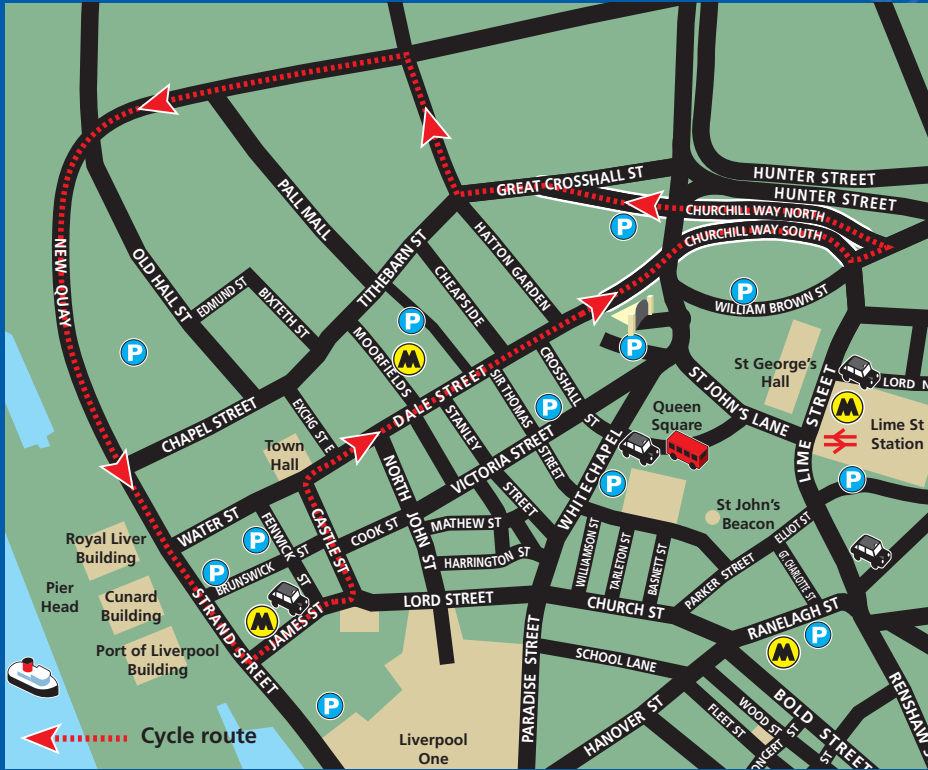


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Liverpool will be the finishing line for the UK's most exciting cycle race this season.

After over 700 miles of racing, the remaining riders of the 5th Tour of Britain will race into Liverpool in the final dash to decide who takes home the coveted yellow jersey of the 2008 race.

The tour, which pedals through 15 venues countrywide, begins in London on September 7 and winds its way over hill and down dale to Liverpool eight days later.

There will be 16 teams of six riders invited to take part, including a number of our Olympic cycling medalists. The 2008 route is a tough one, with windswept coastal lanes, steep narrow climbs and much more.

After racing south from Blackpool, the final stage will end with an hour racing around the city centre circuit in Liverpool.

The riders will depart from Blackpool's Southern Promenade close to the Sandcastle for the final 110km (68 mile) stage of the race, hugging the coast of the Irish Sea through Lytham St Annes before heading inland up the Ribble Valley to Preston, where the race will cross the River Ribble.

From Preston the stage heads across the West Lancashire Coastal Plain to Southport for the first Hot Spot Sprint of the day on the seafront. The stage then continues via Formby to enter Liverpool through Crosby and Bootle.

Once in the European Capital of Culture, The Tour will complete six laps of a city centre based circuit, giving fans several opportunities to see the closing stages of the 2008 Tour of Britain.

The field will contest two Hot Spot Sprints at the finish line on The Strand, while the final three E.ON King of the Mountains climbs are located on Churchill Way at the top of the circuit.

With a circuit passing familiar landmarks like the Three Graces, the Town Hall and the Walker Art Gallery, it's sure to be a spectacular finish to the race, with plenty of opportunities for spectators to get a great view point.

ITV4 will broadcast a nightly highlights programme between 19.00 and 20.00, each night of The Tour of Britain

To follow the race visit: www.tourofbritain.co.uk

There will be a number of children's cycling races near the finish area on the Strand, starting from 10am.

7 September	Stage 1	London Circuit
8 September	Stage 2	Milton Keynes to Newbury
9 September	Stage 3	Chard to Burnham-on-Sea
10 September	Stage 4	Worcester to Stoke-on-Trent
11 September	Stage 5	Hull to Dalby Forest
12 September	Stage 6	Darlington to NewcastleGateshead
13 September	Stage 7	Glasgow Green to Dumfries & Galloway
14 September	Stage 8	Blackpool to Liverpool

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