

5 of the best

SHOPS

1. Sephora, everywhere. For beauty, you can't beat this international cosmetics chain. The best bit? You'll find stores pretty much everywhere – across the Americas, Asia and Europe. Zing!

2. Chatuchak Weekend Market, Bangkok, Thailand. A huge (GIANT) maze of vendors selling anything and everything you can imagine, including souvenirs, fashion and local crafts.

3. Hawaii and Las Vegas, USA. Hit them up for seriously discounted outlet shopping. Go with a tour company and all you have to think about is the spending!

4. Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

This city comes up a lot in shopping-related talk. Why? Because they've got a shitload of malls and shopping is (mostly) tax-free, which means luxury buys for cheapsies. P.S. Don't miss out on gold and diamonds here.

5. Hoi An Cloth Market, Hoi An, Vietnam. Want a custom-made wardrobe to rival Olivia Palermo's? Try Hoi An Cloth Market – almost every vendor is a tailor itching to stitch you up anything. Just hand them a photo!



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★ FESTIVALS ★

1. Exit Festival, Novi Sad, Serbia. Held in an old Petrovaradin fortress overlooking the Danube, this festival attracts bigger names every year, and the old-world setting makes it an electronic experience like no other.

July, see exitfest.org/en

2. South by Southwest, Austin, Texas, USA. Conference by day, festival by night, this isn't necessarily the place to go for big acts – but you are guaranteed to hear a whole lot of

untapped gold (and up your hipster cred). **March, see sxsw.com**

3. Roskilde Festival, Roskilde, Denmark. A

mish-mash of rock, dance and hip hop all woven through crazy market stalls, huge tent cities and more. This nine-day event is like school camp on steroids. Also, the cinnamon scrolls are ridic.

June-July, see roskilde-festival.dk

4. V Festival, Weston Park and Hylands Park, UK. Ring, ring. “Hi, it’s Richard Branson, do you wanna come over for the weekend and stay in a luxury tent with lanterns, tealight chandeliers and Egyptian cotton bedding? Beyoncé, Kings of Leon, Calvin Harris, Emeli Sandé, Rita Ora, Ellie Goulding are coming... You keen?” **August, see vfestival.com**

5. Fuji Rock Festival, Naeba Ski Resort, Japan. A riverside mountain setting, cool indie tunes and intriguing spaces like the Place of Wonder, the Oasis and the Stoned Circle. Nine Inch Nails, Skrillex, Bjork, Vampire Weekend, The Cure and The xx provide the tunes. **July, see smash-uk.com/frf13**



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★ EXPERIENCES ★

1. Tango class, Buenos Aires, Argentina. The locals *love* to dance, so learn all the moves then hit the clubs 'til dawn to show off your new skillz.

2. Dog sledding ride, Sweden.

An exhilarating way to chase the famous Northern Lights. Cold but so very, very worth it. Just rug up!

3. Climbing the Eiffel Tower, Paris, France.

Yes, it costs money. Yes, it's 'just' a really big (iconic, famous, landmark) structure. But when you get home and everyone asks if you did it, you'll want to say yes (and not be lying).

4. High tea, London, UK.

Tiny treats, finger sandwiches, cups of tea... It's a fun way to relax and take a break from the busy city. Posh Claridge's hotel offers one of the best.

5. Casinos, Las Vegas, USA. We're not usually up for promoting gambling, but if you're in Vegas, you've got to put down a bet. Walk into a casino and chuck some money on red... or black. Good luck!



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1. Hot chips, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. But make sure you go to the right place – Vleminckx Sausmeesters (Voetboogstraat 31, Amsterdam) is the top pick by locals and tourists alike for crunchy-on-the-outside-soft-on-the-inside fries topped with any sauce you like (the standard uber-creamy mayo is a no-brainer).

2. Tiramisu, Rome, Italy. And it's gotta be from Pompi. You'll find these takeaway tubs of creamy goodness at a few outlets around the city (Via Albalonga 7/B-9-11; via della Croce 82; and via Cassia 8B-

3. Hot dogs, New York City, USA.

Get one with the lot – sauerkraut, ketchup, mustard, cheese, the works! Locals love Gray's Papaya (2090 Broadway) and the mac-and-cheese-topped version at Ditch Plains (100 West 82nd St and 29 Bedford St).

8C) and they're easily the best in Rome – some say the best in the world.

4. Asian high tea, Bali, Indonesia. Biku (888 Jalan Raya Petitenget, Petitenget) is a must-visit. And if you've sipped too many cocktails, a Hangover Happy Meal breakfast at Sea Circus (22 Jalan Kayu Aya [Oberoi Rd], Seminyak) – complete with a massage – will set you straight.

5. Hawker food, Lau Pa Sat market, Singapore. Don't worry if you can't decide what to eat – this market is open 24 hours, so you can work your way through every fragrant dish (18 Raffles Quay, Singapore).

