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5 of the best shopping markets in London by [Jesse Wallace](#)

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London's street markets are famous worldwide, many of them having made their names in the period literature of Charles Dickens and other literary greats, as well as modern films. Visiting these time-honoured markets can be one of the best ways to get in touch with London's past and present, as well as a way to lend your support to local businesses and avoid more expensive high street prices when buying all sorts of goods.

London may be abundant with markets, but you shouldn't make the mistake of thinking these are all alike. Some markets specialise in certain types of products, from the culinary markets of Borough to the flower markets of Columbia Road and the trendy apparel of Camden. Some markets operate throughout the week, while others only open on Sundays and other days, often selling specialised products on different days of the week.

Borough Market is popular with both tourists and visitors as a place to find excellent food imported from different parts of the world, including the freshest catches shipped straight from the coast. Located near to London Bridge, in the same spot it's occupied for more than 250 years, Borough is easily accessed and encapsulates London's multicultural community with its international flavours.

If you're looking for a market that captures the traditional East End spirit, Old Spitalfields Market is open seven days a week, and is a great place to find clothing, food and unique art works, as well as its dedicated antiques market on Thursdays. Over in the West, Portobello Market is another famous place for antiques, open on Saturdays, while visiting on Fridays will give you the chance to shop for shoes at low prices.

Camden is home to a number of markets, aimed at people from diverse backgrounds. This area is the spiritual home of London's alternative crowd, and you're guaranteed to find items here that won't be seen elsewhere in the city. If you're staying at a hotel in London situated further from the city centre though, more remote markets like Greenwich Market may be your best option, offering a great place to find vintage clothing, arts and crafts inside the market hall. The best places to bag bargains, souvenirs and snacks on London days out.

Due to its distance from the city centre, Greenwich Market can also be a more laid-back alternative to the crowds of Camden and Portobello, allowing you to browse the stalls at your leisure and spend time exploring the local sights.

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