



SHOPPING PRECINCTS

10 of Adelaide's best places for a dose of retail therapy

General city shopping hours are Monday to Thursday 9am-5pm with late night shopping on Friday to 9pm. Most shops are open all day Saturday (9am-5pm) and Sunday 11am-5pm.

BRISBANE

1 QUEEN STREET MALL:

If you feel the need for a retail fix Queen Street Mall in the centre of the city is where you need to go. It's a half-kilometre long retail superhighway with five major shopping centres, four shopping arcades and 650 fashion and related stores. Queens Plaza is a mecca of glamorous fashion and accessory stores including Tiffany and Co., Max Mara, Guess Accessories, Louis Vuitton, Herringbone and Mecca Cosmetica as well as David Jones.

2 BROADWAY ON THE MALL:

home to, among others, award-winning children's designers Trendy Bogarts, fashion hotspots Bessie Head and Funkidori, and popular menswear store Red Square.

3 THE MYER CENTRE:

home to close to 200 specialty stores as well as department store Myer.

4 THE WINTERGARDEN:

Wayne Cooper, Lisa Ho, Veronica Maine, Simona, Carla Zampatti and RM Williams. You will also find a number of international labels and stockists such as Gant, Charles Jourdan, Ermenegildo Zegna and Xile.

5 BRISBANE ARCADE:

tucked away between the Mall and Adelaide Street with a classic marbled interior, Brisbane Arcade was established in 1923 and features designer labels such as Tengdahl Australia and Bora (worn by former Miss Universe Jennifer Hawkins) as well as exclusive jewellery retailers. Brisbane brides head here to try on wedding gowns and there are some lovely tea shops.

6 QUEEN ADELAIDE BUILDING:

one of Brisbane's earliest buildings, this former convict barrack is now home to specialty fashion and sports stores.

7 OUTSIDE THE CITY CENTRE:

the Valley is the place to go for trendy gifts and home wares along Ann Street, and James Street also has several exciting fashion and home wares retailers, as well as its famous farmers markets. Southbank's Little Stanley Street has sleek fashion stores and plenty of choice for gifts. For something quirky or arty, try chic boutiques in Milton and Paddington or hunt for that fashion item in factory outlets in Stones Corner at East Brisbane.

8 CHINATOWN MALL:

Brisbane's Chinatown Mall in Duncan Street, Fortitude Valley, has been a hub of Asian commercial and cultural activity since its official opening on 29 January 1987. For pan-Asian groceries head to Yuen's Chinese Supermarket, at 155 Wickham Street and the weekly Saturday markets and their myriad of curiosities are worth a browse. Mid-week, browse the range of stores in Wickham Street, Chopstix Arcade and the TC Beirne Centre (which connects the Chinatown and Brunswick Street Malls). Traditional oriental garments and napery can be found at the Silk Peacock (TC Beirne Centre) and the Yellow Gold Centre sells traditional Asian jewellery.

9 WEEKEND MARKETS:

Bargain hunters should head for the weekend markets at South Bank Parklands in Stanley Street Plaza, at Brunswick Street Mall and the popular Sunday Riverside Markets along the Brisbane River around the Riverside Centre and up to the Eagle Street Pier.

10 THE MUSEUM OF BRISBANE STORE:

If you're looking for quality souvenirs and Brisbane-made goods, head to the Museum of Brisbane store in King George Square.