

London Shopping: Camden Town

Camden Town is one of London's most eclectic treasures. It is as start been a cheap area to live with a thriving (*florissant*) student community and underground music scene. But in recent years Camden has become one of London's most popular tourist attractions, with its diverse shopping and night life. Explore it at its best during the week as it gets very crowded at the week-end. It has a vibrant mix of market stalls and shops of clothes, music antiques and memorabilia. And it's a must for those who look for a bargain and an interest in real London.

Step 1:

Where is it?

Camden Town is situated just North of Regent's Park and Euston Station, and is served by the Northern Line of the London Underground.

The shopping area stretches from the tube station, along Camden High Street, and towards Camden Lock. Camden Market is the first market you come to, but it's worth travelling North along the High Street to see Camden Lock market overlooking Regent's Canal.

Step 2:

What's there?

Camden Market sells a vibrant combination of young designers' fashion, second-hand clothes and music, and fake brands. While it's cheap it's not always good quality.

Further North is the Stables area which has some of Camden's best shops, selling vintage clothing and shoes, as well as more permanent stalls and food huts.

The 'Horse Hospital' part of the Stables is worth discovering for its antiques and contemporary designer furniture.

Step 3:

What people say about the market?

"There's lots of people who seems to be really friendly. They have really good shops as well, so it brings in lots of different types of people."

"It's an interesting place to be, to walk around. I still enjoy it, it's 20 years down in the market and I still enjoy walking around the area."

"We haven't got as many big brands like in Oxford street or something, but you've got load of very cool and trendy market stalls and there's the smaller market and the large market and it's clothes and things you can buy"

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