For bespoke jewellery, second-hand shops and galleries, head to Stockbridge – about a 10-minute walk from George Street in the New Town. Raeburn Place, Deanhaugh Street, Hamilton Place, Circus Place and Howe Street offer a wealth of boutique-style shops and galleries to explore.

The Royal Mile, as well as offering plenty of tourist attractions, offers plenty of shops selling traditional Scottish items – so if you are looking for an authentic tartan kilt, or perhaps just a box of the finest shortbread this is the place to start.

The further you look round Edinburgh's streets, however, the more you will realise how much more there is to Scotland than the aforementioned items. Quirky, atmospheric shops with one-off fashions and arts and crafts can help to make a shopping trip in Edinburgh into a memorable day out.

Princes Mall

0131 557 3759 3-48 Princes Mall, Princes Street, Edinburgh EH1 1BQ

The reinvention of Princes Mall in the heart of Edinburgh brings a bigger, more enjoyable shopping experience in a superb location on Princes Street. Whether you're looking for something different, something special or perhaps you want to relax in the Food Court with a leisurely coffee or a full meal - the all-new Princes Mall offers a complete shopping experience.

St James Centre

0131 557 0050 Leith Street, Edinburgh EH1 3SS

Situated at the East End of Princes Street, St James Shopping Centre offers over 50 high street stores and is home to John Lewis, Next, Boots, HMV and River Island. There is access to over 1,500 car parking spaces and the centre is open seven days a week. Multrees Walk 0131 557 0050 St Andrew Square, EH1 3SS

For luxury shopping at an exclusive central location, Multrees Walk houses Louis Vuitton, Links of London, Calvin Klein and Emporio Armani to name just a few. And, of course, there is Harvey Nichols at its southwest corner. Parking is available at The St James Centre NCP car park while Edinburgh's main bus station is situated off St Andrew Square underneath Multrees Walk. www.the-walk.co.uk

Leith and Ocean Terminal, Edinburgh's waterfront

Built up by the success of its docks, Leith has transformed over the last decade into a modern, contemporary waterfront destination attracting visitors year-round.

Leith is described as 'a city quarter by the sea' and can offer visitors plenty of shopping from the modern Ocean Terminal Shopping Centre to more unique boutique-style shops. The Ocean Terminal Shopping Centre, designed by Sir Terence Conran, has 70 shops plus bars and restaurants and offers visitors 1,600 free car parking spaces. The shopping centre is right on the waterfront offering dramatic views across to Fife.

The streets of Leith offer cafés and bars dotted in between shops so you never have to walk far with those shopping bags. Only ten minutes from Edinburgh's city centre, Leith also has a weekend market. www.visitleith.org www.oceanterminal.com

Cameron Toll Shopping Centre 0131 666 2777

Just one and a half miles south of the city centre, the Cameron Toll Shopping Centre offers men and women's fashions, gifts, hairdressing and beauty stores. Sainsbury's is also on site. www.camerontoll.co.uk Farmers' Market

Edinburgh has an award-winning Farmers' Market every Saturday from 9am-2pm on Castle Terrace. Over 60 specialist producers sell products from organic beef to free-range eggs. Parking is available in Earl Grey Street car park and the multi-storey on Castle Terrace. For more information visit www.edinburghfarmersmarkets.com

Out of Town

McArthur Glen Shopping Centre 01506 423600 Almondvale Avenue, Livingston, West Lothian EH54 6QX www.livingstondesigneroutlet.com

Located off Junction 3 of the M8 motorway between Edinburgh and Glasgow. There are also regular bus and train services from both cities.

The Gyle Shopping Centre Gyle Avenue, South Gyle Broadway, Edinburgh. 0131 539 9000

With over 60 leading high street stores, a wide range of top eateries and food retailers, the Gyle Shopping Centre makes it easy to keep up with the latest fashion trends while doing the weekly shop. The Gyle is home to the capital's flagship Next, Scotland's first stand-alone Monsoon Kids and one of Britain's largest Marks & Spencer. www.gyleshopping.co.uk

Fort Kinnaird

T: 0131 669 9090 Cinema information: 0871 22 44 007

The UK's largest retail and leisure park sits just outside the city centre with easy access to the A1, over 2,000 free parking spaces and excellent public transport links. Big name stores include PC World, Toys R Us, Carphone Warehouse, HMV and many more. Leisure facilities include UCI cinemas, Megabowl and a number of restaurants. Open seven days a week – check online for individual store opening times. www.fortkinnaird.co.uk