

## Shopping itineraries

### A retail therapy in the South East

Shopping in South East England is not only restricted to Regent Street, Oxford Street and Carnaby Street. London is surrounded by thousands of shopping destinations, whether it's clothes, gifts or food you're looking for.

#### Day 1: from Kent to East Sussex



Start your trip just 20 miles (40min) away from London at [Bluewater](#) in Kent. It is the Europe's most innovative retail and leisure destination, as well as one of the largest shopping centres in England. Go shopping in over 330 stores and designers shops alongside an eclectic mix of one-off boutiques.

Choose to have lunch among 40 cafes, bars and restaurants.

Situated 1hr15 away from Bluewater, the quirky and colourful [Brighton](#) in East Sussex is one of the South East's more eccentric shopping destinations. Wander along the 17th century [Brighton Lanes](#), once the heart of an old fishing town. Pick up ideas for jewellery, designer clothes interior design, perfumes, hats and shoes or relax alfresco in Brighton Square. [North Laine](#) has a laid-back bohemian charm and more than 300 individual and quirky shops.

If you still have some free time, visit one of the most dazzling and exotic buildings in the British Isles - the [Royal Pavilion](#). This spectacular seaside palace of the Prince Regent (George IV) is home to magnificent furniture and artworks, including original pieces lent by HM The Queen. One-hour audio guides are available in several languages. The last admission is at 17:00 (16:30 in winter).

Have dinner at The Coal Shed Restaurant, specialist in local meat and fish dishes.

From B&B, apartments and hotels, Brighton has a great choice of places to stay for any tastes and budgets. For more information, please visit [www.visitbrighton.com/accommodation](http://www.visitbrighton.com/accommodation).

## Day 2: The Great Waterfront City



Located a little more than one hour from Brighton, [Portsmouth](#) gives you the chance to do a spot of sightseeing while shopping. Get your bearings and enjoy the incredible views from the [Spinnaker Tower](#) before exploring the city.

Just down the 100 designer stores and boutiques of [Gunwharf Quays](#) offer something for every taste and budget. Meander through the bustling streets while live music, street theatre or one of many seasonal festivals keeps the atmosphere buzzing.

Pick one of over 30 Gunwharf Quays' pubs and restaurants for your lunch such as The Old Customs House, a traditional English pub.

In the afternoon, take a break from shopping to indulge in the historical attractions. Within walking distance, don't miss some of the world's most famous warships ever built, the fantastic [HMS Victory](#), Admiral Lord Nelson's flagship during the Battle of Trafalgar, and the remains of the famous Tudor warship Henry VIII's [Mary Rose](#), housed at the new Mary Rose Museum of [Portsmouth Historic Dockyard](#).

Have dinner at Loch Fyne, a seafood restaurant, a few minutes south of Gunwharf Quays.

“The Great Waterfront City” has a superb choice of hotels, guest houses, bed and breakfast and self-catering to meet your needs. For more information, please visit [www.visitportsmouth.co.uk/where-to-stay](http://www.visitportsmouth.co.uk/where-to-stay).

### Day 3: Windsor Royal Shopping



Situated one hour and a half north of Portsmouth, [Windsor](#) is dominated by the stunning Windsor Castle, the oldest castle in continuous occupation in the world.

Time your visit so that you can catch the Changing of the Guard Ceremony of [Windsor Castle](#), which takes place in Lower Ward at 11am.

Located opposite Windsor Castle, [Windsor Royal Shopping](#) is set amidst the grandeur of the refurbished Victorian railway station. Explore over 40 exciting shops, an array of continental style restaurants and bars, and the art and craft market open 7 days a week.

Choose one of the numerous historic pubs and restaurants of Thames Street and High Street for your lunch.

In the afternoon, once you have found everything you need at Windsor Royal Shopping, head for the magnificent [Windsor Castle](#) built by William the Conqueror. Visit the castle with an inclusive 1½ hour audio guide and a 30min free tour of the precincts with a Windsor Castle warden. Special tours are also available for pre-booked groups. Make sure you visit the beautiful [St George's Chapel](#) in the Castle grounds, in which 10 monarchs are buried.

Finally, travel the 25 miles (40min) that separate you from London.

If you need any further information, please visit [www.visitsoutheastengland.com/](http://www.visitsoutheastengland.com/).