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Brighton has long been known for being one of the coolest and most cultured cities in all of the United Kingdom. There is a definite quirky vibe that penetrates the bars and streets of the city, and this is perhaps embodied even more so by the style and attitude of many of the people who live there. However, with plenty of exciting and unique vintage stores and boutiques, it is little wonder that the inhabitants of Brighton are so painstakingly hip!

Take for example, shops such as Bobby & Dandy and Starfish Vintage Clothing. Both of these independent stores offer a vast array of men and womenâ€™s vintage apparel ranging from the 1940s onwards. Perfect for the true individual who would rather create their own look and be safe in the knowledge that no one else will be wearing the same outfit. Of course, the buck doesnâ€™t stop at clothing; there are also some amazing vintage accessory boutiques which are the perfect places to pick up the finishing touches to a retro look. And for any spectacle wearers (be they for cosmetic or myopic reasons!), a visit to Frames in the Lanes is a must â€“ the store is home to a great selection of vintage frames which can be fitted with prescription lenses if required. The people of Brighton are even passing on their passion for vintage to their children â€“ Dinky Vintage is a specialist in childrenâ€™s clothing, toys and furnishings from years gone by!

Part of the fun and exciting appeal of the Brighton vintage scene is the many different â€˜pop upâ€™ event and stores that materialise in the city overnight only to disappear the next day. Of course, many of them are well advertised so if you were hoping to visit Brighton on a vintage shopping spree, check out listings online nearer the time to see if any are happening. Look out for things such as clothes swaps and vintage wedding fairs & markets.

If you are into retro furnishings and dÃ©cor, there are plenty of spots in Brighton that can offer you a great choice of kitsch and even antique furniture. Whether you are looking for Art Deco, Post War or even factory chic, there is something to suit even the most discerning vintage tastes.

You may even find the occasional Brighton hotel bar or restaurant which embraces a vintage feel, be it in their furnishings or faÃ§ade. Indeed, some bars and clubs put on burlesque or cabaret nights where performers dress in all their vintage finery and the audience are invited to do the same.

It is definitely part of this cityâ€™s unique charm that even the streets in the centre of the Old Town (known as The Lanes) of Brighton help to transport you back in time with their narrow alleyways which are home to many interesting shops.

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