

Buying in the Big City

Shop on any budget in the city that never sleeps.

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New York City: it's a land of rich history, loud noises, delicious restaurants and seemingly never-ending purchasing options. Shopping may merely be a means to an end or even a pastime for some, but upon visiting the city that never sleeps, it's a requirement. There are so many stores to choose from that without the proper breakdown, it would take weeks (if not months) to conquer every last one. Whether you're looking for a consignment fix for designer goods, local boutiques or high-end alternatives, New York really does have it all. Here are our options for shopping on any budget.

THRIFT/CONSIGNMENT/OUTLET

Beacon's Closet

88 North 11 Street, Brooklyn

This 5,500 square foot flagship is a bargain hunter's paradise; clothing, shoes and accessories are all sorted by colour, and each piece is often one of a kind.

beaconscloset.com

Century 21

22 Cortlandt Street in the Financial District

The six-floor department store recently underwent an expansion, adding three full floors of designer-only space to its flagship. A café and a MAC Cosmetics store are just some of the new features you can expect when shopping for name brand pieces at outlet prices here. c21stores.com

Housing Works

157 East 23 Street and various other locations

With 12 locations throughout the five boroughs, this charity shop offers second-hand clothing, furniture, books and music — as well as regular events at its celebrated bookstore café. housingworks.org/locations/category/thrift-shops

Pilgrim

70 Orchard Street in the Lower East Side

Part consignment store and part art gallery, Pilgrim carries a large selection of second-hand Chanel handbags and other designer vintage pieces. pilgrimnyc.com

Second Time Around

262 Mott Street, in Nolita

With locations all across the Northeast and the Midwest, it's this particular store that's the standout; Reality TV fans will also note it's the backdrop for the Bravo show "Fashion Hunters." secondtimearound.net



ONE-OF-A-KIND FASHIONS FROM INDEPENDENT DESIGNERS ARE UP FOR GRABS AT BIRD.

BOUTIQUES

Bird

203 Grand Street, Brooklyn

Exposed brick walls only add to the hip aesthetic you'll find at Bird, where one-of-a-kind fashions from independent designers are up for grabs, and photography and art exhibits are the norm. shopbird.com

Catbird

219 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn

A jewellery lover's dream, Catbird stocks plenty of local designers. You'll also find beauty products, gifts and small home décor, to boot. catbirdnyc.com

Shoe Market

160 North 6 Street, Brooklyn

Shoe lovers unite at this Brooklyn shoe bodega, where a carefully curated selection ranges from simple sandals to the highest of heels all at affordable price points. shoemarketnyc.com

The Dressing Room Bar & Boutique

75A Orchard Street in the Lower East Side

Boutique meets bar at this interesting only-in-New York hybrid. The racks are brimming with independent designers, and the bar is fully stocked and shines during happy hour and events. thedressingroomnyc.com

TopShop

478 Broadway in SoHo

The UK meets NYC at this U.S. flagship, which offers up on-trend styles — clothing, jewellery, accessories and more — from across the pond. us.topshop.com

HIGH-END

Barney's New York

660 Madison Avenue in the Upper East Side

Headquartered in New York City, this 240,000-square-foot flagship is home to everything luxe, from concierge and personal shopping services to an image studio that can help you achieve that head-to-toe makeover. barneys.com

Bergdorf Goodman

5th Avenue at 58 Street in Midtown

This all-encompassing department store houses the standard extravagant wares, plus a salon, restaurants, fur storage and more; it's all 111 years in the making. bergdorfgoodman.com

Jeffrey

449 West 14 Street in Chelsea

Known for housing one of the best shoe selections in the city, this department store feels like a museum for clothing. White commandeers the walls and the

furniture, and the mannequins look almost as if they're wearing works of art. jeffreynewyork.com

Kirna Zabête

96 Greene Street in SoHo

This multilevel boutique boasts fashion-forward pieces from designers as varied as Proenza Schouler and Alexander Wang that will continue to remain buzz-worthy for years to come. kirnazabete.com

Opening Ceremony

35 Howard Street in SoHo

Opening Ceremony takes its name from the modern Olympic Games and adopts a multinational approach to shopping; the department store stocks iconic and emerging designers, and every year showcases the spirit and merchandise of a "visiting country." openingceremony.us

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