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Liverpool is a major port city in the North West of England with a population of c500,000 in the city and 1m+ in the wider Liverpool City Region.

Historically the city was built around the strength of the port. The port remains a key part of the city's economy, but Liverpool is now a thriving metropolitan city with real strengths in its cultural sector and creative industries including music, film/TV, and gaming. Liverpool was European Capital of Culture in 2008 and is well known internationally as the home of The Beatles and Liverpool Football Club.

## What makes this UNESCO Designation special?

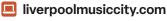
Liverpool and music are synonymous, and there's no other city that does it like they do. With a rich and diverse music history and talent from across the region, music is at the very heart of what makes Liverpool special.

The city is proud of its incredibly diverse offer with one of the country's finest and oldest orchestras in the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic together with booming jazz, folk, hip hop, and indie music scenes. Electronic music is a big part of the nightlife too; 'super club' Cream was the biggest club night in the world and Creamfields remains as the biggest electronic music festival in the UK. Liverpool has an amazing festival programme too including the likes of Sound City, Africa Oye and On The Waterfront.

Liverpool's musical reputation is built around the city's innate ability to continue to generate talent like no other place on earth. From The Beatles through to Frankie Goes To Hollywood, The Real Thing, Atomic Kitten, Rebecca Ferguson, Echo And The Bunnymen, The La's, and CamelPhat, the list goes on.

To hone these talents, you need the right environment, and Liverpool has music pouring out of every street, building and open space you can find. Its rich network of venues, run by people who live and breathe music, are the foundations of what allows musicians to develop their crafts.







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