



Shopping in Kensington

The Milestone Hotel (www.milestonehotel.com) is located in one of London's most eclectic shopping destinations, where high fashion sits alongside vintage stores, antique shops and specialist boutiques. Here José Pauco, The Milestone's Head Concierge, gives his guide to shopping in Kensington.

Kensington High Street and Kensington Church Street

Kensington High Street offers a wide selection of High Street shopping. Marks and Spencers (113 Kensington High Street) is a traditional British department store offering a good selection of affordable clothing. There is also a wealth of contemporary fashion outlets including those listed below, some of which are favourites with the Duchess of Cambridge when she's in residence at Kensington Palace:

Zara (48-52 Kensington High Street)
Top Shop (44 Kensington High Street)
Diesel (38a Kensington High Street)
Miss Sixty and Energie (42 Kensington High Street)
American Apparel (40 Kensington High St)
Urban Outfitters (36-38 Kensington High Street)
Massimo Dutti (118 Kensington High Street)
Kooples (145 Kensington High Street)
Hawes and Curtis (171 Kensington High Street)
Russell and Bromley (151-153 Kensington High Street)
H & M (103-111 Kensington High Street)
Banana Republic (63-67 Kensington High Street)
Reiss (19-21 Kensington Church Street)
LK Bennett (1 Kensington Church Street)

For those who like the outdoors there is a great selection of sports and outdoor shops:

Kathmandu (168 Kensington High Street)
Snow and Rock (188 Kensington High Street)
Sports Direct (190-192 Kensington High Street)
Columbia Sportswear Company (170 Kensington High Street)
Slick Willies (15 Gloucester Rd)
Sweaty Betty (5 Kensington Church Street)

If you don't mind wearing last season's fashion, why not visit TK Maxx (26 Kensington High Street) and grab a bargain? Discounts offered are usually up to 60%.

Ideas for more specialist shops are as follows:

Riders and Squires

Monday to Thursday 10am to 2pm / 2.30pm to 6pm, Friday 10am to 2pm / 2.30pm to 7pm, Saturday 10am to 2pm / 2.30pm to 6pm, Sunday closed
020 7937 4377
8 Thackeray St, Kensington W8

A shop offering the very best in equestrian equipment and clothing.



Pomegranate

Open: Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 6pm, Sunday and Monday closed
020 7937 9735
8 Kensington Square, Kensington W8

Pomegranate was founded by trained gemologist Katie Bulatovic, a trained gemologist whose passion for gemstones is the main inspiration behind her jewellery designs. The majority of her collections are made in India, and exhibit a certain, subtle East meets West aesthetic.

Hat Gallery M|V

Monday to Saturday 10am to 630pm, Sunday 12pm to 530pm
020 7734 9231
32-34 Earls Court Rd, Kensington, W8

London's Hat Gallery M|V is a contemporary hat/millinery shop for ladies and men's headwear and presents Borsalino, Bronté, Marzi, Philip Treacy, Stetson and many more international hat labels, in a modern gallery ambiance.

High end pre-owned fashion

The Exchange

Monday to Saturday 11am to 7pm, Sunday 12pm to 5pm
020 7052 0028
72 Gloucester Rd, Kensington, SW7

The Exchange London is a consignment based retailer selling quality designer items on behalf of its clients. These stylish boutiques offer an ever changing and dazzling array of pre-loved designer clothes and shoes, coveted handbags, accessories, and gorgeous, collectable vintage jewellery. The Exchange London boutiques are an exciting and easy way of providing customers and clients alike with a working platform to buy and sell quality, privately owned, designer items to an impressive list of discerning international clientele. The Exchange London is a favourite destination in every fashionista's secret address book.

Hornets

Monday to Saturday 11am to 6pm, Sunday 11am to 5pm
020 7937 2627
2-4 Kensington Church Walk, Kensington, W8
and
020 7937 15 15
36b Kensington Church Street, Kensington, W8

The ethos of Hornets is to sell English traditional, classic vintage clothing, shoes and accessories for both town and country. A true gentlemen's haven.

Orsini Vintage

Opening hours vary
020 7937 2903
76 Earls Court Road, Kensington, W8



Orsini Vintage offers a unique collection of high-end vintage dresses, jackets and accessories. They specialise in designer wear from across the decades, to include cocktail dresses, furs, jewellery and bags from the 1920s through to the 1970s. They also stock a wide range of decadent cocktail dresses and elegant evening gowns for all occasions.

Designers stocked include Chanel, Dior, YSL, Gucci, Cartier, Celine, Prada and many, many more.

Rellik

Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 6pm, Sunday and Monday closed

020 8962 0089

8 Golborne Rd, Westbourne Rd, W10

Rellik is owned by three partners - Fiona Stuart, Claire Stansfield and Steven Phillip - who all met while running their own successful market stalls on Portobello Road. Rellik is a unique and independently owned vintage boutique stocking women's clothing and accessories ranging in style and content from the 1930's to select pieces from the present day. Designers include Vivienne Westwood, Alaia, Bill Gibb, Comme des Garçons and Pierre Cardin.

Antique Shops

Kensington Church Street is home to many of London's most popular and well known antique shops.

Michael German

Opening hours vary

020 7937 2771

38b Kensington Church Street, W8

Offering a wide selection of antique walking canes, arms and armour from around the world, Michael German has been involved in the antique business all his life. First working for over twenty years in the internationally renowned P. C. L. German Antiques, he left the family business to become an independent dealer in 1972. First located in London's Bond Street, followed by a six-year stint in Knightsbridge, he finally moved to Kensington Church Street in 1982 where his gallery remains still today.

Reindeer Antiques

Opening hours vary

020 7937 3754

81 Kensington Church Street, W8

Reindeer Antiques is one of London's leading specialists in English antique furniture focusing on the Georgian period. Owner Peter Alexander is enhancing Reindeer's reputation for quality antique furniture by focusing on pieces which are unique due to their design and patination. Peter collaborates closely with specialist print dealers Isaac and Ede, and Jason Sandeberg who specialises in antique silver.

Patrick Sandberg Antiques

Opening hours vary

020 7792 3467

150-152 Kensington Church Street, W8



Patrick Sandberg has over twenty five years' experience as an antique furniture dealer with extensive showrooms in Kensington Church Street. He offers one of the largest and most comprehensive collections of fine 18th century Georgian and early 19th century Regency period English antique furniture in Central London.

Typically they have fine examples of full range mahogany, rosewood and satinwood furniture, including dining tables and dining chairs; library tables; console, card and tea tables; pedestal and partners desks; bookcases; mirrors; chests of drawers; tallboys chest-on-chests and linen presses; bureaux; canteburys; wing, arm and bergère chairs and sideboards & serving tables. They are particularly known for having a large selection of antique dining room furniture.

Lev Antiques

Opening hours vary

020 7727 9248

97a Kensington Church Street, W8

Lev Antiques is a family-run business, established in 1882 and the oldest shop on Church Street. It has an exciting collection of antique and second hand jewellery, engagement rings, silver, objets, curios, collectables and pictures. The shop is covered almost wall to wall with pictures and paintings from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries with a wide choice of styles and themes. Picture restoration and cleaning is undertaken on the premises.

Butchoff Antiques

Opening hours vary

020 7221 8174

154 Kensington Church Street, W8

Butchoff is a family run business founded almost 50 years ago. The shop offers the very best exhibition quality antique furniture, mirrors, lighting and decorative objects from the 18th and 19th centuries, both English and Continental. They display pieces from some of the greatest cabinet makers of the 19th century Exhibitions of Art and Industry period, including Holland & Sons, Wright & Mansfield, Jackson & Graham, Gillow of London & Lancaster, Francois Linke & Henry Dasson.

Department Stores

A short walk or cab journey from The Milestone Hotel is nearby Knightsbridge, where two of the world's most iconic and upmarket department stores are located.

Harrods

Monday to Saturday 10am to 9pm, Sunday 1130am to 6pm

020 7734 1234

87 Brompton Rd, Knightsbridge, SW1X

Harrods is an upmarket department store with over 330 different departments carrying some of the biggest international luxury brands from Alexander McQueen, Chanel, Louis Vuitton, Tom Ford to Hermès. Amongst some of the most notable departments are the famous Harrods Food Hall, Furniture, Wine and Spirits and the fine Watch and Jewellery gallery. Take a time out from shopping by visiting one of the many restaurants in Harrods, from the Georgian restaurant, Harrods Terrace to the Ladurée.



Harvey Nichols

Monday to Saturday 10am to 8pm, Sunday 1130am to 6pm

020 7235 5000

109 Knightsbridge, WS1X

Also known as “Harvey Nicks”, the store offers the latest contemporary, unique and exciting brands. The store’s concierge team is there to help you make your shopping experience as easy as possible. Visit the famous Fifth Floor Café and enjoy time away from your busy shopping schedule.

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