LIVERPOOL. The very name conjures up images of a world-beating musical heritage, two of the Premiership’s biggest football teams, a glorious maritime history and not one, but two majestically different Cathedrals.

This Northwest city and the surrounding City Region is certainly all those things, but it is also so much more. Liverpool is undergoing a thrilling renaissance, recognised by its hugely successful year as European Capital of Culture and UNESCO World Heritage status.

It is now filled with fabulous new shops, has buzzing restaurants, hip hotels and trendy wine bars, as well as a world class cultural offering with the finest collection of museums and galleries outside London.

This season will see the Liverpool City Region come alive with exciting events, from cultural to music, family friendly to nightlife – the packed events programme is sure to inspire a memorable visit!

Highlights this season include an exhibition of acclaimed British artist David Hockney’s early work at the Walker Art Gallery, fabulous Christmas shopping and events for all the family in the city centre, Liverpool’s very own Chinese New Year celebrations and Beatles 50 - a celebration of fifty years of the Fab Four.

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CULTURE &
HERITAGE

LIVERPOOL OOZES CULTURE AND HERITAGE. THE CITY HAS A GLORIOUS PAST AS A MERCANTILE HUB AND GATEWAY TO THE NEW WORLD, BUT TODAY IT IS ALSO A KEY DESTINATION FOR ART LOVERS, FANS OF THE THEATRE AND MUSEUM GOERS.

Art. Tate Liverpool is the home of the National Collection of Modern Art in the north and is one of the most visited galleries outside of London. Recent featured artists have included Marc Chagall, Gustav Klimt, Pablo Picasso, and Claude Monet.

The city has numerous other art attractions too. Don’t miss the impressive Open Eye Gallery, one of the UK’s first dedicated photographic galleries. Visit the Walker Art Gallery too, the national gallery of the North – ask at reception for a helpful guide to the highlights, including works by Hockney, Degas, Turner and Rembrandt, all of which are housed on the first floor.

Check out the Bluecoat, a distinctive Grade I listed arts centre, over 290 years old which offers an inspiring programme of visual art, music, dance, live art and literature. Across the Mersey at Port Sunlight on Wirral Peninsula is another National Museums Liverpool venue, the Lady Lever Art Gallery, a beautiful, highly personal collection of fine and decorative arts.

Heritage. Like the Great Wall of China and the Pyramids of Giza, Liverpool is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Its impressive waterfront in addition to other areas of the city centre qualified the city for this status in 2004.

Stroll around Albert Dock to drink in some of the history then take a trip across the Mersey on one of the river’s famous Mersey Ferries to see the awe-inspiring view of the Liverpool Waterfront.

Liverpool has a unique mix of contemporary and classic...
architecture too. There’s the soaring Gothic Revival Liverpool Cathedral, the biggest Anglican Cathedral in the UK and the modernist Catholic Cathedral, affectionately known as ‘Paddy’s Wigwam’ at the other end of Hope Street, whose vast stained glass crown floods the interiors with different colours.

A fascinating way to spend the afternoon is to take a RIBA Liverpool City Tour – they tell the story of Liverpool past, present and future through the buildings and spaces that make up the city. The city also has a variety of fully qualified Blue Badge guides that are available and offer a wide range of services from individual walking tours to large coach tours. There is a huge selection of special interest tours on offer too such as photography, architecture, ghost tours, pub tours and of course, the Fab Four.

Why not take a break from city life with a stroll in one of Liverpool’s parks? Sefton Park is a magnificent 200 acre naturally landscaped park. There is a boating lake, cafe and the Palm House, a fabulous restored Victorian glass-panelled building.

Museums. Liverpool has one of the most impressive collections of museums in the country. Among the most exciting is the fantastic new Museum of Liverpool. This opened in the Summer of 2011 and has attracted unprecedented visitor numbers ever since. Housed in a landmark building at the Pier Head, it is the largest newly built national museum in Britain for more than a century and the world’s only venue devoted to the history of a regional city.

Pop into the Merseyside Maritime Museum, where you can find out about the companies, people and ships connected to this great port. World Museum Liverpool is another fascinating spot, bulging with historic treasures from around the world, with an aquarium, bug house and planetarium. Liverpool’s Central Library has re-opened after a £50 million renovation, the stunning building is a must-see and includes a beautiful glass domed ceiling and roof top terrace with views across the city.

Performance. The Royal Court, is a truly landmark performance venue in Liverpool and offers a wide variety of plays and shows throughout the year. Other performance spaces include the legendary Playhouse theatre which stages premieres by local and international writers, while the acclaimed FACT (Foundation for Art, and Creative Technology) centre specialises in multimedia exhibitions, film and digital art.

Liverpool’s Epstein Theatre has housed many famous productions in its 100 year history. It is named after Liverpool’s most successful music entrepreneur and Beatles Manager, Brian Epstein.
MUSIC

THINK LIVERPOOL. THINK THE BEATLES. THE CITY IS OFFICIALLY THE WORLD CAPITAL OF POP, AND THE FAB FOUR ARE, OF COURSE, ITS MOST FAMOUS OFFSPRING.

Non-negotiable is a trip to The Beatles Story at Albert Dock, a brilliant tour through The Beatles’ lives, with fascinating memorabilia and insights from friends and family. You should also pop into the Cavern Club on Mathew Street, the most famous club in the world, for a beer and live music, or visit Mendips and 20 Forthlin Road in Allerton, the childhood homes of John Lennon and Sir Paul McCartney, both National Trust properties.

The city also has a celebrated live music scene, as well as numerous musical festivals worth checking out. Mojo is a rocking live music bar, where the drinks are mixed to perfection and the bands are awesome, and Liverpool is of course the home of the legendary Garlands, the ultimate nightclub for party people.

The city’s waterfront Echo Arena is the venue for big-name international acts such as Beyoncé, Elton John and Ellie Goulding.
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THE LIVERPOOL CLUBBING SCENE TOOK OFF WITH THE LEGENDARY CREAM IN THE NINETIES AND HAS BEEN THROBBING EVER SINCE. MAKE SURE YOU CATCH CREAM AT NATION IF YOU CAN. CHECK OUT SOME OF THE BARS IN THIS AREA TOO AND HANG OUT WITH THE COOL SET.

Classical fans must take in a performance by the world renowned Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, led by the charismatic Chief Conductor Vasily Petrenko.

You could always combine the classical with the popular by having a sneaky pint at The Philharmonic Pub over the road beforehand, a famous haunt of the Fab Four.
SPORT

LIVERPOOL IS SPORT MAD. IT IS HOME TO TWO OF THE PREMIERSHIP’S BIGGEST FOOTBALL TEAMS, MAKING FOOTBALL A RELIGION IN THE CITY AND A TOPIC THAT IS THE SOURCE OF MUCH HEATED FRIENDLY DEBATE IN THE CITY’S PUBS.

Its inhabitants are clearly divided between support for the Reds, or Liverpool FC, and The Blues, or Everton FC. The Reds have one of the largest trophy cabinets in football today, with an impressive 18 League titles, 5 European Cups and 7 FA Cups. Founded in 1878, The Blues have always been at the forefront of English football and are a founding member of the Football League, winning their first match against Accrington in 1888.

The Liverpool FC Stadium Tour is a must for all Liverpool fans and why not include stop off at ‘The Boot Room’ café in the stadium. The Liverpool City Region is also renowned for golf. England’s Golf Coast, the finest stretch of championship golf in the world, is home to three Royal Open Championship venues and numerous other naturally beautiful golf courses. Royal Liverpool at Hoylake is the second oldest links course in

The Crabbies Grand National, which takes place every April at Aintree, is another major sporting event within the region, attracting a global TV audience of 600 million. This British sporting institution has been hosted at Aintree Racecourse since 1839, when a horse called Lottery won the first ever Grand National.

Also not to be missed is the Liverpool International Tennis Tournament that takes place in June at Calderstones Park. Here you will find some of the world’s current tennis stars and legends entertaining the crowds. Besides all this, the region also has a strong rugby league tradition. Both St Helens and Widnes have massive followings. The Widnes Vikings are one of the world’s first rugby league teams, regularly filling their home ground, the Stobart Stadium in Halton, to capacity.
Liverpudlians shop almost as passionately as they support football, and, fittingly, Liverpool has one of the UK’s very best and smartest retail developments right in the heart of the city, Liverpool ONE. This is home to more than 160 famous high street names and ultra-hip fashion brands, from John Lewis to cool Californian label Hollister, designer favourites Ted Baker, Reiss, Hobbs classic womenswear and the only Beauty Bazaar, Harvey Nichols in the country.

In addition to every big high street name, Liverpool also has the exclusive Metquarter in Whitechapel, a designer shopping centre that houses rather select names such as Gieves & Hawkes, L.K. Bennett, cult beauty brand Illamasqua and the fabulously British outfitters, Jack Wills. Cavern Walks off Mathew Street is home to Vivienne Westwood and celebrity favourite Cricket, which gives fashion advice as well as selling über-fashionable clothes and must-have handbags.
Liverpool also specialises in numerous quirky shops. Bold Street is lined with independent boutiques and bohemian cafés, from underground record shop 3beat Records to Utility, a fantastic destination for contemporary modern design. The Bluecoat is a charming Grade I listed arts centre in the heart of the city which also houses a range of small shops selling all sorts of lovely contemporary crafts, eclectic homewares and funky fashion.

In Southport, visit the iconic Lord Street, once experienced never forgotten. It’s the ideal place for a stroll whilst appreciating the street’s beautiful Victorian canopied setting, edged with scenic gardens. One of the street’s most recognisable sights is Wayfarers Arcade, since 1898 the arcade has boasted one of the finest domed glass roofs in the country.
EAT

LIVERPOOL HAS EVERY KIND OF RESTAURANT, FROM SLEEK FINE DINING TO INDEPENDENT BISTROS AND HIGH STREET FAVOURITES, AND IT CAN TICK JUST ABOUT EVERY BOX IN TERMS OF INTERNATIONAL CUISINE, RANGING FROM INDULGENT ITALIAN TO SPICY THAIS.

Head to 60 Hope Street for classic, gourmet dishes and sample its signature dessert – a deep fried jam sandwich with Carnation milk ice cream. Alternatively visit its sister restaurant, the superb pan-Asian HOST, or check out the highly praised Puschka, also in Liverpool’s Georgian Hope Street Quarter – a funky, bohemian eatery, which specialises in super-fresh, locally sourced produce.

You can also enjoy fine dining, a slinky Classic Champagne cocktail and breathtaking 360° views across the city at Panoramic34. Or go and feast on modern international food at The London Carriage Works at Hope Street Hotel, popular with the city’s gastronomes. Try the culinary delights of the award-winning

Monro restaurant, Duke Street. This excellent gastro-pub has a fascinating history and takes pride in offering expertly prepared food using fresh, local ingredients.

For a taste of the far east head to Liverpool’s China Town, the oldest Chinese community in Europe, for a wide choice of restaurants. Liverpool also has its very own, multi award-winning, authentic Japanese restaurant, Etsu, specialising in everything from traditional sashimi and sushi to delicious, specially prepared meat and fish dishes.

Then there’s the fabulous San Carlo on Castle Street, serving up authentic Italian dishes, and voted one of the top ten Italian restaurants in the UK by The Times and described by Vogue as ‘a must for lovers of fine Italian cuisine’. Marco Pierre White has also added to his presence in the North West. The former Michelin-starred maverick has boosted Liverpool’s fine dining options by opening up the Marco Pierre White Steakhouse Bar & Grill restaurant at the boutique Hotel Indigo on Chapel Street.

Southport is excellent for eating out too. Try the trendy V-Café at the Vincent Hotel on Lord Street, which serves tasty soups, freshly blended juices and Asian sushi and sashimi. Great for lunch, but a top evening destination too, with dimmed lights, candles and groovy music. Or go to the Warehouse Kitchen+Bar, which combines national dishes like superb fish and chips with top international dishes such as Moroccan shank of lamb. A former Warehouse chef has also opened Bistro Vérité, a fabulous family run restaurant in Birkdale, serving up excellent rustic French bistro dishes.

Over on Wirral Peninsula, the gourmet offering is centred around fresh, locally sourced produce. The exclusive Yellow Room at the Hillbark Hotel in Frankby has gourmet food in sumptuous surroundings. Fraiche in Oxton village is a discreet and understated restaurant serving delicious food.

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SHOULD YOU WISH TO ESCAPE FROM THE BRIGHT LIGHTS AND BUZZ OF LIVERPOOL, THERE ARE LOTS OF AWARD WINNING BEACHES AND COASTAL WALKS NEARBY, PLUS STUNNING PARKS, BOTANIC GARDENS AND COUNTRYSIDE SPAS WHERE YOU CAN BLOW AWAY THE COBWEBS.

Head across to Wirral Peninsula and stride out to Hilbre Island Local Nature Reserve at West Kirby, not forgetting to check the tide timetable before you go! Explore the endless sand dunes along Sefton’s coast, be rejuvenated by refreshing winds as you stroll along Southport Pier or the Wirral Way with its fabulous views across to the Welsh hills, ducking the golf balls off the nearby golf course on your way.

Gardening enthusiasts might like to learn all about wildflowers at the National Wildflower Centre, set in the tranquil Victorian Court Hey Park. Both Southport and Knowsley hold annual flower shows, too, with giant floral marquees as well as an array of attractions including crafts demonstrations, arts workshops and even dog obedience classes. Birkenhead Park is also worth a visit – this green oasis was the first public park in the country and its design provided inspiration for Central Park in New York.

A trip to the Wirral should include a visit to the historic village of Port Sunlight with its late 19th Century Victorian cottages built by philanthropist Lord Lever for the workers in his Sunlight Soap factory. It is said to be the finest surviving example of urban planning in the UK. Don’t miss Lady Lever’s art gallery there either, a wonderful, highly personal collection by Lord Lever of fine and decorative art, dedicated to the memory of his wife.

Or visit Daresbury Village, the birthplace of Lewis Carroll – go into the Parish Church of All Saints and you can find a stained glass window featuring the author and many of the characters from Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland. The historic and picturesque Hale Village is another great place to unwind with its quaint whitewashed cottages and colourful country gardens. Knowsley Safari Park is well worth a visit – with over 700 exotic animals, amusement rides and a fantastic Sea Lion show, only 8 miles from the city centre and in the parklands of the stunning Knowsley Hall. The striking hall itself, with its surrounding manicured lawns, is a fine stately home that is the private residence of the 19th Earl of Derby.

Chester Zoo is also a great day out for the family with some of the most endangered and exotic species in the world.
NOVEMBER 2013

David Hockney: Early Reflections
Walker Art Gallery
Until 16 March 2014
www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/walker

Cornerstone Arts Festival
Hope University
20 November – 14 December
www.hope.ac.uk/cornerstonefestival

Food for Real Film Festival
21-24 November
www.foodforreal.co.uk

Homotopia
venues across the city
Until 25 November
www.homotopia.net

Christmas by Liverpool
This season Liverpool City Region will come alive with a host of festive activities and events to help make this a Christmas to remember. Catch up on your Christmas shopping, treat your friends at the Christmas Markets or laugh out loud with the family at one of our fabulous pantomimes. For full details of things to see and do visit www.ChristmasbyLiverpool.com

DECEMBER 2013

Titanic and Liverpool: The Untold Story
Merseyside Maritime Museum
Until December 31
www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/maritime

The Piers From Here
Open Eye Gallery
7 December 2013 - 9 February 2014
www.openeye.org.uk

Winter Arts Market
St George’s Hall
7 - 8 December
www.winterartsmarket.com

Time & Motion: Redefining Working Life
FACT
12 December – 9 March 2014
www.fact.co.uk/timeandmotion

Lantern Magic
Chester Zoo
12 – 23 December
www.chesterzoo.org

The Drawings of Edward Burne-Jones
Lady Lever Art Gallery
Until 12 January 2014
www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/ladylever

By Jovel It’s Ken Dodd!
Museum of Liverpool
Until 21 April 2014
www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/mol

JANUARY 2014

Art Turning Left: How Values Changed Making 1789–2013
Tate Liverpool
Until 2 February 2014
www.tate.org.uk/visit/tate-liverpool

Chinese New Year
31 January 2014
www.liverpoolphil.com

SPORT ARENCROSS
Echo Arena
6 February 2014
www.echoarena.com

FEBRUARY 2014

Chinese New Year Celebrations
2 February 2014
www.visitliverpool.com

Further highlights for 2014

The Crabbie’s Grand National 2014
Aintree Racecourse
3 – 5 April 2014
www.aintree.co.uk

International Festival for Business
June – July 2014
www.ifb2014.com

Liverpool Biennial
5 July - 26 October 2014
www.biennial.com

2014 British Open
Royal Liverpool Golf Club
17 – 20 July 2014
www.theopen.com

Liverpool Pride
across the city centre
2 August 2014
www.liverpoolpride.co.uk

Southport Flower Show
Victoria Park
14 – 17 August 2014
www.southportflowershow.co.uk

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Peter Getting out of Nick’s Pool, 1966. Acrylic on canvas 84 x 84” © David Hockney Collection Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool. Photo: Richard Schmidt

Swadesh
The Capstone Theatre
7 March
www.milapfest.com

April Ashley: Portrait of a Lady
Museum of Liverpool
Until 21 September 2014
www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/mol

Ellie Goulding
Echo Two
8 March 2014
www.echoarena.com

Music Makers
Bluecoat Display Centre
21 March until 3 May 2014
www.bluecoatdisplaycentre.com

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FAMILY FUN

Mersey Ferry
The best way to view the Liverpool waterfront with lots of fun along the way. Hop off at Seacombe to discover Spaceport or Woodside for the fascinating U-Boat Story. www.merseyferries.co.uk

LUNCH: Gusto – Albert Dock
Take a break for a spot of lunch at this popular family friendly restaurant that overlooks the Dock. The kids can make their own pizza! www.gustorestaurants.uk.com

Underwater Street
Discover a real “hands-on” day out at Underwater Street, Liverpool’s discovery centre for children. Highlights include the climbing wall, the giant bubble area and Imagination Village. www.underwaterstreet.com

Big Art for Little Artists
Big Art for Little Artists is a gallery for children up to and including the age of eight. It has been designed to introduce children to art and there are loads of ways to get creative – all for free.

DINNER: What’s Cooking, Albert Dock
A family favourite since 1978. Great for an early dinner with a wide selection of dishes. Many ingredients are locally sourced too – we love the Florentino Burger and Scooby Snack! www.whats-cooking.co.uk

ALSO TRY...
For a full day out visit Knowsley Safari Park, just outside the city centre. It’s a magical day out with over 700 exotic animals, an amusement park and sea lion show! www.knowsleysafariexperience.co.uk

LUXURY LIVERPOOL

Metquarter
Indulge in some designer retail therapy at Metquarter. It’s home to well-known brands such as MAC, Jo Malone, Tommy Hilfiger and Armani Exchange to name a few. www.metquarter.co.uk

Cavern Walks
Continue the shopping theme with a visit to Cavern Walks on legendary Mathew Street. Here you will find some great shops including the iconic Cricket and Vivienne Westwood. www.cavern-walks.co.uk

DINNER: Panoramic 34
Fancy a treat? Have lunch in the UK’s tallest restaurant – located on the 34th floor of Liverpool’s West Tower. Dine in style with stunning views of Liverpool and the Welsh hills beyond. www.panoramic34.com

LUNCH: Museum of Liverpool
Museum of Liverpool
Opened in 2011 with over 1 million visitors in the first year alone, the museum tells the fascinating story of Liverpool’s colourful history through diverse exhibits and displays. www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/mol/

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CULTURAL DELIGHTS

Tate Liverpool
The Beatles Story
Be transported on a fascinating journey that propelled four young lads from Liverpool to the dizzy heights of fame! Not to be missed. www.beatlesstory.com

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LUNCH: The Mono – Duke Street
Located within a historic building in the Ropewalks Quarter, Liverpool’s finest gastro pub offers fresh home-made food using only the finest ingredients. www.themono.com

DINNER: The Monro – Duke Street
Beatles artwork. Blakes is located within the Hard Days Night hotel. www.harddaysnighthotel.com/blakes-restaurant

ALSO TRY...

Royal Liverpool Philharmonic
The beautiful Grade II-listed Philharmonic Hall has a prestigious programme of classical and contemporary music, comedy, film and spoken word events. www.liverpoolphil.com

Liverpool Playhouse
The Playhouse produces acclaimed and adventurous theatre, developing new talent and working with the greatest international creative artists. www.everymanplayhouse.com

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Tate Liverpool
Tate Liverpool displays British and international modern and contemporary art all set within beautiful light filled galleries. Check out the gift shop for arty presents to take home. www.tate.org.uk/Liverpool

DINNER: Blakes Restaurant
Dine on classic British fare amongst an impressive display of original Beatles artwork. Blakes is located within the Hard Days Night hotel. www.harddaysnighthotel.com/blakes-restaurant

ALSO TRY...

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NIGHTLIFE

LIVERPUDLIANS LIKE TO SOCIALISE. THEIR SENSE OF FUN AND LOVE OF A GREAT NIGHT OUT GUARANTEE THAT THE CITY’S BARS ARE LIVELY AND ITS NIGHTLIFE IS LEGENDARY – SO MUCH IN FACT THAT THE USERS OF TRIPADVISOR VOTED LIVERPOOL AS BRITAIN’S BEST NIGHTLIFE DESTINATION.

You will find a huge variety of bars in the region, from cool cocktail lounges to hearty real ale pubs. There is also a popular gay quarter, as well as plenty of different drinking and nightlife destinations across the region, from Liverpool city centre to Lord Street in Southport.

Panoramic34 on Brook Street is a perfect place to start. Try the signature Hemmingway Daiquiri or classic French Martini – while also drinking in breathtaking nighttime views of Liverpool and across the Mersey to Wirral Peninsula, from 34 floors up the West Tower. You could almost be in Hong Kong or Manhattan!

Some of the city’s best bars can be found in its smart new hotels. Check out The White Bar at Radisson Blu, Pima at the Hilton Liverpool and the Plum Bar at Malmaison for a sophisticated cocktail or perfectly mixed gin & tonic. Merchant’s Bar & Restaurant, within 62 Castle Street, is another über-stylish, contemporary cocktail lounge, housed in an impressive Grade 1 listed building. Be sure to dress to impress!

There are also traditional pubs on virtually every street corner, where the welcome will be warm and the beer just the right temperature. Try Thomas Rigby’s on Dale Street, one of Liverpool’s oldest pubs that offers a range of 40+ world beers and eight cask conditioned ales, or head for The Fly in the Loaf on Hardman Street for genuine Belgian and German beers.

Ye Hole in Ye Wall is a really traditional hostelery, as well as Liverpool’s reputedly oldest pub, offering heaps of atmosphere, great beer and lots of old photos of the city. Try the ice cool Alma de Cuba set inside the converted St Peter’s Church on Seel Street, a Cuban themed bar which also does sexy salsa classes.

For the ultimate fashionable evening haunt, you should also check out Bar Four at the boutique Hard Days Night Hotel, which attracts a beautiful crowd and serves fun themed cocktails such as the Strawberry Fields – complete with vodka infused with grass from Strawberry Field itself.
Whether you want a posh bed for the night, a country house hotel or a groovy themed room, Liverpool has it all.

One of the most gorgeous places to stay is Hope Street Hotel, the city's first boutique hotel which opened near the Cathedrals and opposite The Philharmonic Hall. It's located in the city's perfectly preserved Hope Street Quarter, home to more Georgian buildings than Bath, no less, and combines cool, crisp comfort with top-notch, super-friendly service. Alternatively there is the fabulous 4 star Hard Days Night Hotel, right by Mathew Street in the city centre. Inspired by The Beatles it is supremely tasteful, understated and luxurious, a perfect temple to The Fab Four, with a vibrant cocktail bar and great value restaurant attached.

There are numerous high-end chain hotels too such as Malmaison and Crowne Plaza, near the Waterfront, with great views across to Wirral Peninsula, and Radisson Blu, just beside the West Tower. Novotel is located in Liverpool ONE, handy for the shops. You could also try Jurys Inn, literally on the doorstep of the Echo Arena and Albert Dock or why not spoil yourself in the Hilton's palatial Presidential Suite?

Hotel Indigo is a luxury boutique hotel and offers 151 stylish bedrooms as well as a Marco Pierre White Steakhouse Bar & Grill. The base2stay boutique
concept hotel in the historic RopeWalks area remains as popular than ever. The hotel is surrounded by some of the city’s best restaurants, museums, designer shops and bars.

DoubleTree by Hilton Liverpool is an elegant and sophisticated Grade II listed upscale hotel featuring stylish restaurant, Simon Rimmer – Layla Brasserie. Opening Spring 2014.

Liverpool also has many serviced apartments which are ideally located for the shops and offer an affordable and flexible alternative to the hotels. Book into Posh Pads, which offers particularly luxurious city centre serviced accommodation that can be booked nightly, weekly or monthly. Otherwise, try Cocoon at International Inn, a budget boutique pod hotel.

Southport has some luxury, contemporary accommodation on offer too at The Vincent, as well as chic comfort at the gracious boutique Ambassador Town House on Bath Street. The Ramada Plaza Hotel is the jewel at the heart of the new ‘Waterfront Development’ on Southport’s promenade. With 133 luxury bedrooms the hotel benefits from city centre style luxury in a location that offers abundance of seaside elegance.

Wirral Peninsula has historic country offerings that might be the ideal counter to frantic city centre sightseeing and shopping. Mere Brook House is a charming Edwardian country house, while the black and white luxury Grade II listed Hillbark Hotel in Frankby is steeped in history.

Lastly, don’t forget the stately home splendour of Knowsley Hall, ideal for a relaxing spa break.
Liverpool is known globally for its close links with the sea. It is a city with a rich maritime history stretching back centuries, and the water plays a huge role in Liverpool life to this day. Its iconic waterfront, largely built in connection with maritime trade, is the defining image of the city and getting the ‘ferry ‘cross the Mersey’ is a must for all visitors. While freight ships and ferries are still a regular sight on the River Mersey though, these days they are joined by something a little more luxurious.

Liverpool Cruise Terminal welcomes liners from around the world into that famous waterfront, which is a key part of Liverpool’s status as a UNESCO World Heritage site. The cruise berth stands at the Pier Head, in the shadow of the Three Graces – The Cunard Building, Port of Liverpool Building and, of course, The Royal Liver Building atop which sit the ‘guardians’ of the city, the Liver birds. These three buildings ensure a striking first impression of the city.

Just further along the waterfront is Albert Dock, a complex of dock buildings and warehouses first opened in 1846. Nowadays, they are home to a fantastic range of restaurants, cafes, bars, museums and clubs which cater for every taste, from morning to late night. There is also the outstanding Museum of Liverpool, a £72million development which is the most visited museum outside of the capital.

Since opening in 2007, Liverpool Cruise Terminal has proved very popular with visitors and in 2014 will welcome more than 70,000 passengers on 50 ships. Its popularity saw Liverpool recently selected as ‘Best UK Port of Call’ at the Cruise Critic UK Editors’ Pick Awards. This phenomenal growth is a symbol of the city’s renaissance over the last decade, and Liverpool looks set to become even more popular as a world class cruise destination in years to come.

For more information on Liverpool Cruise Terminal and the range of options available to passengers, please visit www.cruise-liverpool.com.
Air

John Lennon Airport is only 9 miles from Liverpool City Centre and offers over 70 UK and European routes – carriers include EasyJet, Ryanair and most recently Norwegian. Regular bus services operate to and from John Lennon airport from Liverpool City Centre. www.liverpoolairport.com

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

Sea

Ferry Service

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

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

Cruise

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

Rail

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

Road

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

Coach Travel

www.nationalexpress.com www.megabus.co.uk
On the move in Merseyside...

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

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

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

**Saveaway tickets**
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