

Column: Liverpool ...

Leiden University Student Gaye is Studying in Liverpool...

When I first applied to study at the University of Liverpool as an Erasmus student, I had no idea about what kind of city Liverpool was. After spending a few days in busy London I took the train to Liverpool and the moment I stepped out of the train I could breathe again. Winter sun shining on my face, I walked to my hotel and started exploring the city. And living here for three months now, I love what I see!



Liverpool is not a very big city; the city centre, the university campus and many attractions are within a walking distance. I don't think I have to tell you that the student life is very vibrant and there is enough to do every day and night. There are countless clubs and cafes for students, but it is also worthwhile to explore other places. Holding the title of last year's capital of culture, Liverpool has a lot to offer from art to architecture, from history to culture, and of course music. Liverpool is the home of the Beatles, and you are reminded of this everywhere. I know I sound like a tourist-office but I can't help it; I just love this city!

What about the people? Liverpoolians (and non-Liverpudlians) are very friendly in general and they don't mind repeating themselves when you don't understand them. Nothing to worry for those of you who are planning to study here, you get used to their accent.

Liverpool is a popular student city – a kind of melting pot – for students from many different cultures, not only from the continent but also from the nearest neighbours Ireland and Wales.



This diversity of the cultures is celebrated both in the city and at the University of Liverpool. You certainly feel very welcome. There is certainly a lot more to Liverpool than I summarized in a few hundred words. All in all this is a unique experience for me that I don't want to end yet. As this is a very busy period now, I shall go back to my essays, hoping to have given you some idea of how life is here. If you're planning to study here, feel free to contact me for a detailed account and I'd be happy to answer any questions. My e-mail address is: gayeeksen@gmail.com

Take care,

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