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The Best Luxury Shopping Experiences Around the World for 2020



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For many discerning travellers, visiting exotic climes and indulging in a spot of retail therapy go hand in hand. Whereas some love to explore ancient ruins and natural landscapes, others find nothing more thrilling than hunting down a lavish item or three to take home with them as a memento.

A growing trend in luxury hospitality is for high-end hotels to offer guests the chance to indulge in a lavish shopping experience during their stay. For 2020, a number of properties have added such opportunities to their experience portfolio. Here are five of the best.

Luxury Shopping at Bicester Village with Conrad James St. James

Conrad London St. James is offering guests a luxury shopping experience in partnership with Bicester Village. From the moment you step outside the hotel, Conrad London St. James has tailored the experience by providing all guests with a £100 gift card, access to The Apartment-Bicester Village, a by-invitation-only VIP lounge, hands-free shopping and a VIP card granting a 10% discount. After an exciting day out, guests can return to Conrad London St. James where a Welcome to London gift will be

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Boutique Shopping Inside and Out at Paragon 700 Boutique Hotel & Spa, Ostuni, Puglia

With Puglia's historic setting, Italy's most secluded coast makes a rewarding alternative to the tourist traps found elsewhere. Paragon 700 Boutique Hotel & Spa has been meticulously restored to boast 11 individually curated rooms and suites with a cosmopolitan soul. Each guest room is different, and guests who love the chic interiors can buy select furniture and décor to take home as the ultimate holiday memento. Any sold pieces will be replaced by the hotel's owners, who are also on hand to offer insider tips on the best place to bag an antique bargain.

Paragon 700's unrivalled location between Ostuni's 700th and 800th historic district, means guests will be perfectly placed to explore and shop Italy's White City and beyond, which is a haven of boutique shops and markets. Take Vineria I Buongiorno, where the delicious Italian wines are accompanied by beautiful souvenirs for loved ones such as a 'Pumi di Grottaglie', depicting a symbol of good luck and rebirth. Whether you're looking for a light summer dress, a vase, a sofa or some linen for your home, guests can try the Blanc Café and Living Store also featuring a bar/café and shop in a restored part of a palazzo. The courtyard invites a fresh drink or aperitif after a long walk in the historic centre of Gallipoli. For the shopper with an eye for curiosity, visit Ad'Opera, a contemporary gallery that features selected antiques and paintings that can even be custom made.

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