The Liverpool Pirate Festival Sails Into Action At Albert Dock - Bigger And Better Than Ever!

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The annual Liverpool Pirate Festival - one of the most spectacular events in the city's events calendar - is returning to Albert Dock on July 20 and 21, when the boom of cannons and the clash of swords will yet again reverberate around this world famous tourist destination.

The Albert Dock will be transformed back to a time when the high seas were a treacherous, dangerous place. Expect dramatic, live-action battles under sail between the pirates and the privateers - using REAL cannons and gunpowder; it has to be witnessed to be truly believed! Step aboard pirate vessels and meet the notorious buccaneers from history. And be spectator to sensational sword duels that will amaze and astound.

The Liverpool Pirate Festival comes to the Albert Dock thanks to the creative and pioneering talents of the ZEBU Pirate Brethren, whose reputation of bringing sword fights and sea battles to the modern masses is second to none. The weekend extravaganza will also include cannon and musket displays, authentic 18th century encampments giving visitors a fascinating insight into how people lived and survived in these times, and real birds of prey, all interwoven with lively folklore and authentic sea shanties. Visitors are also urged to come dressed up in their finest pirate gear, whatever their age!

Jeremy Roberts, chair of Albert Dock Tenants Business Association, said:

"The Liverpool Pirate Festival has become a firm favourite with visitors to the Albert Dock, from children to pensioners. The live battles are spectacular and are among the many highlights of this fun-filled weekend. It's an event for the whole family to enjoy."

Peter Cronin, director of development and marketing for Albert Dock Liverpool, said:

"In its 25th year of regeneration, Albert Dock continues to stage some of the most exciting events in the City, and The Liverpool Pirate Festival continues that wonderful tradition. Being a historic site which is steeped in maritime history, the Albert Dock is the perfect backdrop for this extravaganza."

Visitors can catch the live battles from 2.30-3.30pm both days. Other wonders will include a pirates parade for the little ones who can meet the most famous pirate of all, Captain Jack Sparrow, while the Dock's many restaurants and shops promise to get into the plundering pirate spirit.

Merseyside Maritime Museum will also be continuing the pirate antics well into the summer, with its very own Mersey Pirate Muster on August 3 and 4, complete with pirate music, pirate mask making workshops, and a chance to meet Captain Pugh the giant pirate parrot as you track down the Mersey Monster in a trail around the museum.

For more information on all the upcoming events, please visit www.albertdock.com.

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A little bit more about Albert Dock:
Albert Dock has come a long way since being a figure of designer, Jessie Hartley's imagination. From an industrial past to dereliction, to its revival in 1988, today the Dock is Liverpool's most-visited free tourist attraction and a must-see destination for families, couples and large groups.

The scale of the area and range of attractions mean it can comfortably cater for group visitors, whether interested in culture, education or nightlife. There's a host of galleries, museums, land and water tours, restaurants and bars, hotels and shops - all set within the stunning architectural setting of the UK's largest collection of Grade 1 listed buildings.

Coach parking for visitors to Albert Dock is situated a short distance away behind the impressive Echo Arena.

What can you find at Albert Dock?

Attractions:

Related Sectors:

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The Beatles Story, International Slavery Museum, Merseyside Maritime Museum, and Tate Liverpool.

Bars, Restaurants and Cafés:
Baby Blue, BLUE Bar & Grill, Circo, Costa Coffee, Gusto, Funky Shake Bar, Miller & Carter, Hansel & Gretel's, La Crepe Rit, Maritime Dinning Rooms, PanAm, Revolution, Spice Lounge, Tate Café, What's Cooking?, Docklands Fish & Chips, The Pump House and Vinea.

Shops:
Annabel's Accessories, The Gift Company, Fab4Store, Impressions of Liverpool, Liverpool Pictures, Nature's Treasure, Nauticalia, Quay Confectionery and From Love with Liverpool.

Hotels:
Holiday Inn Express and Premier Inn.

Parking:
Parking spaces are available directly outside Albert Dock and in the new Arena and Convention Centre Liverpool multi storey car park, which is open 24 hours a day.

History of Albert Dock:
Albert Dock was designed by Liverpool Dock Trustees' surveyor Jesse Hartley and named after Prince Albert. Work began in 1841 and it opened in 1846. The Dock's warehouses stored valuable cargo from all over the world. Steamers, barges, brandy boats and corvettes (in World War II) all docked there. The Dock's fortunes waned after WWII, and it closed in 1972. In 1983 The Albert Dock Company Ltd and the Merseyside Development Corporation began to restore the site to its former glory, breathing new life into a rundown area. In 1988 Albert Dock was officially re-opened by HRH Prince Charles. From 1988-1996, Richard and Judy presented This Morning on Granada TV. Their studio looked out onto Albert Dock. The Dock has the largest group of Grade 1 listed buildings in Britain and is a World Heritage Site.

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