

# Christmas shopping

Fit for a Queen



With the mantra of ‘not what you might expect’, the team at The Queensberry Hotel in Bath prides itself on knowing much more about what is available on the streets of its special World Heritage Site city than your average concierge. And with Christmas fast approaching, guests booking a trip to this beautiful boutique-style hotel can expect not only brilliant service and comfort-beyond-comfort rooms, they can also get the lowdown on all the newest best-of-the-bunch shops and boutiques among the winding streets of Bath.

Whether it’s where to find the finest handmade chocolates, the ultimate in designer shoes, the loveliest underwear, or the most fascinating antiques or jewels, guests just need to ask and the Queensberry team will be happy to oblige at all times of the year. However Christmas 2009 offers some very special shopping options and, as soon as they’re open, the Queensberry team will be off to do their dutiful research.

Each year, the beautiful area between the stunning Bath Abbey and the internationally renowned visitor attraction, the Roman Baths, is transformed into a Christmas shopper’s haven with the Bath Christmas Market. Way more beautiful, sensory and exciting than your average department store, the Bath Christmas 2009 Market will be open for business from 26 November to 6 December 2009. Picture 123 traditional wooden chalets adorning the streets, each one offering unique, handmade and unusual gifts, decorations and

scrumptious food items. It’s enough to make the heart of a skinflint bah humbug melt!

And, to add to the selection of goodies to be found on the traditional honeycomb streets of Bath is the stunning new silver palace of Southgate. This £360 million covered haven of retail is set to bring every store under the sun to the city’s eager shoppers; the November 2009 phase one opening sees gargantuan Bose and Calvin Klein throwing open their doors plus a gargantuan New Look and Debenhams welcoming in the eager discerning shoppers.

And post-shopping what could be better than a refreshing cocktail so head back to your hotel and discover The Queensberry’s brand new ‘Old Q Bar’. The Queensberry’s designers have immersed themselves in the history of the Marquess of Queensberry (the commissioner of the four terraced buildings that the hotel sits within) to create a stylish contemporary experience designed to honour the heritage which is quintessentially British.



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With elements of cheekiness and fun, the team has borrowed from, and enhanced, the quirkiness of the Marquess' story, utilising his effect on the world of boxing as the core inspiration for the resultant interior of the bar. With an extensive and eclectic spirits list, the 'mixologist' will create you your perfect post-retail tittle to relax or invigorate – whatever your desire.

Laurence Beere, owner of The Queensberry Hotel says, “Bath is beautiful in every season but the winding streets and large avenues really come alive with Christmas spirit in winter. We may be biased but we really do believe that the city is the perfect shopping mecca with all of its independent designer boutiques and retailers providing a plethora of unique and beautiful wares. The Christmas markets are just stunning and so much fun by day and by night and our new Southgate centre means Bath really does compete with any other British city when it comes to retail heaven.”

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