

## SHOPPING

### *The Arcade Providence*

A National Historic Landmark, the revival of [The Arcade Providence](#) brings new life to America's oldest indoor mall. Centrally located in the heart of the city's financial district at the corner of Weybosset and Westminster streets with a highly-cultured list of tenants, The Arcade provides shoppers a welcomed shift away from chain stores to locally-made products from Rhode Island based retailers. In addition to shopping, the arcade also houses 48 micro-loft apartments that occupy the building's upper floors and provide a new, fresh take on affordable living in one of Providence's most desirable neighborhoods.

### *Westminster Street*

From cool fashions to chic home furnishings, the heart of the city offers hip looks at all price points. The eclectic shopping experience offered along **Westminster Street** is where college kids, soccer moms and city sophisticates can find looks to fit their style. The former home to Providence's department stores, this revitalized neighborhood boasts dramatic window fronts, cozy cafés and a wide variety of quality, locally owned shops. Recently, "pop-up stores" have sprung up seasonally. These local stores often host great products available for only a limited time.

### *Wickenden Street*

**Wickenden Street** is on the edge of downtown Providence and on the edge of art and fashion. A popular hangout for students of the nearby Rhode Island School of Design, this street is flanked by numerous art galleries, antique shops, funky bistros and coffeehouses.

### *Thayer Street*

Located near the Brown University campus on Providence's East Side, **Thayer Street** is trendy and collegiate. Visitors can find plenty of inviting bookstores, chic boutiques, tempting restaurants and stimulating coffee and teahouses. Guests should be sure to catch a movie at the Avon Theatre, a true gem that showcases independent and foreign films.

### *StyleWeek Providence*

Established in 2009, **StyleWeek Providence** is an independent, non-profit organization highlighting some of the most talented designers in the Northeast during a week-long event including both formal fashion shows and community-wide events. The event highlights emerging and recognized designers, helping them prepare for international shows in New York, Paris and Milan. The week-long festival includes StyleNight Out, the GoRed Style Week Challenge and even coincides with one of Providence's famous WaterFire art installations.

### *Providence Place*

At the heart of the downtown area, the **Providence Place** mall is connected via Skybridge to the Westin Hotel, which is, in turn, connected to the Rhode Island Convention Center Complex. Providence Place features anchor stores Nordstrom and Macy's, as well as more than 170 specialty shops and boutiques, five full-service restaurants on street-level, a nine-level parking garage, 16-screen movie complex and 400-seat IMAX theater. It also boasts stunning views of the city, including nearby WaterPlace Park.

### *Warwick*

For serious shoppers, Route 2 in **Warwick** is the ultimate retail destination. This 5.3 mile stretch of road contains more than 250 stores, from retail giants to specialty shops. Restaurants, movie theaters and two shopping malls, the Warwick Mall and Rhode Island Mall, round out this bustling, vibrant shopping district.

### *Other Shopping Destinations*

Just over the border in Wrentham, Mass., the **Wrentham Village Premium Outlets** offer the largest collection of designer and name brand outlets in New England with 170 stores. Only ten minutes from Providence, Cranston's **Garden City Center** is an open-air shopping pavilion offering a sophisticated blend of national and regional retailers.

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