

# Leipzig Shopping -- Where There's A Market For Every Season

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The Leipzig shopping scene is a robust and thriving one, with everything from high-end boutiques to quaint souvenir shops and outdoor markets. Let me give you my personal six must-do's as far as the Leipzig shopping is concerned...

## Leipzig Shopping Tip

Check the opening hours of the shops before you make your plans. In Germany, it is typical for stores to close on Sundays, although this is slowly changing.

Generally, though, major department stores are generally open until 8 pm, locally even until 22 pm or midnight.

## Mädler Passage

The Mädler Passage is the city's own Madison Avenue. If you are searching for the latest in designer fashions or just want to visit a luxurious boutique, then the Mädler Passage is the destination for you.

Apart from the upper-crust shopping, be sure to take in the lovely architecture that surrounds you. Even if you are short on Euros, you can still enjoy this picturesque, historical shopping area.

## Specks Hof

This beautiful shopping region is a premier retail spot in Leipzig. This architectural marvel offers souvenir shopping, literature (including English books), and home furnishings. The Specks Hof is another area with plenty of gorgeous architecture, particularly the Chinese “sound fountain” and St Nicholas’ Church, which are both close by.

## **Hauptbahnhof-Promenaden**

Located near one of Europe’s largest passenger train stations, the Hauptbahnhof-Promenaden is a prime spot for fabulous shopping. With over 30,000 square meters on three levels, you’re certain to find something to interest you in the over 150 stores.

An added bonus is the late shopping hours — you can shop til you drop here (as long as it’s not later than 10:00 pm!)

## **Old Town Hall Arcades**

This Leipzig shopping area is situated by the Old Town Hall. When looking to buy souvenirs or anything Leipzig-related (maps or books), then do not miss the Old Town Arcades. It’s a great opportunity to buy gifts for your loved ones at home, while experiencing the local architecture.

## **Seasonal Markets**

Leipzig shopping offers you a score of different markets throughout the year. Of course, there is the annual [German tradition of the Weihnachtsmarkt](#) where you can enjoy the holiday season with local food and handicrafts. The summer season brings farmers’ markets where you can sample the delicious fresh produce of the region.

The first weekend of every month is the time for flea markets, while the last weekend you can catch an antique fair. And if you’re visiting in September, be sure to check out the Book Fair and the Market Days.