

## **Shopping Spots You Have To Experience in New York City**

So you're all set to travel to New York City? You must have heard about how wonderful this fashion capital of the world is with all its celebrity sightings and sprawling shopping complexes. At the same time, you've probably also heard how expensive NYC can get. As a budget traveler, this doesn't mean you should give the Big Apple a miss. Keeping in mind that NYC is a very big and diverse city, there's bound to be a little something for everyone. You'll just need to explore a bit and you'll be all set for a highly economical trip.

Here's our quick pick list of the best and cheapest shopping destinations you have to check out in NYC...

### **Chinatown**

Chinatown is perhaps one of the most well-known places in NYC and it's absolutely worth a visit. Though a bit crammed, this little town offers a wide range of products at extremely affordable prices. Along Canal Street, you'll find shops selling a wide range of sunglasses, stylish shoes, fragrances, watches, Chinese showpieces, artworks, mementos, and handbags. The best thing is you get to bargain all you want here!

If you're interested in purchasing Chinese spices or household goods, you should check out Grand Street too. Just remember that buying any type of electronic goods at Chinatown is a big no-no unless you're looking to get scammed.

Once you get to Chinatown, don't forget to soak in the sights, sounds, and smells of the side street food vendors. They hand out egg rolls for as low as \$1, and with some luck and bargaining prowess, you just might get egg rolls that cost even cheaper than that.

### **Clothing Stores**

Century 21 across Church Street is the clear winner as far as discount chain stores are concerned. At Century 21, you'll see posters screaming deals like "65% off!" and "70% off!" all year round.

And if those offers aren't enough to satisfy your shopping itch, you can always catch a train from Church Street to Brooklyn where the Williamsburg area is every bargain hunter's dream come true. From clothes to accessories to bags and shoes, you'll find it all at Williamsburg. Where else in NYC can you find a trendy pair of leather shoes for just \$10?

If you're visiting Brooklyn, remember not to miss out on the Brooklyn Flea.

### **Outlet Malls**

These outlet malls are a bit on the outer side of NYC, but they're still worth paying a visit to. Once you get there, you'll want to head straight to the Outlet Collection Jersey Gardens. This huge outlet shop offers brand names anyone would die for at hugely discounted prices. You'll be able to shop till you drop for all your Victoria's Secret, Forever 21, Coach, Kate Spade, and Ralph Lauren clothes and bags here (among many other equally big-name brands).

There's also the Woodbury Outlet to visit, but since it carries only the top brands such as Prada, you may be in for some overspending here. Nevertheless, the discounts offered at Woodbury are often in the excess of 60% or more.

### **Closing Note**

There's really a lot more to discover about New York City than what a mere article can cover. Whatever your heart's desires are, you'll be able to fulfill them here in the city that never sleeps.

From cheap Broadway shows to free concerts in the park, and even free visits to the art museum every Friday, remember to plan ahead of time so that your trip to NYC becomes a budget-friendly, enjoyable, and memorable one.