

Magical Christmas moments

To reflect the new layout of Liverpool city centre, rather than do one major event, Liverpool City Council, the Culture Company and the Business Improvement District are bringing you a series of magical seasonal events in the retail areas every Thursday evening (5pm to 8pm) from 13 November until 18 December.

Choirs, brass bands and street theatre performers will perform throughout Church Street, Lord Street, Whitechapel, Clayton Square and Williamson Square.

November 20

The city centre streets will be alive with vibrant musicians and the sights of sparkling festive entertainers. Titan the Robot will bring you colossal Yuletide numbers; watch out for the roller skating Christmas characters and carol singing elves will convince you 'Tis the Season to be Jolly. The Christmas tree will arrive in Church Street and the nativity scene is unveiled at the foot of St John's Beacon.

November 27

Adults and children can mingle with real reindeer at the Metquarter before catching a glimpse of Father Christmas himself. Carol singers will also be performing traditional seasonal tunes and the evening's activities will be sprinkled with a drift of snow, keeping things suitably festive.

December 4

The festive frolics continue in the retail area including Bold Street with entertainment on virtually every street corner, real reindeers, seasonal music and drifting snow to add to the true spirit of Christmas. Bring the family to meet the real Father Christmas. Take advantage of late night shopping and the opportunity to purchase that special gift.

December 11

The Liverpool Christmas Market (from 5 December) has arrived selling festive food and mulled wine from a choice of over forty fabulous stalls. The heart of Christmas is in the heart of Liverpool city centre and stalls will be here until 21 December.

December 18

With reindeer on stilts, Jack Frosts, brass bands, Victorian entertainment on Bold Street, markets in Williamson Square and many stores staying open until late every night, this truly is a magical Christmas in a magical city.



...plus unmissable Christmas events

St George's Hall

- A **skating rink** on the plateau open daily (not Christmas Day) from 19 December until 4 January
- **Santa's grotto** in the Heritage Centre from 3 December until 23 December (not Thursdays)
- **Dickensian Fayre & Old Time Music Hall** on 16 November, 2 - 5pm
- **Morrison Phoenix Male Voice Choir** on 23 November
- **Labyrinth of Light** on 6 & 7 December, 3.30 - 6.30pm
- **Christmas Lunches** on 12, 14, 17 & 22 December
Tel: 0151 225 6967 or 0151 225 6947

Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra

Spirit of Christmas 18 - 21 December
Plus carol and family concerts through the festive season.
Tel: 0151 709 3789 www.liverpoolphil.com

Echo Arena

Vampires Rock Christmas 27 December
Tel: 0844 8000 400 www.accliverpool.com

Unity Theatre

The Emperor's New Clothes

2 December - 17 January
Tel: 0151 709 4988 www.unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk

Empire Theatre

Cinderella

11 December - 4 January
Tel: 0844 847 2525 www.LiverpoolEmpire.org.uk

Royal Court Theatre

Night Collar

11 December - 17 January
Tel: 0870 787 1866 www.royalcourtiverpool.com

Everyman Theatre

Mother Goose

8 December - 31 January
Tel: 0151 709 4776 www.everymanplayhouse.com



The countdown to Christmas starts here - in a brand new format on brand new areas of the city centre.

Liverpool city centre has emerged sparkling and new after an extensive period of reconstruction in 2008, with the completion and opening of the exciting Liverpool One, adding to the vibrant traditional retail heart. It is hoped that tens of thousands of shoppers will choose Liverpool as the destination in which to do their Christmas shopping.

Late night shopping

Take advantage of all year round Thursday late night shopping in the Business Improvement District, the traditional retail and leisure heart of the city centre. Shops are open until 8pm every Thursday, most open until 9pm from December and open later every night from 15 December* for all your last minute Christmas purchases.

Celebrate 08 with Santa at Lewis's

Santa arrived on 8 November - proceeds will be donated to The Lord Mayor's Charity Appeal. GROTTO OPENING HOURS VARY FROM MAIN STORE PLEASE CHECK WITH STORE FOR DETAILS (Tel: 0151 709 7000). Breakfast with Santa: 7 - 14 December, tickets on sale from the Customer Services Department, book early to avoid disappointment.

Metquarter

Christmas choirs, wine tasting, post your letters to Santa and special giveaways for those who visit the reindeers in the Metquarter. Late night shopping every Thursday also every night from 4 December.

*Store times may vary, check with individual stores before your visit.

Experience Christmas in the European Capital of Culture

Liverpool city centre sparkles with festive music and entertainment

...plus late night shopping every Thursday evening until 18 December



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£1 return fare across the Merseyrail network every Thursday evening
from 4pm onwards from 13 November and all day Sunday from 7 December until Christmas.