

PUB WALK number 2 - HOPE STREET

Uniquely flanked by two cathedrals and only a short walk away from the city centre, is Hope Street home to ten excellent pubs some of which are often overlooked.

Hope Street is a short walk from the Lime Street area, or you can take any 75, 80 or 86 bus to Hardman Street alighting by the Flute.

The first pub on Hope Street is the newest, the Refinery, on the corner of Myrtle Street opposite the Philharmonic Hall. The pub is large enough for drinkers to be separated from eaters. There are usually three beers available from different local breweries.

<https://whatpub.com/pubs/MER/409/refinery-liverpool>

On the other side of Hope Street is the Philharmonic Dining Rooms, a pub that any visitor to Liverpool must seek out. Built at the turn of the 19th/20th centuries for the original Robert Cain brewery, this Grade II* listed building is an amazing building, inside and out. While admiring the building you can sup some of the eight beers usually on offer. The choice is such that there is usually a beer you have not tried before, or a beer you have enjoyed before.

<https://whatpub.com/pubs/MER/14/philharmonic-dining-rooms-liverpool>

Next door to the Phil is Fredericks. This does not serve real ale and the craft beers on offer tend to come from the larger breweries, but usually one from Camden.

The next door again is Esperanza, a cellar bar, selling keg beer including again a beer from Camden, but brews from Liverpool Craft have also been seen here.

On the other side of the road is the Casa, famous for its Socialist history, being the place where many political meetings have been held over the years. It has always disappointed me that cask beer is not available here.

Further down the same side of the road, at number 23, is the Clove Hitch. This is primarily a restaurant, but there is a drinking area by the bar and there is pleasant garden area. Obviously, this is a good place for those who enjoy good food with good beer, but do not be discouraged from stopping just for a drink. Two cask beers, normally from local breweries, are served from the hand pumps and there is a good selection of craft keg beers. Downstairs is the No. 23 Club where there are more keg taps and a large selection of bottled beers that are also available to take away.

<https://whatpub.com/pubs/MER/87/clove-hitch-liverpool>

The Pen Factory is next to the Everyman Theatre and is a popular venue for people just drinking and those who enjoy the small plate food as well. There are up to nine cask ales to choose from, all from smaller breweries, including a few locales. The venue has one large room, with numerous stools in the bar area good for those just wanting to drink. Should the weather be good there is a sheltered garden. Please note the Pen Factory is closed on Sundays and Mondays.

<https://whatpub.com/pubs/MER/392/pen-factory-liverpool>

The Everyman Bistro, below the theatre has some handpumps, but they are not always in use. Should a beer be available, it is likely to be one from Liverpool Organic, or perhaps one of their swaps. The handpumps in the Street Cafe above, have yet to be plumbed in.

<https://whatpub.com/pubs/MER/372/everyman-bistro-liverpool>

Should you still be in need of a further beer, you can walk around the corner, past the Liverpool Medical Institute, to the Font on Arrad Street. There are usually a couple of beers available, often from Purple Moose, or perhaps Salopian or a locale. This pub is the starting point for the University Pub Walk, that will be published sometime in the future.

<https://whatpub.com/pubs/MER/60/font-liverpool>

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1: The Refinery
5 Myrtle St, L7 7DN

2: Philharmonic Dining Rooms
36 Hope St, L1 9BX

3: Fredericks.
32 Hope St, L1 9BX

4: Esperanza
32 Hope St, L1 9BX

5: Casa
29 Hope St, L1 9BX

6: The Clove Hitch
23 Hope St, L1 9BX

7: 23 Club (Downstairs in the Clove Hitch)
23 Hope St, L1 9BX

8: The Pen Factory
13 Hope St, L1 9BX

9: The Everyman Bistro
5-9 Hope St, L1 9BX

10: Font
Unit 3 Arrad Street, L7 7JE

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