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Shopping

From Prada to the White Company, vintage to catwalk fashions, Shakespeare's England is the destination for shopaholics everywhere to head too. From the niche shopping offer in Stratford upon Avon, to designer brands in Bicester Village, to the independent shops of nearby towns and villages and the boutiques of Warwick, plus everything the high street has to give in Royal Leamington Spa, you will not be disappointed with the fantastic shopping opportunities this unique region has to offer.

<u>Bicester Village</u>

Bicester, Oxfordshire

Experience lavishness shopping and world class service at the world renowned Bicester Village, where spacious boutiques showcase the very best in high end fashion and the world's leading lifestyle brands.

A luxury outlet shopping village, famous for designer brands is a relaxed shopping



haven in the middle of the beautiful Oxfordshire countryside, adjacent to Shakespeare's England.

Gucci, Prada, Hugo Boss, Dior, D&G and Jimmy Choo are among some of the international brands you will find at Bicester Village all showcased in wide spacious boulevards. For dedicated followers of fashion, this is shopping paradise!

www.bicestervillage.com

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Stratford-upon-Avon

From big name stores to individual shops you'll be spoilt for choice by Stratford-upon-Avon's array of shops, it's a shopper's paradise.

Whether you're treating yourself to something new or buying a gift for someone special, the Department stores offer a wide range of choice under one roof, whilst big



name Clothing and Shoe, Health and Beauty, Toys and Stationery, and Home stores sit alongside a marvellous selection of small independent shops, unique to Stratford-upon-Avon. The town centre is compact and easily walk-able.

If you enjoy cooking with the very best ingredients, then you can't beat the fresh local produce on offer at the Farmers Market, held twice a month. Remember to sample many of the locally produced foods on offer!

<u>Warwick</u>

Shopping in Warwick is a friendly and memorable experience with something for all ages. Easily accessible by car, bus, train, cycling or on foot and set amidst historic buildings and numerous attractions with Warwick Castle and the Racecourse only a stone's throw away, Warwick provides a relaxed environment with everything you need for a day of shopping.



Home to many independent shops, the town is a glow with charm and character. Smith Street is the oldest shopping street in Warwick and is located between the Castle and the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers Museum at St. Johns. Market Place forms the heart of the town centre with a variety of shops. The Market Square hosts numerous events throughout the year and is the home of the Charter Market held every Saturday and the popular Farmers' Market which takes place on the third Friday of every month. Swan Street is a regular hive of activity and the surrounding streets showcase good quality shopping.

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Kenilworth

Kenilworth has a variety of shops to satisfy the shopaholic, with a combination of independent shops and a wealth of well known high street brands.

Come or rain or shine Kenilworth Market takes place at the front of Abbey End each Thursday throughout the year. The market continues a long tradition of markets in the area and is well served with parking at the rear of the shop.

Home to a mix of shops selling clothing, shoes, handbags and home-ware, toys, sweets, and fruit and vegetables, as well as a fine selection of arts and crafts and gift shops selling jewellery, artworks and pottery. Kenilworth is a great destination for an afternoon of shopping delight!

Royal Leamington Spa

With an unrivalled selection of specialist boutiques and major high-street stores, Royal Learnington Spa is a shopping experience not to be missed.

Georgian and Edwardian architecture and expansive, award-winning parks provide a sophisticated backdrop to this Regency shopping paradise. Often described as *'the best bits of*



London, all in a ten-minute walk', Learnington town centre combines a treasure-trove of independent, specialist boutiques with all the national high street shops.

Whether you're after one-off pieces or household names, the town has a diverse mix of independent retailers selling unique and interesting goods, coupled with all the well-known brands you would expect from a traditional high street.

For a sublime shopping experience in a beautifully picturesque town centre, look no further than Royal Learnington Spa.

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Alcester

One of Alcester's strengths is its varied range of shops, mostly independently owned, including traditional family businesses where shopping for food, clothing, ironmongery, gifts and many specialist products is an enjoyable voyage of discovery.



There are also plenty of antiques dealers, art and craft shops that are well worth a visit.

Alcester's traditional shopping area is located in and around the ancient High Street in the town centre. However there are many other retail outlets in Towns and Villages nearby such as Bidford on Avon and out of town retail outlets such as Long Barn Village.

www.alcester.co.uk

Suggested Accommodation

There are a number of accommodation options to satisfy the weary shopper after a long day at the shops -

Holiday Inn – Great riverside location in the heart of Stratford upon Avon - www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/gb/en/stratford-upon-avon/sfdua/hoteldetail

The Mercure Shakespeare Hotel - This 4-star Stratford-Upon-Avon hotel is in the heart of Shakespeare's England. www.mercure.com/gb/hotel-6630-mercure-stratford-upon-avon-shakespearehotel/index.shtml

Stratford Manor - A prestigious 4 star hotel in Stratford-upon-Avon, perfect for spa breaks and families www.ghotels.co.uk/Stratford Manor

Premier Inn (destinations across Stratford and Warwick) - <u>www.premierinn.com</u>

Wroxall Estate – Luxury 4 star hotel nestled in 27 acres of open parkland, occupies a unique setting amidst the peace and tranquillity of the Warwickshire countryside.

www.wroxall.com

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Billesley Manor – An elegant 4-star hotel near Stratford upon Avon and Alcester. AA Rosette Restaurant with a 100 year old listed Garden. www.pumahotels.co.uk/hotels/billesley-manor-hotel-stratford-upon-avon/

Mallory Court Hotel – One of England's finest country house hotels part of the Eden Hotel Collection offering romantic breaks, weddings, conference facilities located outside Royal Learnington Spa – <u>www.mallory.com</u>

Menzies Welcombe – just outside Stratford-upon- Avon – with on site Golf course and excellent Spa and swimming facilities - <u>www.menzieshotels.co.uk/hotels/midlands/stratford-upon-avon-welcombe-hotel-spa-and-golf-club</u>

Legacy Falcon Hotel – in the heart of Stratford-upon-Avon - www.legacy-hotels.co.uk/legacy-thefalcon

The Stratford - A luxury 4 star hotel in Stratford-upon-Avon, perfect for short breaks, with spa and close proximity to all main attractions <u>www.qhotels.co.uk/our-locations/the-stratford/</u>

The Arden Hotel – a luxury hotel, opposite the Royal Shakespeare Theatre <u>www.theardenhotelstratford.com</u>

Avon Lea Guest House – just 5 minutes walk from the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, a comfortable 4 star bed and breakfast <u>www.avonlea-stratford.co.uk</u>

Moss Cottage - A friendly and welcoming bed and breakfast in the wonderful town of Stratford upon Avon <u>www.mosscottage.org</u>

Courtland - Courtland is centrally situated at the rear of Shakespeare's birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon in the heart of Warwickshire. This elegant Georgian town house is ideal for families, tourists, business travellers, horse racing enthusiasts and theatre-goers.

www.courtlandhotel.co.uk

For more accommodation ideas visit <u>www.shakespeares-england.co.uk</u>

For more information on the details on this itinerary please email <u>gemma@shakespeares-england.co.uk</u>

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