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## **Stories from the sea**

**A free self-guided walk in Liverpool**



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# Stories from the sea

## Discover how international trade shaped Liverpool

Welcome to Walk the World! This walk in Liverpool is one of 20 in different parts of the UK. Each walk explores how the 206 participating nations in the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games have been part of the UK's history for many centuries. Along the routes you will discover evidence of how many Olympic and Paralympic countries have shaped our towns and cities.

Tea from China, bananas from Jamaica, timber from Sweden, rice from India, cotton from America, hemp from Egypt, sugar from Barbados... These are just some of the goods that arrived at Liverpool's docks. In the nineteenth century, 40 per cent of the world's trade passed through Liverpool.



A painting of Liverpool from circa 1680, thought to be the oldest existing depiction of the city  
Courtesy National Museums Liverpool



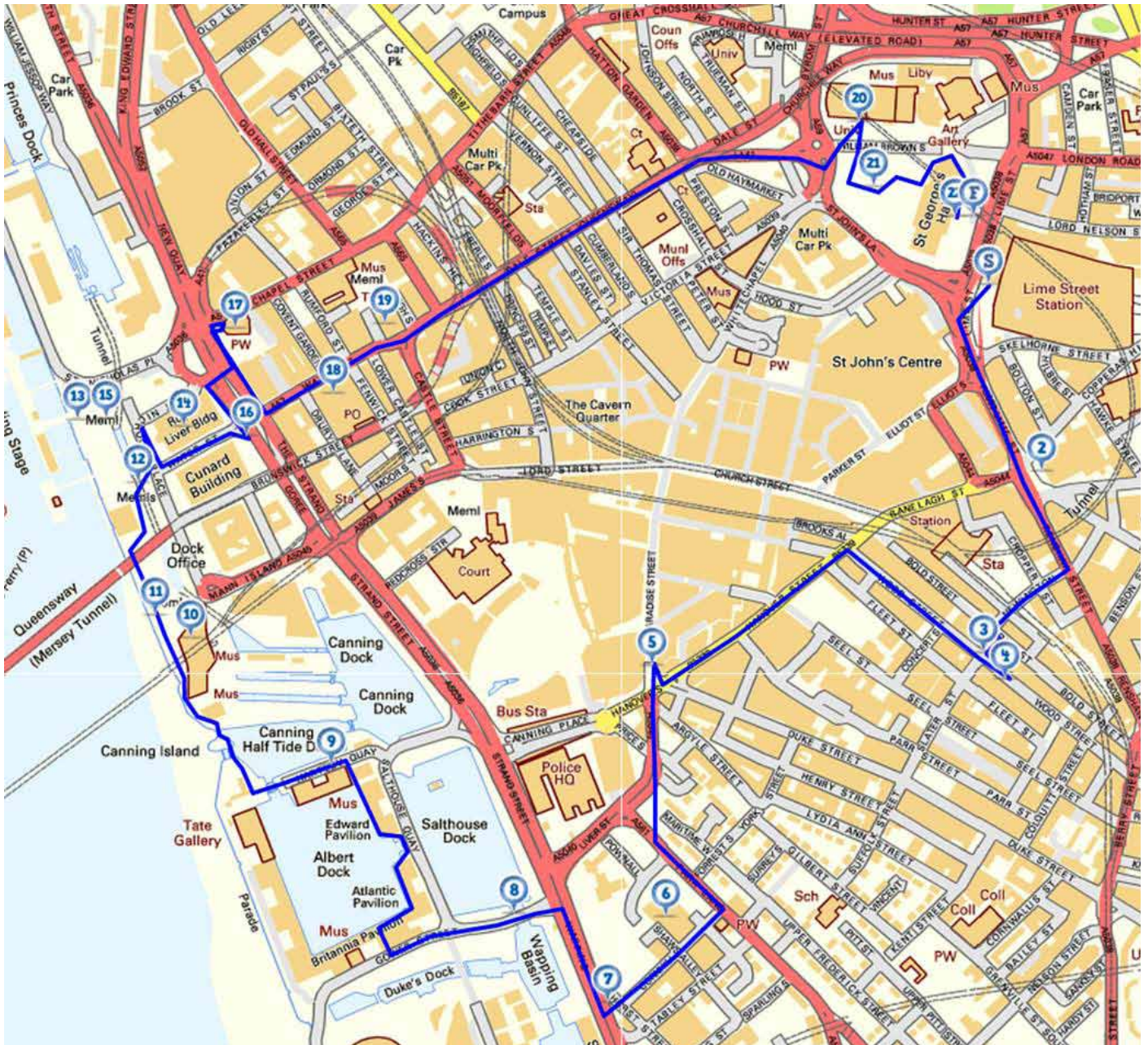
Albert Dock  
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Though Liverpool's port employs less people today, the city still has a proud maritime industry. On this walk you can find out more about the different products shipped from around the world. Discover warehouses where goods were stored, streets where ropes were made and a pub where sailors drank. Visit memorials to those who died on merchant ships, a hotel where transatlantic passengers stayed, the headquarters of shipping companies, and a church named after the patron saint of seafarers.

As you explore some of the city's major landmarks as well as some lesser-known sights, see how Liverpool is truly a global gateway.



## Route overview



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## Practical information

<b>Location</b>	Liverpool, Northwest England
<b>Getting there</b>	<p><b>Train</b> - The walk starts from Lime Street station. Regular services include London Euston, Manchester stations, Leeds, Sheffield, York, Birmingham New Street, Norwich, Nottingham, Wigan and Newcastle.</p> <p><b>Bus</b> - There are many local and long-distance services to the city centre. There are bus stations at Queens Square and Paradise Street.</p> <p><b>Car</b> - Liverpool is easily accessible from the north and south. The M62 links to the east (Hull, Manchester, Leeds, Bradford) the M6 and M1 to the south (including London, Nottingham, Birmingham)</p>
<b>Start point</b>	Lime Street Station, L1 1JD
<b>Finish point</b>	St George's Hall, L1 1JJ
<b>Onward journey</b>	To route is almost a circle - Lime Street station is visible from St George's Hall
<b>Distance</b>	3 miles
<b>Level</b>	<b>Gentle</b> - a fairly flat city route with a section along the riverside
<b>Conditions</b>	A city walk on pavements and paths. Some cobbled streets in the Ropewalks. Take care for traffic in the city centre and wrap up warm for the waterfront section.

<b>Suitable for</b>	<p><b>Families</b> - take warm clothes as the riverside section can often be very breezy</p> <p><b>Pushchairs &amp; wheelchairs</b> - an entirely step-free route apart from the grounds of Our Lady &amp; St Nicholas Church</p>
<b>Refreshments</b>	There are plenty of cafés and shops along the route
<b>Facilities</b>	Free public toilets are available inside the museums
<b>Other info</b>	Monthly tours of <b>Liverpool Town Hall</b> are available by booking in advance. Tickets £3. (Tel: 0151 225 5530)
<b>Family-friendly activities</b>	<p>You can catch the famous <b>Mersey Ferry</b> from the Pier Head (Stop 13). Crossings offer great views of 'the Three Graces'. For times and tickets tel: 0151 330 1000</p> <p><b>Underwater Street Discovery Centre</b> is a family-friendly attraction, open from 10am – 4pm, Tuesday to Friday and 10am – 6pm at weekends. (Tel: 0151 227 2550)</p> <p><b>Merseyside Maritime Museum, International Slavery Museum</b> (Stop 9), <b>Walker Art Gallery</b> and <b>World Museum</b> (Stop 20) are open daily 10am -5pm. Free entry.</p> <p><b>Tate Liverpool</b> art gallery at Albert Dock is open daily from 10am – 5pm. Free entry except for special exhibitions (Tel: 0151 702 7400)</p>
<b>Tourist Information</b>	<b>Albert Dock Visitor Information Centre</b> , Anchor Courtyard L3 4BS. Open daily from 10am. You can find it on the walk route after Stop 8. (Tel: 0151 707 0729)



## Start and end sections of the route



### Stopping points

- S.** Lime Street railway station
- 2.** The Adelphi Hotel
- 3.** Ropewalks
- 4.** The Tea Factory
- 5.** Former American Consulate
- 6.** Heap's Rice Mill
- 7.** The Baltic Fleet pub
- 8.** Salthouse and Albert Docks
- 20.** World Museum, Walker Art Gallery & Liverpool Central Library
- 21.** St John's Gardens
- 22.** St George's Hall
- F.** St George's Hall



## Middle section of the route



### Stopping points

- 7.** The Baltic Fleet pub
- 8.** Salthouse and Albert Docks
- 9.** Merseyside Maritime Museum
- 10.** Museum of Liverpool
- 11.** Merchant Navy memorial
- 12.** 'The Three Graces' (Royal Liver Building, Port of Liverpool Building, Cunard Building)
- 13.** Pier Head
- 14.** Liver birds, The Royal Liver Building
- 15.** Titanic memorial
- 16.** The Goree
- 17.** St Nicholas Church
- 18.** India Buildings
- 19.** Liverpool Town Hall

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## Directions

These directions are for use with the Liverpool Trade walk audio commentary.  
Listen to each track then read the directions below to get to the next stop.

### 1. Welcome to Liverpool

#### Lime Street railway station

**Directions 1** - From Lime Street station, turn left along Lime Street. Stay on the left hand pavement. Immediately after Copperas Hill is the Adelphi Hotel. Stop on the forecourt outside or go through the revolving doors into the lobby and listen to Track 2.

### 2. Land-locked liner

#### The Adelphi Hotel, Lime Street

**Directions 2** - Continue along the main road which is now called Renshaw Street. Cross over in a safe place and then turn right into Newington. Follow this road then go into Slater Street. Stop at the junction of Slater Street and Wood Street on the right hand side. Listen to Track 3.

### 3. A sign of the past

#### Ropewalks, junction of Slater Street and Wood Street

**Directions 3** - From the corner cross Slater Street and stop outside the Tea Factory building on the left hand side of Wood Street. Listen to Track 4.

### 4. Time for tea

#### The Tea Factory, Wood Street

**Directions 4** - Retrace your steps back to Fleet Street. Continue to the end of Fleet Street then turn left into Hanover Street. Walk downhill to the junction of Argyle Street and Paradise Street then turn right onto a pedestrianised road. Stop outside the third building on the right and listen to Track 5.

### 5. The New York of Europe

#### Former American Consulate, Paradise Street

**Directions 5** - Return to the junction with Hanover Street. Cross the road and go along Paradise Street. Keep on the left hand side with the triangle shaped garden on your right. Cross over Park Lane at the first junction with Beckwith Street. Stop here and listen to Track 6.

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## 6. Heaps of rice

### Heap's Rice Mill, Park Lane

**Directions 6** - Continue a short way along Park Lane then turn right into Cornhill. Continue to the junction with the main road. Stop outside the Baltic Fleet pub for Track 7.

## 7. The sailor's watering hole

### The Baltic Fleet, Wapping

**Directions 7** - Turn right along Wapping and cross over at a pedestrian crossing. Turn left into Gower Street with Salthouse Dock on your right and Wapping Basin on your left. Stop somewhere overlooking Salthouse Quay and listen to Track 8.

## 8. Quays to the city

### Salthouse Quay

**Directions 8** - Continue towards Albert Dock. Find one of the passageways through the building to the inside of the dock. Follow the paths around the dock to the Merseyside Maritime Museum. Stop outside the museum and listen to Track 9.

## 9. Trade triangle

### International Slavery Museum, Albert Dock

**Directions 9** - When you are ready, make your way towards the waterfront. Cross the bridge over Canning Half Tide Lock and follow the riverside footpath. Outside the new Museum of Liverpool is a set of animal sculptures. Stop here and listen to Track 10.

## 10. Baa-nanas

### Lambananas, outside Museum of Liverpool

**Directions 10** - Just past the Museum of Liverpool is a group of war memorials next to the waterfront. Stop by the tallest and listen to Track 11.

## 11. Brothers in arms

### Merchant Navy Memorial

**Directions 11** - Stay near the memorials but look away from the river at the three large buildings and listen to Track 12.

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## **12. The Three Graces**

### **The Liver, Cunard & Port of Liverpool Buildings**

**Directions 12** - Turn around and face the river. A short distance further is the Pier Head. Stop here and listen to Track 13.

## **13. Ferries and floating palaces**

### **Pier Head**

**Directions 13** - Turn away from the river again and look again at the 'Three Graces'. Find a good vantage point of the Liver Building on the left hand side and listen to Track 14.

## **14. Liverpool legends**

### **The Liver birds, The Liver Building**

**Directions 14** - Pass the Liver Building and the ferry terminal. Continue to the traffic island with a tall stone memorial in the middle depicting some men in overalls. Stop here and listen to Track 15.

## **15. Engine room heroes**

### **Titanic Memorial**

**Directions 15** - Walk between the Liver Building and Cunard Building along Water Street. Find the Goree street sign and listen to Track 16. If you cannot find it, stop beside the main road.

## **16. A curious name**

### **The Goree**

**Directions 16** - Find a safe point to cross over The Strand. Only use pedestrian crossings as this road is very busy. When you have crossed over turn left along The Strand a short way to the steps to Our Lady and St Nicholas Church. Stop in the church gardens and listen to Track 17.

## **17. The sailors' church**

### **Our Lady and St Nicholas Church, The Strand**

**Directions 17** - Leave the church gardens the way you came and turn left back along The Strand. Take the first left into Water Street. A short way up the right hand side of Water Street is the India Buildings. Stop outside and listen to Track 18.

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## **18. Imperial trade**

### **The India Buildings, Water Street**

**Directions 18** - Continue up Water Street until you reach the Town Hall. It's probably best viewed from the other side of the road. Stop opposite and listen to Track 19.

## **19. African menagerie**

### **Liverpool Town Hall, Water Street**

**Directions 19** - Continue along Dale Street. Take time to look up at the interesting buildings that demonstrate Liverpool's wealth. As the road rises up onto a flyover keep left down Dale Street. Using the pedestrian crossings, cross the dual carriageway under the flyover. Make your way round to William Brown Street. Stop outside the World Museum and listen to Track 20.

## **20. Extinct birds and Martian rocks**

### **World Museum, Central Library, Walker Art Gallery**

**Directions 20** - Cross the cobbled William Brown Street into St John's Gardens. Stop at the statue for the King's Regiment and listen to Track 21.

## **21. In memoriam**

### **St John's Gardens**

**Directions 21** - Walk up through the gardens towards the enormous building which is St George's Hall. Go left around the side of the hall to the other side. Stop outside the front steps and listen to Track 22.

## **22. The Liverpool senate**

### **St George's Hall, St George's Place**

**Directions 22** - Remain outside St George's Hall and listen to Track 23, the final stop.

## **23. A proud city**

### **St George's Hall, St George's Place**

**Directions 23** - Across the road is Lime Street railway station where we started. We hope you have enjoyed the walk!

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