

TOP 10 SHOPPING CAPITALS OF THE WORLD



No matter how much money we have, no matter how much we and our business suffered during the recession, we always want to look good, buy goods of high quality and have as many choices as possible. Tourism-Review.com brings you the top 10 shopping capitals of the world, according to the CBRE, the research and consulting company. Which cities have the highest percentage of top retailers?

10. Tokyo

Top retailers 38.68%

Tokyo is well known for its fashion and people living in Tokyo are said to be obsessed with top brands. You can find here mass retailers like Uniqlo and boutiques such as Boutique W as well as Side by Side, a clothing store established by the stylist Nicola Formichetti that also showcases the work of emerging artists.

9. Barcelona

Top retailers 39.09%

Barcelona has its fair share of high street stores including Zara as well as the more mature Cortefiel. Designer's shops including Chanel and Cartier are also to be found there. The shoppers will really appreciate lesser known shops such as luxury designer boutique Jean-Pierre Bua that sells brands such as Jean Paul Gaultier - and Le Shoe.

8. Munich

Top retailers 39, 92%

Munich is the third largest city of Germany and attracts shoppers from all over the world. Brands like Brioni, Armani and Cerruti 1881 and Polo Ralph Lauren attract shoppers from near and far. If you look for something really German, go to Marienplatz and get your own Bavarian costume.

7. Berlin

Top retailers 40.33%

The capital of Germany is also the shopping capital of this European country. Department stores such as Galeries Lafayette and fashion-forward boutiques like The Corner attract masses to spend their money here.

6. Moscow

Top retailers 42, 39%

Moscow is considered to be the most expensive city in the world and if you look for luxury Moscow is the right place to go. Le Form is a shop that carries many brands with complimentary aesthetics as well as international favorites such as Derercuny, Maison Martin Margiela and Dries Van Noten. Mass brands like Gap, Zara and H&M have also expanded to the city.

5. Madrid

Top retailers 44.03%

Madrid is the capital of Spain and serves as home to many of the world's top brands, including Adidas, Loewe and mass mainstay H&M. Local favorites such as Agatha Ruiz de la Prada and Desigual are also to be found there.

4. Dubai

Top retailers 45.68%

Dubai is known for its endless shopping malls including Mall of Emirates, Wafi Shopping Mall and Villa Moda housing designer shops like YSL, Gucci, Prada and Louis Vuitton.

3. New York

Top retailers 46.91%

New York is beloved for its department stores such as Bergdorf Goodman and Barneys both situated in Midtown. Funky boutiques such as Crave, Aloha Rag and What Comes Around Goes Around in SoHo, are also typical for this city. Of course every top retailer under the sun seems to have a presence in N.Y.

2. Paris

Top retailers 49.79%

Paris, the capital of France, is considered to be the most stylish city in the world. It is also home of the world's most well-dressed artists, stylists and designers. Maria Luisa, Colette and L'Eclaireur are the best known multi-brand boutiques in the world. Palais Royal is the latest hot shopping spot which hosts boutiques such as Stella McCartney, Rick Owens and Corto Moteldo.

1. London

Top retailers: 59.26%

London is with its High Street the capital of the world's shopping. The city hosts more than half of the world's shop retailers, including the young and trendy Topshop as well as high end department stores such as Liberty of London and Harvey Nichols. Comme des Garçons designer Rei Kawakubo's Dover Street Market is a boutique that focuses on hard-to-find designers such as Anne Valerie Hash.

Labour of Love stocks little-known labels such as Louis Amstrup.

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