

10 facts about Liverpool

1. Home To Britain's Biggest Cathedral

Liverpool Cathedral is Britain's biggest Catholic cathedral. And the Anglican Cathedral is the fifth largest in Europe and is a great historical aspect of Liverpool dating back to the beginning of the 20th century. Located on St James Mount, Liverpool Cathedral was built way back in 1904, but it took until 1978 until the building works were finished, and the architect who designed the building Giles Gilbert Scott was only 22 years old!

2. First Inter-City Railway In The World

Liverpool had the first modern inter-city railway in the world. Opening in 1830, the Liverpool and Manchester railway connected the Port of Liverpool to the major industrial city of Manchester from Crown Street in the city centre. There were other trains during this time period but they were run using horses, whilst this service was the first to rely solely on steam power. Liverpool's transport history is quite fascinating in the fact that the Liverpool Overhead Railway was the world's first electric elevated railway. Plus, the Wapping Tunnel under the Mersey was the first to run under a city! These advancements in transportation within Liverpool really changed the world as we know it.

3. The Most Museums Outside London

Liverpool is packed with museums and galleries. The museums and galleries in this city are even the most visited outside of London. Known for its rich cultural heritage, this city has tons of museums and galleries from the Tate Liverpool to the Merseyside Maritime Museum to the World Museum to Museum of Liverpool to The Beatles Story and many more.

4. Backdrop For Many Films & TV Shows

As one of the most filmed locations outside of London, there have been many TV shows and films that have used this vibrant and diverse city as their backdrop. In recent times, we've seen the city transformed into Gotham City for The Batman film featuring Robert Pattinson, as well as the Birkenhead Tunnel being used as a filming location for Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows. Some other filming sights which have taken place in this city include The Fantastic Beasts film shooting at Martins Bank, Captain America The First Avenger filming at Stanley Dock as well as The Peaky Blinders being filmed at St. George's Hall.

5. Bigger Clock Faces Than Big Ben

Whilst the clock tower itself isn't taller than Big Ben, the clock faces of the Liverpool Royal Liver Building are the biggest in the UK! Part of Liverpool's Three Graces, the Liver Building is one of the most stunning and famous architectural buildings in the city, with clock faces which measure 25 feet wide, two-feet bigger than Big Ben.

6. First Black Female Mayor In The UK

In May 2021 the city elected the UK's first black female mayor, Joanne Anderson, a British Labour Politician who is a great leader of Liverpool's community. Upon being elected, Anderson has no doubt inspired many black females throughout the country to chase their dreams in politics!

7. Home To The Grand National

Liverpool is home to many major sporting events, but one of the most popular is the world-famous The Grand National which is held every year. Since 1839, the national Hunt horse race has been held annually at Aintree Racecourse. It's actually known for being one of the toughest horse races in the world, with a course that has 30 fences and 2 laps covering a distance of 4 miles and 514 yards.

8. Has The Most Number 1 Hits

Liverpool's music scene is one of the most famous in the world with many iconic artists hailing from the city. Thanks to its iconic music history, the city has the most number 1 hit singles out of any other city on the planet, with most of the best-selling songs being produced by The Beatles. If you're a music lover studying you need to head to some of the city's best live music venues to experience some exciting new sounds.

9. Scousers Are Named After Food

The phrase scouser actually originates from the working class dish "scouse" which is a meat and veg stew first eaten by sailors and locals.

10. Home To Eurovision 2023

The city has hosted the 67th Eurovision Song Contest on behalf of Ukraine who were crowned the winners of the competition in 2022 in May 2023.