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The UK has a number of brilliant cities that have emerged as particularly fashionable destinations in recent years, proving popular with Brits and foreign tourists alike. Here is a brief guide to just a few of the most fashionable cities that the country has to offer.



Big Ben And Palace Of Westminster
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London is brimming with history and culture – head to Shaftesbury Avenue and Drury Lane for numerous theaters and cinemas, as well as charming cafes and restaurants. Alternatively, for those looking for the latest trends, Knightsbridge, Covent Garden and Oxford Street are all top retail hot-spots, offering high-end designer labels and high street favourites respectively.

Chelsea's King's Road is another unmissable destination for chic designer boutiques and bars, whilst the East End, home to Brick Lane and Spitalfields Market, is a haven for hipsters, where you'll find the capital's most fashionable residents.

Bristol, which has a large student population, is famed for its leafy conservation areas, especially those around the famous 150-year-old suspension bridge. Take a trip to the Cabot Circus shopping centre for over 120 different retailers all under one roof, ranging from prestige department stores to high street favourites.

Nearby **Bath**, with its rich history, numerous exhibitions and one-of-a-kind stores, tempts visitors with a wealth of historical delights such as the Roman Pump Rooms and the notable Assembly Rooms. Milsom Street in Bath was voted 'Britain's Best Fashion Street' in the Google Street View Awards 2010, with its clutch of high-end designer stores, but you can also find a huge variety of craft and curio shops in the Artisan Quarter, for a more unique shopping experience.

Looking further north, **Edinburgh** too has no shortage of castles, museums and vibrant shopping districts, particularly near the Royal Mile and the Grassmarket, where you'll find an array of independent stores from up-and-coming Scottish designers.

Wherever you plan to shop and relax, be it up north in arty Edinburgh or further south in beautiful Bath; why not [get a credit card](#) from American Express to make shopping easier. You can apply for American Express [credit cards online](#) in just 10 minutes, and receive a response within 60 seconds, making the whole process quick and convenient.

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