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Foreword by
Tony Blair
The Prime Minister

Liverpool is a vibrant city. It continues to flourish as a resonant and resourceful place and owes much of its regeneration and success to the spirit and tenacity of the people in its communities. The city's rich maritime history has left a legacy of historic docks, cultural buildings and collections including one of the finest, and most complete, Victorian commercial districts in Britain. The outstanding universal value of this legacy has now been formally recognised with the inscription of *Liverpool – Maritime Mercantile City* on the list of World Heritage sites. This is a remarkable achievement by everyone who worked towards the goal of becoming the United Kingdom's 26th World Heritage site.

The Government attaches great importance to the value of our historic environment. The photographs and essays in this book portray much of the richness of Liverpool's own heritage that will continue to be valued and enjoyed by generations to come.

Tony Blair