

24 hours in Liverpool

With two football clubs, two cathedrals, the world's most famous horse race, the most celebrated band in the history of music and more grade-II listed buildings, national galleries and museums than any UK city outside of London, 24 hours probably isn't long enough to spend in Liverpool. However, we have prepared a one-day taster to whet your whistle and sample some of Liverpool's culture, food and history.

Arrive at Liverpool Lime Street

Leaving the station, you are faced with the façade of St. George's Hall – said by architecture experts to be one of the most impressive examples of neo-classical buildings in Europe. Have a look around, and explore William Brown Street's other sights – including the Walker Art Gallery, World Museum and newly-opened Central Library.

Three Graces

Liverpool's waterfront is one of its most famous assets. Walk down to Pier Head and see the Royal Liver, Cunard and Port of Liverpool buildings before moving on to the Museum of Liverpool, one of the most popular attractions in the city which documents Liverpool's history from the 13th Century up to the modern day.

Albert Dock

Just further down the waterfront is the Albert Dock. Originally built in the early days of Queen Victoria's reign, it's now home to a wide range of top restaurants, cafes and bars as well as Tate Liverpool, with works by artists such as Pablo Picasso, Jackson Pollock and Piet Mondrian. Before leaving Albert Dock, pay a visit to The Beatles Story – the definitive museum of the fab four, with interactive guides.

Liverpool ONE

Liverpool ONE has had a huge impact on the city since opening in 2008. The 1.65million sq ft contemporary open-air complex is a stylish must-see destination for those who love to shop, eat, drink and relax. Liverpool ONE includes over 160 stores, bars and restaurants, a fantastic 14 screen cinema, an indoor adventure golf course and a five-acre park. Stores include high street favourites such as Topshop, John Lewis and Debenhams as well as designer boutiques.

Lunya

The UK's only Catalan deli and restaurant. Bringing the best Spanish food and wine to an 18th Century warehouse in the heart of Liverpool ONE, they are specialists in everything Spanish – from the finest olives to rare regional cheeses and cuts of meat you didn't know you'd never had before.

Seel Street

The city's nightlife is spread out across several hubs, but if you have only one night in Liverpool I'd recommend exploring the Seel Street and Parr Street area. No matter what you're looking for, you'll find it here. Glamour in a former Polish church: Alma de Cuba. Dive bar with the coolest soundtrack in the city: Motel. Hot dogs and stein institution: Salt Dog Slims. Arts hub specialising in whisky and real ales: MelloMello. This is without even mentioning Santa Chupitos, Almost Famous, Empire or Heebie Jeebies.

Leaf

Leaf is a unique independent tea shop, with a vibrant atmosphere day and night. Leaf hosts art exhibitions, vintage markets, live music and club nights while serving up delicious, wholesome food and – of course – tea! Leaf is a place for people to relax and enjoy culture, food and drinks at any time of day in a creative and imaginative space.

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