

The metropolis of Beijing has several shopping districts offering a mind-boggling variety of goods. The traditional shopping districts have been always Wangfujing Street, Qianmen Street, Dongdan and Xidan Commercial Street, but now it seems that Jianguomen Outer Street and Chaowai Street have risen to the top for the latest and most luxurious items. Shopping at outdoor markets remains a not-to-be-missed experience for foreign travelers. Check out the Panjiayuan Collection Street, Xiushui Street and Liulichang Street for local specialties such as cloisonne, ivory carvings, jade pieces, lacquer carvings, antiques and fresh water pearls.

1. Liulichang Culture Street Liulichang Culture Street, a few minutes' walk from the south of Hepingmen Subway Station, is a great place for shopping in terms of both variety and atmosphere. Shops are open from 9am to 6pm. The street is thought to have originated in the Qing Dynasty, which is evidenced by the ancient wooden architecture lining both sides of the street. Products sold here include jewelry, antiques, ancient calligraphy and paintings. Enjoy the pleasure of bargaining when you decide to buy something.

2. Xidan Shopping Area Beijing Xidan Shopping Center is located in the bustling Xidan commercial street, a famous centre with 70 years of history. This market covers a range of price levels by providing middle and high quality commodities. Many new shops like Xidan Shopping Center, Xidan Bazaar, Chung-Yo Department Store, Huanan Mansion have recently been established. Many world famous name-brand products are available which reflects Beijing's **growing** cosmopolitan presence.

They make Xidan a paradise for shoppers. 3. Panjiayuan Collectors Market Panjiayuan Market is an open-air market selling old arts and crafts. It is reputed that marketers from twenty-four provinces come here to sell their wares. Over four thousand stalls offer abundant old merchandise, including old books published during the Culture Revolution, jade bracelets, ancient furniture, hand-made porcelain, calligraphy, paintings and Cultural Revolution propaganda posters.

All the things you can imagine and **Tranh sơn mài treo phòng khách** many things you can't imagine are available. However, most of the things on offer are fakes. 4. Beijing Curio City Beijing Curio City - a representation of Beijing culture. Opening 1995 and covering 26,200 square meters with 600 stores, they sell mainly old and antique furniture, clocks, carpets, ceramics, calligraphy, paintings, white ivory, white jade, crystal jewelry, Shoushan stone carving, snuff bottles, old carpet, bronze statues, old clocks, ancient ceramic porcelain, Tibetan artifacts and most anything you can imagine.

Even just walking will give a further understanding and knowledge of Chinese history and Chinese culture. 5. Silver street The 2.7 Klm long Silver Street is located in Dongdan Beidajie. The number of shops in Silver Street seems countless. The range includes clothing stores, jewelry stores, household goods stores, beverage stores, bakeries, restaurants of different kinds, cinemas, hair salons and wedding photo studio and many more.

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