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Harvey Nichols



Edinburgh's shopping is renowned for its young, funky vibe. Whether shoppers want the latest in board wear, or the most exclusive of handbags, they will find it in Edinburgh

The city's compact size also means shoppers can cover a wide variety of shopping experiences all in walking distance of each other, seven days a week. And just outside the city centre lie several out-of-town shopping centres all within easy reach by public transport or car.

City Centre

Princes Street is probably the most famous shopping street in Edinburgh and home to the equally renowned department store, Jenners, opposite the Scott Monument. It is a great place to start exploring the city as it cuts right between the Old and New Towns in the city. Shoppers can enjoy moving from the big high street names to the independent retailers.

Edinburgh has two large shopping malls, Princes Mall and the St. James Centre and here you will find all the big high street names, including John Lewis.

For a touch of luxury, head to Multrees Walk off St Andrew Square, home to Harvey Nichols and other designer names such as Anne Fontaine, Louis Vuitton, Emporio Armani and Proudfoot.

George Street in the New Town is also renowned for fashionable upmarket shops, such as Cruise, and Broughton Street is a good place for more unusual, exclusive fashions. Rose Street offers a collection of independent stores, and a more 'off the beaten track' feel.

For arts, crafts and antiques, stroll up to the Old Town through cobbled streets and lanes to find Jeffrey Street, The Grassmarket and the quirky Victoria Street where you can get everything from trendy graphic design t-shirts, to original art from Edinburgh students; from quality tailoring to locally produced whiskies. And there are plenty of bars and bistros in between to keep your shopping energy levels at maximum. The Grassmarket is great day and night with pubs and shops aplenty. Cockburn Street, off the Royal Mile, is great for young, funky clothes, photo galleries and record stores.

Shops of interest in the Old Town include the trendy graphic design shop Analogue, original art from The Red Door Gallery, cool hat shop Fabhatrix, the exquisitely traditional Pine and Old Lace and Demijohn: a perfect shop for presents where the olive oils, vinegars, whiskys and liqueurs are bottled for you on request. St Stephen Street, Stockbridge, and Causewayside, Southside, are also great for antique hunters.