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Despite its image as a purely historical city, Bath actually has one of the most modern and vibrant shopping scenes in the UK. These days a large number of specialty stores have started to appear throughout Bath, making for some very interesting shopping opportunities. There are also some beautiful shopping centres that feature historical architecture, making for a very unique shopping experience. It is just beautiful to go shopping in Bath and walk around all of the historical architecture and old streets at any time of the year. You can also book a Bath hotel and enjoy the experience for just a little longer.

## Shopping Locally

Bath's shopping scene is interesting, as it is predominantly made up of local independent stores that specialise in just one or two particular items. Many of these stores offer hand-made or locally produced items, making them quite unique to Bath. Shopping at these stores is a great way to support the local community.

### Topping & Company Booksellers

Topping & Company Booksellers is perhaps the most popular book seller in Bath. Despite being relatively new as it only opened in 2007, Topping & Company Booksellers has now established itself as the leading independent book store in Bath. Topping & Company Booksellers is located in the Paragon and opens daily. Free tea and coffee is offered, so you can buy your book then sit down with a hot drink and enjoy it at the shop.

### PinkArt

PinkArt is a beautiful store that has some beautiful jewellery items as well as gifts and home wares. Many of the gift items here are made by local craftsman. Some of the jewellery is also designed by locals as well. PinkArt has an interesting, if not slightly quirky atmosphere that makes it appealing to visitors. It is also not far from the Roman Baths.

### Green Park Station Market

Green Park Station Market is a Bath institution. It is only open on Saturdays, so you will have to make sure that you time your trip to Green Park Station Market carefully. Due to the fact that it only opens for one day each week, the market is always busy with people throughout the entire day. This is the best place to come and buy locally produced fruit, vegetables, jams, bread, and a host of other fine foods and fresh produce. If you would like to try this produce in a meal, then take the time to stop by one of the tasty food stores that prepare all of their meals using these delicious local ingredients.

## Shopping Globally

If international labels and products are what you're after, then Bath's many shopping centres are definitely the place for you. These are some of the most charming shopping centres you will find, with many set in and around some of the most attractive historical buildings in the city.

### CoralQuay Fairtrade

CoralQuay Fairtrade is not a shopping centre, but it is a wonderful place to shop for exquisite cultural items from Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Everything here is handmade, and proceeds from the sales at CoralQuay Fairtrade go to help fair-trade projects. This is one of the most different shopping experiences in Bath.

## Milsom Place

Milsom Place is the place to go for high-end shopping. There are many international brands at Milsom Place, including men's and women's fashion, accessories, shoes, and bags. You can also find beautiful luggage and leather goods. Milsom Place is one of Bath's most attractive shopping locations.

## Jolly's – A House of Fraser Store

Jolly's – A House of Fraser Store, is also known as Jolly's for short. Jolly's has always been synonymous with luxury and elegance. Ever since it opened in the 19th century, Jolly's has stocked a range of luxury brands in fashion. The architecture and interior décor of Jolly's also exudes a sense of elegance and charm. Come to Jolly's to have a look at their beautiful silk products.

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