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**The Arts Society Weybridge**  
**The Art & History of Liverpool**  
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- Day 1** We depart in our private executive coach from our designated pick up points. En route to our hotel we visit the National Trust's Shugborough Estate near Stafford, set on the banks of the River Sow, with a magnificent 17th century mansion house, along with working Victorian servants' quarters and a Georgian park farm with watermill. On arrival in Liverpool we check in at the centrally located 4\* Aloft Hotel for a four night stay. Dinner is included in our hotel this evening.
- Day 2** With our Blue Badge guide we tour Liverpool this morning taking in the splendour of the Metropolitan Roman Catholic Cathedral with its modern circular design and glorious multi coloured windows and Liverpool Cathedral, one of the most iconic buildings of the city. This afternoon we enjoy a guided tour of the Walker Art Gallery, introducing us to one of the finest collections of fine and decorative art in Europe with works by Rembrandt, Poussin and Degas, 20th century works by artists such as Lucian Freud, David Hockney and Gilbert and George as well as one of the most important sculpture collections outside London. Dinner is included at a local restaurant this evening.
- Day 3** Port Sunlight Village was built by the Lever family for their workers and the village has over 900 listed and preserved buildings, wide streets and gardens. On arrival at the Lady Lever Art Gallery with our Blue Badge guide we have a guided tour of the works collected throughout the life of its founder, William Hesketh Lever, the first Lord Leverhulme. British 18th and 19th century painting, 18<sup>th</sup> century furniture and outstanding collections of Wedgwood and Chinese porcelain are among the treasures on show. This afternoon we enjoy a guided tour of the Princes Road Synagogue. Built in 1874 to the design of W and G Audsley, the interior is laid out like a Gothic Basilica, and the Bimah was constructed from alabaster and marble. Dinner is included in our hotel this evening.
- Day 4** Our Blue Badge guide meets us at our hotel this morning and accompanies us throughout the day. We firstly embark on an included cruise on the River Mersey to see the city from a different perspective. Later this morning we visit Crosby Beach to see the internationally acclaimed artist Antony Gormley's work 'Another Place'. Best known for his controversial sculpture 'Angel of the North', 'Another Place' are massive installations of 100 cast iron figures, moulded from the artist's own body in the style that has become synonymous with his work. This afternoon we visit the National Trust's Speke Hall, one of the country's most famous timbered houses. Originally built in 1530, its Great Hall and priest hole date from Tudor times. There is also fine Jacobean plasterwork and intricately carved furniture. Dinner is included at a local restaurant this evening.
- Day 5** Today we visit the National Trust's Little Moreton Hall in Cheshire. Begun in 1504 and completed 100 years later, Little Moreton Hall is regarded as the finest example of a timber-framed moated house in the country. Taking carefully selected comfort stops en route, we return back to our original pick up points.