

Guide to Liverpool Buildings



“Three Graces” - For nearly a century the Three Graces - The Royal Liver Building, The Cunard Building and the Port of Liverpool Building - have defined one of the world's most recognised skylines. These majestic buildings were conceived and constructed as visible symbols of Liverpool's international prestige, proud emblems of its commercial prowess.

Town Hall - Liverpool Town Hall is a magnificent 18th century grade one listed building situated in the heart of the culture quarter close to Mathew Street. Its high dome, topped by a statue of Minerva, goddess of wisdom, is the centre piece of a sumptuous architectural assemblage.



Liverpool Cathedral - Setting foot inside Liverpool Cathedral you truly enter a great space. Sir John Betjeman called it 'one of the great buildings of the world.' Not only this, but the Cathedral is a truly world-class visitor attraction, has a full programme of events and hosts many conferences, large-scale gala dinners and functions. The Tower is one of the city's 'must see' attractions with panoramic views across the whole region

Williamson Tunnels - Some of Liverpool's genuinely hidden gems are the Williamson Tunnels, a strange underground world of tunnels and caverns that has laid beneath the city since the early 1800s. They were built by Joseph Williamson, a retired tobacco merchant, and their purpose is not known, but we highly recommend a trip to visit the section that has been cleared and renovated for the public.



Speke Hall - Speke Hall, originally built in 1530, has a atmospheric interior that spans many periods. The Great Hall and priest hole date from Tudor times, while the Oak Parlour and smaller rooms, some with William Morris wallpapers, illustrate the Victorian desire for privacy and comfort. There is also fine Jacobean plasterwork and intricately carved furniture. A fully equipped Victorian kitchen and servants' hall enable visitors to see 'behind the scenes'. The restored garden has spring bulbs, a rose garden, summer border and stream garden, and there are woodland walks and magnificent views of the Mersey basin and North Wales hills from The Bund, a high bank.



Sefton Park Palm House - Sefton Park Palm House is an octagonal, 3 tiered, Grade II* listed Victorian glasshouse displaying plants from around the world. Open to the public 7 days a week with varied events programme for all the family



Victoria Gallery and Museum - Housed in the iconic red-brick Victoria building the Victoria Gallery & Museum is a piece of art in itself. The beautifully renovated gothic building houses the University of Liverpool's amazing collection of fine art, silver, furniture, sculpture, ceramics, fossils, scientific equipment, zoological specimens collected by and donated to the University throughout its history. Some of the highlights of the Museum collection include X-rays from the very beginning of X-ray technology, an early 20th century dental surgery and dinosaur footprints from the North West.



St George's Hall - St George's Hall is widely regarded as one of the finest neo-classical buildings in the world and is a Grade I listed building. The ceiling is supported on massive red granite columns, with figures portraying qualities Victorian Liverpool aspired to - art, science, fortitude and justice. Behind the gold leaf and porticoes, the Hall has one of the greatest brick arches in the world and houses a priceless mosaic floor of 30,000 tiles.



Knowsley Hall - Knowsley Hall is a magnificent stately home set in 2,500 acres of private land, it has been the ancestral home to the Earl of Derby since 1385. Located just 20 minutes from Liverpool, this is a truly tranquil setting.

Bluecoat - Situated in the heart of the city, the Bluecoat is one of Liverpool's most distinctive buildings. The widely revered Grade 1 listed arts centre is over 290 years old and uses its unique spaces to showcase talent across visual art, music, dance, live art and literature. It also houses a creative community of artists and businesses and runs a participation programme with local communities.



Walker Art Gallery – part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Walker Art Gallery holds the best collection of fine and decorative art in the North of England and an ever-growing collection of contemporary art. The collection includes painting, sculpture and decorative arts from over six hundred years.