites with kitchens and living areas in the heart of Liverpool city centre.



04

Citadines

Enjoy the freedom of a serviced apartment with the convenience of hotel-style service.



05

Premier Suites

Serviced apartments in the heart of Liverpool, with fully equipped kitchens for all your catering needs.



A City Shaped by Water

Liverpool's story has always been tied to the water.

From the docks that transformed the city into a global trading port to the ferries that still cross the Mersey today, the river remains central to the city's identity.

Start at Royal Albert Dock, where the huge Victorian warehouses now house restaurants and shops overlooking the water. Take the Old Dock tour to discover the origin of Liverpool's fortune.

Then head to the Pier Head and take in the iconic Three Graces, including the Port of Liverpool building and Cunard Building, both of which were once thriving hubs for Liverpool's maritime economy.

On the water

There's no better vantage point for Liverpool's iconic skyline than the river itself. Hop aboard the Mersey Ferry for that unmistakable "Ferry Cross the Mersey" moment, or for something a little wilder, Splash Tours takes to the water in an amphibious vehicle - part bus, part boat and entirely unforgettable.



Royal Albert Dock, Liverpool


Splash Tours

Fun fact!
The Royal Albert Dock is the largest collection of Grade I listed buildings in the country.

Did you know?
Ferries have operated on the River Mersey since the 12th century, making the Mersey Ferry one of the oldest ferry services in the world.


Mersey Ferry

Beyond the City

Liverpool City Region's maritime heritage stretches far past the docks so why not head to one of these waterfront locations.

Southport
Walk or cycle the coastline, the flat terrain makes it easy to navigate.

Crosby
Home to Antony Gormley's Another Place, cast-iron figures gazing out to sea.

Wirral
Sweeping sands and sea views across to Wales.

Culture on the Waterfront

More than just a stunning backdrop, Liverpool's waterfront hosts major events, festivals and cultural experiences, alongside museums and galleries that bring the city's history to life.


Another Place by Antony Gormley

Shopping

From trend-chasers to vintage-hunters, Liverpool's shopping scene has something for everyone.

Liverpool ONE

Right in the heart of the city, Liverpool ONE is where high street favourites meet designer must-haves in a stylish, open-air setting. You'll find everything from trusted names like John Lewis and Marks & Spencer to fashion staples such as Zara and UNIQLO. Beauty lovers are equally spoiled, with cult favourites like Bath & Body Works and Sephora adding a touch of indulgence to your visit.

But Liverpool ONE is more than just a shopping destination - it's a place to spend the whole day. Wander shops, relax in Chavasse Park, or take a break with a film at the on-site cinema. When it's time to refuel, you'll have your pick of over 45 restaurants, cafés and bars, offering everything from quick bites to leisurely dining. With regular events, seasonal pop-ups and a lively atmosphere all year round, Liverpool ONE delivers a shopping experience that goes far beyond the bags.

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Liverpool ONE





Utility, Bold St

Independent Shopping

Discover Liverpool's vibrant independent shops from vintage clothing to handmade gifts, unique and quirky homeware.

The Nest
A creative gift shop packed with locally made art, prints, jewellery and handmade treasures from Liverpool's best makers.

Utility
Sleek, stylish and full of personality – the go-to for design-led homeware, stationery and quirky gifts.

Big Brands, Big Style

Head to Church Street and Lord Street to continue your shopping at the likes of Primark, H&M, Lush and River Island or head over to Flannels, their flagship store, home to designer brands, Barry's gym and Bacino Italian restaurant.



Flannels



The Nest

News From Nowhere
Liverpool's much-loved radical bookshop, celebrating independent thought, activism and community spirit since the 1970s.

Red Brick Vintage
A treasure trove of vintage fashion, retro furniture and independent traders inside the bustling Cains Brewery Village.

69A
One of the city's oldest vintage stores, famed for its carefully curated mix of fashion, antiques and collectables.

Resurrection
A Bold Street icon mixing streetwear, vintage fashion and independent labels in one effortlessly cool space.

Probe Records
A Liverpool music institution since the 70's, famous for its punk roots, knowledgeable staff and unbeatable vinyl selection.

Dig Vinyl
An independent record shop at the heart of Liverpool's Bold Street and West Kirby's Banks Road, stocking vinyl, CDs, cassettes, memorabilia and more.

Dead Air
A family-run neighbourhood record store specialising in second-hand vinyl, reissues and select new releases.

Root Houseplants
A must-visit for plant lovers, this stylish independent shop is packed with lush greenery, statement houseplants and expert advice.



Wayfarers Arcade, Southport

Beyond the City Centre

There's plenty of retail therapy to be found beyond the city centre too. Over in Southport, the elegant Lord Street oozes Victorian charm and is packed with independent boutiques perfect for a leisurely browse.

Lark Lane is another local favourite, a bohemian stretch full of quirky shops, vintage stores and creative flair.

And if you're up for a designer spree, Cheshire Oaks Designer Outlet is just a 30-minute drive away, with big brands at bargain prices.

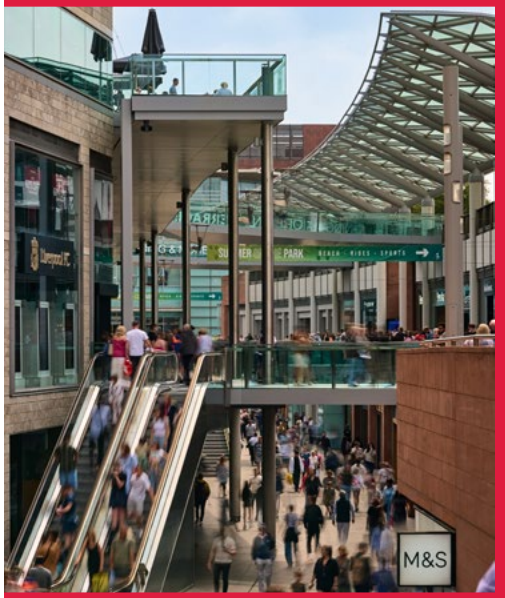


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Nightlife

From historic pubs and rooftop cocktails to drag cabaret, immersive gaming and unforgettable themed bars, Liverpool's nightlife scene offers something for every mood.

Whether you're after a perfectly poured pint, a creative cocktail or a night packed with entertainment, you'll find plenty of reasons to stay out a little longer.



Sky Bar 360



The Philharmonic Dining Rooms

Cocktail Bars & Stylish Sips

Seeking skyline views or expertly crafted classics? Liverpool's cocktail scene delivers sophistication with plenty of personality.

The Alchemist
Creative mixology takes centre stage, with theatrical serves, eye-catching drinks and plenty of surprises along the way.

Sky Bar 360
Unwind above the city skyline with spectacular views, elegant surroundings and cocktails served high above Liverpool.

Palm Court Bar
A striking setting where grand architecture and skilled mixologists combine to create a truly memorable experience.

Unique Bars to Discover

Looking for something a little different? Step beyond the ordinary with immersive experiences, competitive games and bars.

Moonshine Saloon
Enter a Wild West world of outlaws, card games and secret cocktails in this fully immersive themed experience.

The Oracle
A hidden speakeasy where expertly mixed cocktails, intimate surroundings and a touch of mystery create a memorable night out.



The Bridewell

Traditional Pubs

Looking for something steeped in history? Liverpool's rich pub heritage can be found everywhere from ornate Victorian landmarks to hidden gems on historic streets.

The Bridewell
Enjoy a drink inside former prison cells at this unique pub housed within a beautifully restored Victorian police bridewell.

The Philharmonic Dining Rooms
Widely regarded as one of Britain's most impressive pubs, renowned for its lavish architecture and timeless character.

Love Lane Brewery
Discover Liverpool's thriving craft beer scene with locally brewed favourites served fresh from the brewery.



The Oracle



LGBTQ+

Liverpool's Pride Quarter is one of the UK's most celebrated LGBTQ+ destinations, home to legendary venues, welcoming crowds and entertainment that keeps the party going long into the night.

FunnyBoyz
A vibrant venue bringing together drag shows, comedy, bingo and themed brunches in a lively and inclusive setting.

GBar
A long-standing Liverpool favourite where energetic dancefloors, late-night DJs and a feel-good atmosphere keep crowds coming back.

Superstar Boudoir
Expect glittering performances, iconic pop soundtracks and a lively atmosphere at one of the quarter's best-known venues.

Navy Bar
A popular late-night destination with house music, themed events and a packed dancefloor.

Heaven
Bringing together DJs, themed events and high-energy weekends, Heaven remains a staple of Liverpool nightlife.

Events & Culture

Homotopia Festival
17 Oct – 1 Dec 2026
The UK's longest-running LGBTQ+ arts festival brings a vibrant programme of performances, exhibitions, screenings and creative events to venues across Liverpool each year.



Stanley St

ARTIST ROOMS: Gilbert & George
7 Nov 2026 – 20 Feb 2027
Explore thought-provoking works by acclaimed artists Gilbert & George at The Atkinson in Southport, showcasing one of the UK's most influential artistic partnerships and their exploration of identity, society and culture.



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Getting Around

Getting around Liverpool City Region is simple, flexible and often part of the experience itself.

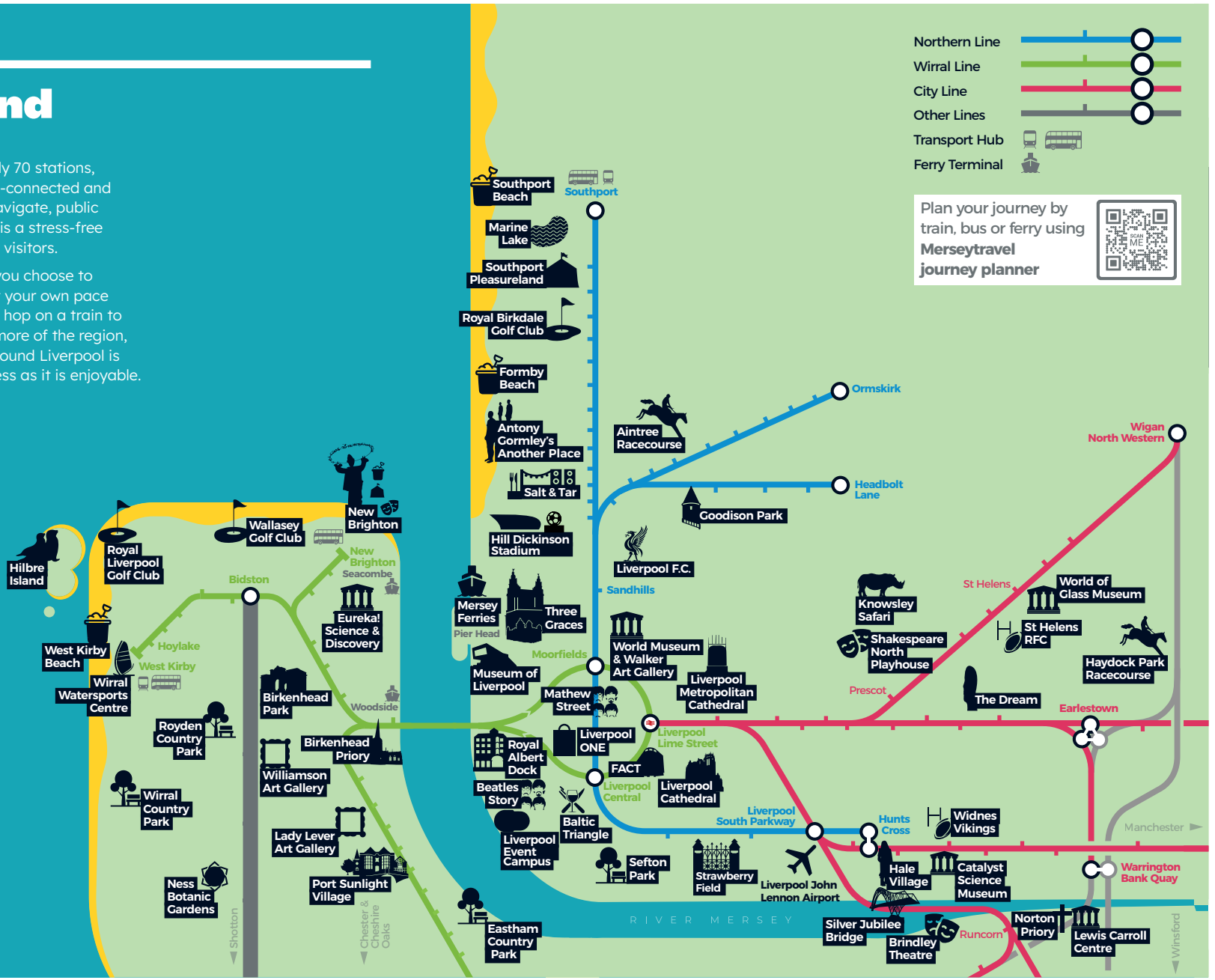
The compact city centre means many of the top attractions - from the waterfront to the main shopping districts - are within easy walking distance, making it ideal for exploring on foot.

For journeys a little further afield, Merseyrail offers a fast and reliable way to travel across the region. With frequent services linking the city centre to coastal spots, parks and neighbouring areas, it's an easy option for exploring beyond the city.

With nearly 70 stations, being well-connected and easy to navigate, public transport is a stress-free choice for visitors.

Whether you choose to explore at your own pace on foot or hop on a train to discover more of the region, getting around Liverpool is as effortless as it is enjoyable.

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With so much to see and do in the Liverpool City Region, it's just as well there's a great public transport network to help you get around



For information on buses, trains, Mersey Ferries, and travel tickets, visit

merseytravel.gov.uk

Trains

The Merseyrail network has fast, frequent services operating every day, featuring fully accessible trains.

Most stations are also fully accessible but we can offer help or advice on planning your journey if you have mobility problems.

Buses

The Liverpool City Region's comprehensive bus network covers Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton, St Helens and Wirral, giving you the opportunity to make the most of your visit to the region.

Mersey Ferries

Cross the River Mersey on a Mersey Ferry, leave the ferry on the opposite side of the river to explore and then make the journey back on the ferry or hop on a bus or train for a different view of the region.

Full River Explorer Cruises are also available.

Liverpool John Lennon Airport

Buses run regularly between Liverpool City Centre and the airport or catch a train to Liverpool South Parkway where there are regular bus links straight to the airport.

Travel Tickets

From off-peak, one-day tickets to single or return fares and everything in between, find the right ticket for you at **merseytravel.gov.uk/ticketfinder**

Getting here

The bags are packed, your playlist is queued and your Liverpool adventure is about to begin.

However you choose to roll into the city, by plane, train, boat or motorway, getting here is a breeze. Here's how to kick off your journey in style:



By Air

Touch down just a few miles from the action at Liverpool John Lennon Airport. Hop on a direct airport bus or grab a private transfer and be in the city centre in no time.
Flying into Manchester Airport? No problem. You're around 45 minutes away, with direct trains and coach services ready to whisk you straight into Liverpool.

By Rail

Train travel to Liverpool is easy, speedy and scenic. Liverpool Lime Street Station is your central arrival point, right in the middle of all the city's major attractions, hotels and restaurants. Services run from all over the UK via operators such as Avanti West Coast, TransPennine Express, London Northwestern, Northern and more.

By Road

Driving in? Great choice. Liverpool is well-connected by the UK's motorway network.

- Cruise into the city centre via the M62
- Access the north of the city from the M57 and M58
- Heading to the Wirral? The M53 is the way to go

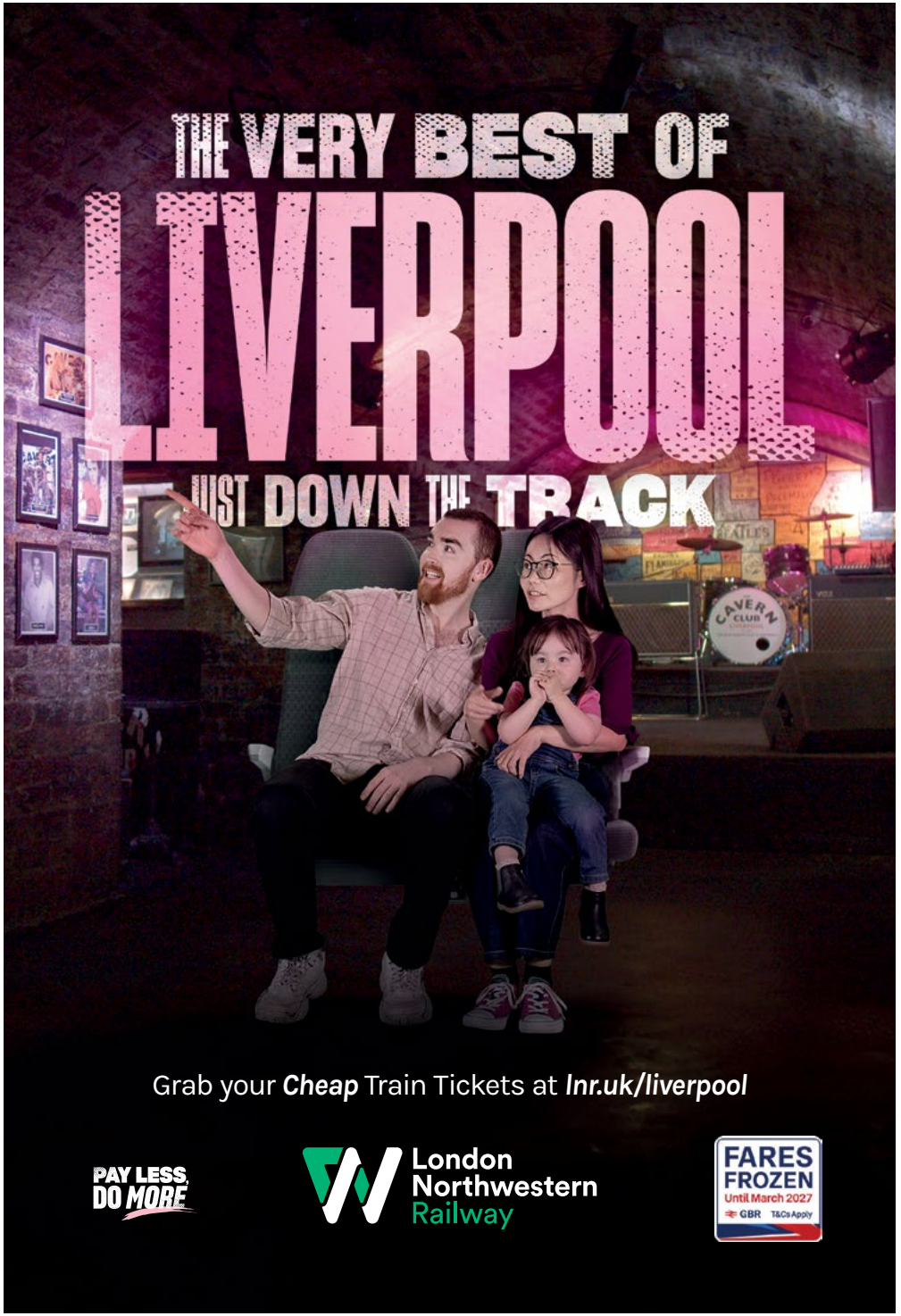
By Coach

Hop on a Megabus or National Express for a comfy, budget-friendly ride from cities across the UK. Liverpool also welcomes thousands of group coach tours each year.

By Water

Stena Line sails daily from Belfast to Liverpool for foot passengers and vehicles.
P&O Ferries offer daily crossings from Dublin. The Isle of Man Steam Packet Company runs a seasonal service from Douglas.
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