

Cities of the UK

MANCHESTER



Manchester is one of the major cities in the north-west of England. Its history can be traced back two millennia, the first settlement being a Roman fort built in 79 AD in the area of Castleford. Here there are cobbled¹ streets and brick² warehouses and the world's oldest industrial canal. The canals are a reminder of the city's history of textiles and trade.

BUSY BEE

In 1842 seven bees were incorporated into the city's coat of arms³. Bees are well-known for their industriousness, perseverance and teamwork and for the highly organised social order of the beehive⁴. During the Industrial Revolution Manchester was a hive of activity. Many citizens worked hard in its mills⁵ and factories.

ART AND CULTURE

The revitalised Salford Quays Dockyards now houses the Imperial War Museum North and the Lowry Cultural Centre which has the largest collection of art work by LS Lowry, one of the most loved British artists of the 20th century.

EATING OUT

There are new restaurants popping up⁶ all over the city. The Rusholme Curry Mile is world famous because there are over 70 Indian restaurants and take-aways. They are open until late so they are popular with students.

SPORT

Manchester is also famous for its two premier league football teams – Manchester United and Manchester City.



GLOSSARY

- 1 *cobbled*
acciottolato
- 2 *brick*
mattoni
- 3 *coat of arms*
stemma
- 4 *beehive*
alveare
- 5 *mill*
mulino
- 6 *to pop up*
spuntare
- 7 *to blend*
mescolare
- 8 *overflowing*
traboccante

1 Leggi il testo e rispondi alle domande.

- 1 When was the first settlement built in Manchester?
- 2 What are the canals a reminder of?
- 3 What has been incorporated into the city's coat of arms?
- 4 Where did many citizens work during the Industrial Revolution?
- 5 Who was LS Lowry?
- 6 Why do many people take the ferry in Liverpool?
- 7 What can you do at Albert Dock?
- 8 What can you discover on a Magical Mystery Tour?

TRAVEL DICTIONARY

2 Abbina i vocaboli (1-6) tratti dal testo alle definizioni (a-f).

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| 1 ☐ warehouse | 4 ☐ to house |
| 2 ☐ quays | 5 ☐ ride |
| 3 ☐ dockyard | 6 ☐ hotspot |
| a where boats are loaded and unloaded | |
| b to contain or accommodate | |
| c a large building containing goods | |
| d a place of significant activity | |
| e an area with facilities for building, repairing or dry-docking ships | |



LIVERPOOL

Liverpool is a historic maritime city and sits at the point where the River Mersey meets the Irish Sea. From the 18th to the early 20th century, it was an important trade and migration port and it earned UNESCO World Heritage Site status in 2004. A day in Liverpool should start with a ride on the Mersey ferry. Many people take the ferry to enjoy the views. The riverfront architecture is very interesting and new buildings have been blended⁷ well with the older architecture. A short walk away is Albert Dock. The warehouses are now museums, shops and great restaurants. One of the museums is Tate Liverpool – a modern art museum.

MUSIC AND THE BEATLES

Music is the beating heart of Liverpool. There are live music hotspots like Liverpool Academy, Bumper and Magnet. Liverpool is also overflowing⁸ with Beatles nostalgia. You can discover the Beatles' Liverpool on a Magical Mystery Tour. Climb aboard the colourful bus for a two-hour tour. The tour takes you to their birthplaces and childhood homes, to Penny Lane and Strawberry Field which inspired their songs. The tour finishes at the Cavern Club where you can enjoy live music most afternoons and evenings.



BLOG IT!

- 3 Ora scrivi tu la tua pagina di blog seguendo le indicazioni date.

GETTING AROUND A CITY

Write about a city you have visited.

- the areas of the city you liked best. Why?
- the museums/art galleries/attractions
- where you ate – cafés/restaurants
- where you went in the evenings

TRAVEL LANGUAGE



- 4 Riordina i dialoghi tra un turista (T, *tourist*) a Liverpool e un'abitante del luogo (R, *resident*).

Dialogue 1

- T ☐ Oh, I like shopping centres. Is it near Salthouse Quay?
- R ☐ Yes certainly. The Beatles Story is on the Liverpool waterfront at Albert Dock.
- T ☐ Excuse me. I'm trying to get to The Beatles Story. Can you tell me where it is?
- T ☐ Thank you so much for your help.
- R ☐ Yes, it's near the quay and opposite the Big Wheel.
- T ☐ Is Albert Dock far from here?
- R ☐ No, it isn't far. Go straight on and then through Liverpool One Shopping Centre.

Dialogue 2

- R ☐ Em... Matthew Street... Turn left, go straight on and head towards North John Street. Go past the Hard Day's Night Hotel. Matthew Street is on your right.
- T ☐ Thank you so much.
- T ☐ Excuse me, how can I get to the Cavern Club?
- R ☐ Have a good evening.
- T ☐ What's the best way to get to Matthew Street?
- R ☐ The Cavern Club is on Matthew Street.

- 5 Sei in una città. Formula domande per chiedere:

- 1 dov'è il museo di Liverpool.
- 2 se c'è un ristorante cinese.
- 3 qual è il modo migliore per arrivare al traghetto.
- 4 dov'è il supermercato più vicino.
- 5 come posso arrivare ai canali.