



Shopper's Paradise

Whether you're looking for a slot machine that's been turned into a lamp, or a rare edition of a John Steinbeck novel, chances are that you can find them at one of the region's historic shopping areas.

[Uptown Whittier's shopping district](#) [centered on Greenleaf Avenue and Philadelphia Street, Whittier] not only shows proof of the city's historic preservation efforts, but its tree-lined streets provide the perfect atmosphere for browsing through antique shops, new and used bookstores, record stores, and thrift shops. Many restaurants and cafes are located in the area, too.

You may have to remind yourself that you're at an antique store and not a museum if you visit **King Richard's Antique Mall** [12301 East Whittier Boulevard, Whittier, (562) 698-5974]. With over 250 dealers under their roof, King Richard's is considered the largest mall of its kind in California. The 75,000-sq. ft. building was once the packing house for the Whittier Citrus Association.

[Downtown Monrovia](#) [located on Myrtle Avenue between Olive Avenue and Foothill Boulevard, Monrovia] is always busy on Friday nights between March and December when the streets shut down for the weekly farmer's market. Produce, crafts, and a variety of other items can be purchased and many of the clubs, cafes, and restaurants along the street are open as well.

Highlights of **[Downtown Covina](#)** [between San Bernardino Road and Badillo Street, Covina] include antique shops, bookstores, and a community theater. The **Covina Valley Historical Society** [125 East College Street, Covina, (626) 966-9871], maintains the city's old fire house and jail, which is also located downtown.



A revitalized shopping district can be found in Pomona on what is known as **[Antique Row](#)** [east of Garey Avenue on 2nd Street, Pomona]. The area is home to over a dozen stores with hundreds of dealers who specialize in antiques and collectibles. Just across the street, the **[Art Colony](#)** [west of Garey Avenue between 2nd Street and 4th Street, Pomona] is a resident artists' community, which also contains studios and galleries that are open to the public. On the second and last Saturday of every month an Art Walk is held in the evening, where visitors can view and purchase various art pieces ranging from photography and painting to ceramics and jewelry.

Nearby, the historic **[Claremont Village](#)** [centered on Yale Avenue and 2nd Street, Claremont] features eclectic shops and exotic restaurants that are unlike any others in the area. The village is the heart of a quiet college town which is filled with examples of a variety of architectural styles.

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