

Trip to Salford Quays – 20 September 2022

The first question was what to do first? After a delay on the M62 we arrived at midday and decided to have a bite to eat before starting out on our tour of Salford Quays. The Lowry Theatre and Gallery complex was very close by and over one of the bridges was the Northern Imperial War Museum, the latter showing an impressive sculpture of poppies, representing how war shapes our lives, cascading down from ceiling to floor level. Also on display was a mangled steel section from the World Trade Center 9/11 attack with a moving eye witness testimony from that day.

Further along were the recording studios for Coronation Street although tours were only available at weekends due to weekday filming so no chance of walking the famous cobbles of Weatherfield or having a pint in the Rovers Return! Back across the water is Media City incorporating both ITV and BBC. The Voice is recorded there as well as most of the main news broadcasts. A new addition to the main building is BBC Sport from where Match of the Day is sent out. On that subject, we also managed to squeeze in a flying visit to the impressive Manchester United football stadium walking along Alex Ferguson Way and taking a photo of the Bobby Charlton, George Best and Denis Law statue.

In order to see all the attractions at Salford Quays you really need to stay for a few days. The trams to Manchester city centre are readily accessible and the Quays are a very impressive development. There is also a good outlet shopping centre and the Cadbury's shop proved very popular with our group! With weary legs we boarded our coach for the journey home having fully enjoyed what Salford Quays had to offer.

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