

Sky's the limit shopping in Ann Arbor

Ann Arbor, Michigan—

We all have that one person on our holiday shopping list that stymies us as we wander from store to store, looking for something new or different to give them each year. Some of you may have several people like this on your list and are looking for a variety of unique, unusual gifts. Look no further...make room on your calendar for a weekend shopping trip to Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Shopping in Ann Arbor is an adventure, with countless opportunities available in the city's downtown shopping districts, retail centers, and regional shopping mall. Specialty stores, boutiques, art galleries and antique stores round out the itinerary for this exciting adventure.

Four, distinct retail areas are found in Ann Arbor's warm, walkable downtown area. Kerrytown Shops are housed in a trio of century old restored buildings. Surrounded by brick streets, visitors browse through a collection of charming shops offering clothing, jewelry, pottery, furniture, candles, soaps and stationary. Kitchenport, one of Kerrytown's original family members, boasts one of the finest cookware and home entertainment collections in the region. Dining options are diverse—Diamond Head Cafe and Deli, Pastabilities, Moveable Feast and Zingerman's Deli are just a few. Don't miss the Farmer's Market on Wednesdays and Saturdays, and the new Artisans Market on Sunday—all adjacent to Kerrytown.

Downtown Ann Arbor's Main

Street area offers a medley of art galleries, specialty shops and restaurants. Sixteen Hands, a longtime gallery favorite for visitors is enjoying its new location on Main Street, next to the popular coffee bar, Espresso Royale. Across the street, Afterwords, a discount book store offers terrific value for book lovers. Michigan travelers will follow their tastebuds around the corner in search of Kilwin's Chocolates. Ethnic dining is all around, including German, Chinese, Japanese, Irish, Ethiopian, Indian and Italian.

State Street, bordering the central campus of the University of Michigan, is a vital shopping area, offering something for all ages. Borders Book Shop and Schoolkids' Records are just two of the possibilities for those who love good books and good music. Don't pass Nickels Arcade without going in to appreciate the 1917 architecture, reminiscent of European shopping arcades. Missed that cup of coffee on Main Street? Don't worry—enjoy one of the dozens of teas found at Drake's Sandwich Shop.

South University, across U-M's diagonal walkway known as the "Diag", is a bustling campus shopping area catering to students, faculty and staff. Bookstores, jewelers, clothing stores and the new Galleria Mall provide many choices, with some favorites being Middle Earth (gifts and cards) and the new Tower Records. Still haven't stopped for nourishment? Grab a cup of coffee and a "fragel" at the Bagel Factory.

Wandering north, a short drive

from the University of Michigan Hospital and the medical campus, the Courtyard Shops at North Campus Plaza are an eclectic array of nearly 25 shops, most owner operated. Clothing, gifts, art, furs and more are available in this tranquil, courtyard setting on Plymouth Road. Several restaurants are a welcome respite for serious shoppers.

Briarwood is the city's largest retail mall, drawing shoppers from throughout the region. It includes four national department stores and over 100 shops. One new addition to Briarwood is ArtVentures, an

extension of the Ann Arbor Art Association's downtown gallery, with the ceramics, jewelry, wood, fibers, glass and two dimensional works of regional artists. It is located in the Lord & Taylor wing. Take a break from your gift buying and take in a movie.

For more information on area shopping, hotel weekend packages, cultural activities and more, contact the Ann Arbor Convention and Visitors Bureau at 313-995-7291. Ask for the bureau's newest publication -- Welcome to Ann Arbor: The Official Visitors Guide.



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