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The Basics

Time Zone – GMT (UTC) At the time of the Grand Prix Britain will not be observing daylight savings time

Currency – Britain uses pounds sterling (£) as its currency, check exchange rates at <http://xe.com>, though facilities exist in John Lennon airport to change your currency, better rates can be found in the city centre at the Marks and Spencer store (35 Church Street) on the upper floor. Of course researching ahead and getting your money exchanged before you travel will probably give you the smoothest experience.

Electricity – 240v, UK plug. Adaptors are available at the airports, be careful not to damage 110v equipment

Smoking – Smoking in enclosed public places is illegal in the UK, and this includes bus shelters, so please be aware when waiting for your transport.

Hospitals – The nearest hospital is the **Royal Liverpool University Hospital**, dial 999 for emergency services, including ambulances.

Local Judge: Mark Winckle, contact email mark@winckle.uk Feel free to ask me questions about the city if you have them after reading this guide.

Transport


Airport

Liverpool's airport is **Liverpool John Lennon Airport** and is about 7.5 miles from the city centre. From the airport you can get a Taxi into the city centre, either pre-booked via a site like <http://www.airporttaxi-uk.co.uk/Liverpool> (see table to the right for pre booked taxi fares from this site), phone a company like Delta Taxis (01519227373) or take a black cab. In the UK black cabs with the traditional "Hackney Carriage" design are the only taxis allowed to take passengers without pre-booking and tend to be quite expensive.

You could also take the bus, the number 500 bus will take you from the airport to the venue. Arriva bus fares are currently £2.30 flat fare, though fares change frequently, so it would be sensible to have some more cash on hand just in case. Take the 500 from the airport bus stop to the Liverpool Wapping stop, opposite the Baltic Fleet pub, that is the closest stop to the venue. The timetable can be found here:

<http://www.merseytravel.gov.uk/travelling-around/timetables/AllTimetables/500%20Liverpool%20John%20Lennon%20Airport%20-%20Liverpool%20%28from%2020%20December%202014%29.pdf>

Alternatively, you could arrive at **Manchester Airport**, and then take a train from there to Liverpool Lime Street train station, a return ticket will cost you £17.70 (for travelling after 9AM, before then a small extra peak time charge will apply) from any of the ticket machines at the airport train station. See train section for details of how to get from there to the venue.

 Saloon Car Ford Mondeo, VW Passat or similar	Single £23 ● Return £44 ●
 Estate Car Volvo Estate, VW Passat or similar	Single £26 ● Return £50 ●
 Executive Car E Class Mercedes or similar	Single £31 ● Return £58 ●
 People Carrier VW Sharan, Ford Galaxy or similar	Single £31 ● Return £58 ●
 8 Seater Minibus VW Transporter or similar	Single £37 ● Return £70 ●
 Executive People Carrier Mercedes Viano or similar	Single £44 ● Return £84 ●
 16 Seater Minibus Ford Transit or similar	Single £75 ● Return £142 ●
 Other Vehicle Minibuses & Coaches, various sizes	Single ● Return ●

Train

Liverpool is connected to London via Euston station, and from London to France and Europe via the Eurostar train. A good site to explore your Eurostar options is <http://seat61.com>. When booking Eurostar, earlier is better as the cheapest fares get taken quickly, book online at <http://eurostar.com>.

From Lime Street the venue is approximately a 20 minute walk, walking directions and a map can be found here: <https://goo.gl/maps/a7uwu>

Car

Parking at the venue is directly opposite in a pay car park, the rates are as follows: £2 for up to 1 hour, £4 for up to 2 hours, £6 for up to 5 hours, £9 for up to 9 hours, £12 for up to 24 hours.

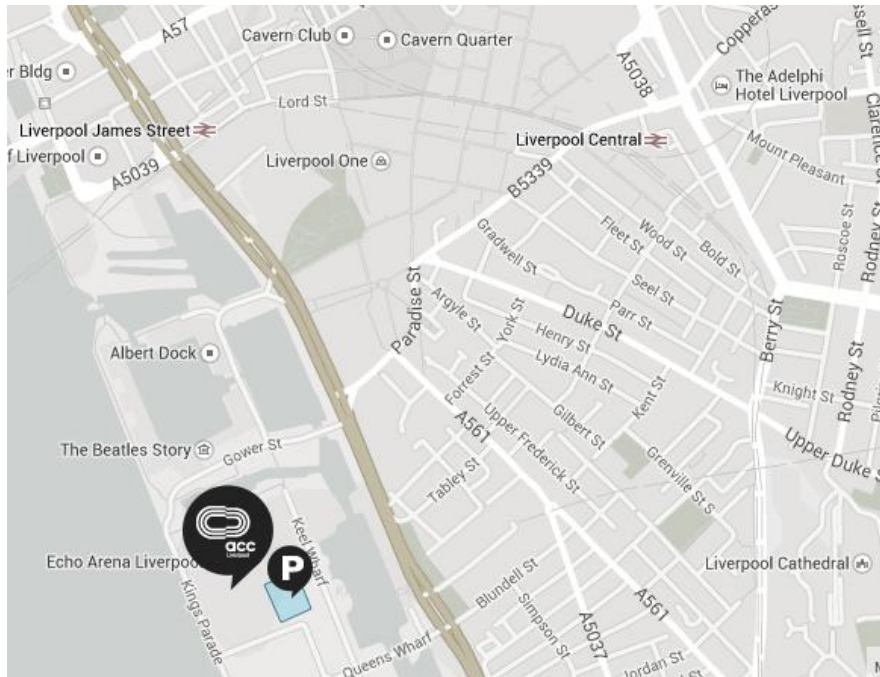
Set your sat nav for: **Liverpool Waterfront Car Park, Monarchs Quay, Kings Dock, Liverpool, L3 4FP**, or if you have trouble with that, use the postcode **L3 4BX**

Journey Planner

For planning public transport journeys, consider using Merseytravel's website: <http://jp.merseytravel.gov.uk>

The Venue

ACC Liverpool
Kings Dock,
Liverpool Waterfront,
Liverpool, Merseyside,
L3 4FP



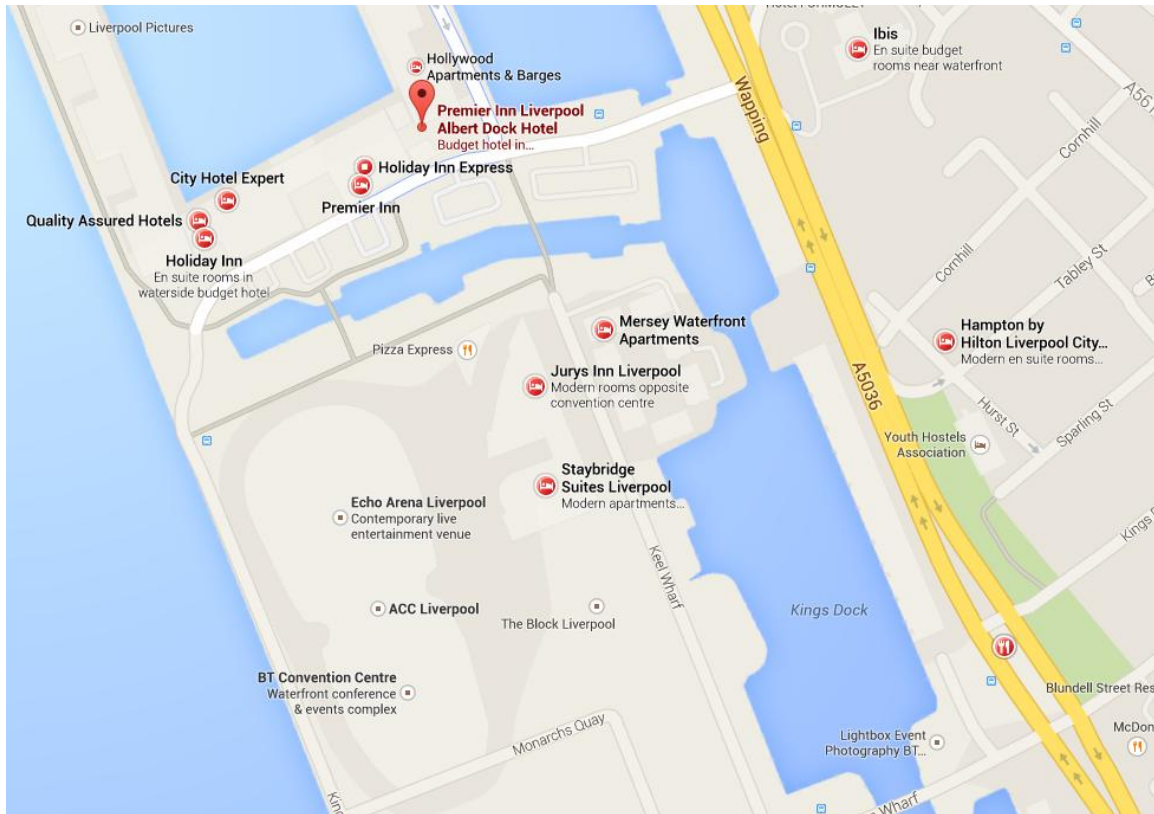
The venue is located at the edge of the city, against the river Mersey at the King's Dock. It is on the UNESCO world heritage site that is the Liverpool Waterfront. It is located very near to Paradise street bus station, the popular Albert Dock tourist destination, and the Liverpool One shopping complex.

Food options at the venue are limited. There's a Pizza Express and an Indian restaurant just outside the venue. A McDonalds is located across the Queen's Wharf. A 10 minute walk across back to the main road, then walking North to the Hilton, then turn and walk alongside the Hilton and up the stairs to Chavasse Park will find you at Liverpool ONE's dining area, where you can choose from many popular chains such as Wagamama, Gourmet Burger Kitchen, Nandos, Yo Sushi, Pizza Hut and more.

Accommodation

Near the Venue

There are a great deal of hotels near the venue, ranging in price and comfort levels. Prices listed below are approximate and were retrieved on 03/01/2014



Premier Inn Liverpool –L3 4AE

<http://premierinn.com>

£75 / night

Holiday Inn - L3 4AD

<http://hiexpress.com>

£85/night

Jury's Inn Liverpool – L3 4FN

<http://booking.com>

£104/night

Staybridge Suites – L3 4FN

<http://staybridge.com>

£109/night

Ibis – L1 8LY

<http://booking.com>

£67/night

Hampton by Hilton – L1 8DA

<http://hilton.com>

£74/night

Hostels

YHA Liverpool: 25 Tabley Street, L1 8EE

Beds from £10.00/night

Private rooms from £39.00/night

Family rooms from £29.00/night

Located very close to the venue.



<http://www.yha.org.uk/hostel/liverpool>

Hatter's Hostel: 56-60 Mount Pleasant, L3 5SH

Prices from £42.00/night.

Approximately 25 minutes walk from the venue.

<http://hattershostels.com/>



Places to Eat

Viva Brazil Churrascaria

<http://www.vivabrazilrestaurants.com/liverpool.asp>

36 Castle Street L2 0NR

All you can eat Brazilian BBQ dining.
Full rodizio is £25.

Casa Italia

<http://www.thecasaitalia.com>

36 Stanley Street L1 6AL

Classic Italian cuisine, always bustling and busy. Reasonably priced and delicious. Restaurant of the 2013 UK judge conference.

Etsu

<http://www.etsu-restaurant.co.uk>

25 The Strand L2 0XJ

National award winning Japanese food. Slightly more expensive than most on this list, but definitely worth it if you like sashimi.

Baltic Bakehouse (Breakfast/Lunch)

<http://balticbakehouse.co.uk>

46 Bridgewater Street L1 0AY

Award winning bakery 15 minutes from the venue. Lunch menu changes daily. Best breakfast in the city.



Leaf

<https://thisisleaf.co.uk>

65 Bold Street L1 4EZ

A dizzying array of loose leaf teas, beers on tap, and excellent food in comfortable surroundings make this a wonderful place to spend an hour or two.

Il Forno

<http://www.ilforno.co.uk>

132 Duke Street, L1 5AG

Rated by The Times as one of the top 10 Italian restaurants nationally, Il Forno is an upmarket Italian restaurant. Excellent desserts with imported gelato.

Almost Famous

<http://almostfamousburgers.com>

11 Parr Street L1 4JN

One of my favourite places to go in Liverpool. Almost Famous serve extravagant hamburgers and fries with their own inventive cocktails. I have yet to meet a non-veggie judge who hasn't enjoyed themselves here.

Yardbird

<https://www.facebook.com/yardbirdRrgo>

60 Berry Street L1 4JQ

A new arrival within the last year Yardbird is to chicken what Almost Famous is to burgers. A great place to go with friends and share some wings and beers. The chicken strips, gravy, and biscuits are a particular highlight.



Mr Chilli's

92 Seel Street L1 4BL

The most authentic Chinese restaurant in Liverpool, the city with the largest China-town in Europe. When ordering, be sure to order from the traditional Szechuan menu, and not the Westernised menu. The "hot and numbing" dishes are a particular highlight, but despite the restaurant's name, it's not all about spice. The duck with Chinese mushroom is a non-spicy treat.

Lucha Libre

<http://www.lucha-libre.co.uk>

96 Wood Street L1 4DQ

Serving a modern twist on Mexican street food, this popular restaurant has recently expanded into nearby Manchester. It's easy to see why, the flavour combinations are mouth-watering and great for sharing. Excellent vegetarian options available.



Host

<http://www.ho-st.co.uk>

31 Hope Street L1 9HX

A Pan-Asian restaurant serving excellent food. The fried squid is the best I've tasted, and the duck curry is another great choice.



Attractions

Football Stadia

Liverpool is home to two teams in the English Premier League, **Liverpool Football Club**, and **Everton Football Club**. The club's stadia are Anfield and Goodison Park respectively and are very close together at opposite ends of Stanley Park. Both clubs offer tours of their facilities, and are easy to get to from the city centre.

Anfield

To get to Anfield from the city centre by bus, take the **26/27** bus from Paradise street bus station (very close to the venue and Liverpool ONE), or take the **17** bus from Queen's Square bus station.



A tour of Anfield will cost **£17**, and can be booked at the following link up to 8 weeks before the day you want to visit:

<https://bookings.liverpoolfc.com/stadiumtours/booking/default.htm>

Goodison Park

To get to Goodison by bus from the city centre, take the **19/19a** bus from either Paradise Street or Queen's Square bus station.

A tour of Goodison will cost you **£12**, and can be booked ahead of time at the following website:



<http://www.evertonfc.com/content/tickets/stadium-tour-experience>

Football Souvenir Shopping

If you don't have time to make out to the stadium of your choice, or just want to get a souvenir, both clubs have stores in the **Liverpool ONE** shopping centre, and Liverpool FC also have a store in **Williamson Square**.

Museums and Art Galleries

Liverpool is home to numerous museums and Art Galleries across the city centre area, most are clustered in two areas. Firstly, museums on the docks close to the grand prix venue, and secondly, those near William Brown Street near the Queen's Square bus station. All museums and galleries in this section have **free entry**.

Dockside

Museum of Liverpool - Open daily 10am-5pm

This new museum opened in 2011 and "tells the story of Liverpool". It has exhibits on life in Liverpool over the years, the city's historical significance, and how the industrial revolution changed the landscape of England. The museum is housed in a stunning building by the architects 3XN.

At the time of the grand prix, the museum will have special exhibitions on the humanitarian and poet Edward Rushton, and on the First World War.



The Maritime Museum & International Slavery Museum - Open daily 10am-5pm

Liverpool is a city with a strong maritime past, and this former dock building houses many artefacts of the shipping past, as well as the darker history of the slave trade in Liverpool. Many of the great buildings of the city were funded through the slave trade. The museum is also home to a permanent exhibition on the HMS Titanic, and also an interactive piece on the history of smuggling. At the time of the Grand Prix there will be exhibitions on child migrants and shipping liners.



The Tate Liverpool - Open daily 10am-5pm



This gallery's subject is "international modern and contemporary art", works on display from the Tate collection at Liverpool currently include those by Jackson Pollock, Jean Dubuffet, and Pierre Bonnard. Special exhibitions at the time of the grand prix include displays by Leonora Carrington and Cathy Wilkes, as well as an

exhibition on the theme "Living Rooms". Please note that some exhibitions at the Tate require an additional entry fee.

William Brown Street

World Museum Liverpool - Open daily 10am-5pm

This museum is Liverpool's oldest, having opened in 1853. Its current focus is split between natural history and world culture. Exhibits include an aquarium, a large display of Egyptian mummies, dinosaur skeleton casts, samurai armour, and Anglo-Saxon relics. The museum's top floor also has a planetarium with daily shows. Check the website here for times on the day of your visit:



<http://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/wml/visit/floor-plans/planetarium.aspx>



Walker Art Gallery - Open daily 10am-5pm

The Walker Art Gallery is a more a traditional art gallery than its Tate counterpart at the docks. Currently on display in the gallery are paintings by artists such as Rembrandt, Monet, and David Hockney. At the time of the Grand Prix, the Walker will be hosting an exhibition on the English photographer Tony Ray-Jones. The gallery also has art in new media, video art, and modern installations.



Liverpool Central Library

William Brown Street is also home to the Liverpool Central Library, recently refurbished, the library is a great place to read and relax in a quiet atmosphere. Public access to the internet is also available, along with some tourist information.

Other Art Galleries

FACT

Opening times

Monday to Saturday: 10am - 9pm

Sunday: 11am - 9pm

Galleries

Tuesday - Sunday: 11am - 6pm

Monday: Closed



The FACT centre located on Wood Street, is a modern art gallery and cinema, showing both mainstream films, as well as non-English language films, and arthouse cinema. The FACT centre also has two large galleries with rotating exhibitions, usually with a theme in a specific media. On the week of the grand prix FACT will be opening a new exhibition called “Group Therapy: Mental Distress in a Digital Age”, explores the complex relationship between technology, society, and mental health. Check ahead at <http://fact.co.uk> to see cinema listings.

The Bluecoat

The Bluecoat art gallery is located near Liverpool ONE, on School Lane, and the exhibitions that are on show can be found here: <http://www.thebluecoat.org.uk/events/show/exhibitions>

Other Places to Visit

The Cavern Club

The historic Cavern Club, an early home to the Beatles can be found on Mathew Street, the venue hosts live musicians, check online to see what's available during your visit: <http://www.cavernclub.org/whats-on/>



The Beatles Story

An award winning museum dedicated to the Beatles, this attraction takes you on a journey through the culture, music, and lives of the fab four. Entry costs £14.95, and includes entry to all exhibits on site, including "The British Invasion" exhibition of rock and roll in 1960s America. You can pre-book online at: <https://sales.webticketmanager.com/beatlesstory>



Liverpool Cathedrals

Liverpool is home to two Cathedrals, Liverpool Cathedral (Church of England, pictured right) and the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral (Catholic). Both can be found at opposite ends of Hope Street. Both buildings are fantastic examples of very different styles of architecture and are well worth the visit.



Liverpool ONE

The Liverpool ONE outdoor shopping area is a relatively recent and popular addition to the city. It features a great deal of shops, particularly in clothing and fashion. The complex also features a small green area in Chavasse Park, an IMAX multiplex cinema, and lots of places to eat in the form of chain restaurants and fast food.



City Explorer Bus

The city explorer bus offers an open top bus tour with live tour guide around the city. Tours run every half hour, and you can jump on or off the bus as much as you like for the day of your ticket, with the last tour running at 3.30PM from the Albert Dock. A ticket for an adult will cost you **£8** See more details below:

Stop	Leaves at minutes past the hour	And at minutes past the hour	Location to visit
1	00	30	Albert Dock - Gower Street
2	05	35	Pier Head – Canada Boulevard
3	10	40	Liverpool ONE – Lord Street
4	15	45	The Cavern Quarter – Mathew Street
5	20	80	Museum and Gallery at William Brown street
6	25	55	Queen Square Bus Station (Stand 2)
7	30	00	Adelphi Hotel - Brownlow Hill
8	35	05	Metropolitan Cathedral (Catholic) - Mount Pleasant
9	38	08	Philharmonic Pub – Hope Street
10	43	13	Liverpool Cathedral (Church of England) – Upper Duke Street
11	48	15	St Luke’s – Bombed Out Church
12	50	17	Chinese Arch – Great George Street



Local Game Store

The Scythe and Teacup at 63 Kempston Street is the only FNM venue in the city. It can be found behind the large TJ Hughes department store on London Road. FNM formats at the time of the Grand Prix should consist of Standard and Modern. The café has a large playing space capable of holding nearly 100 people at capacity, and has board games and other TCGs on sale.



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