



Treasure Hunt

Embrace the search at these antique stores and vintage shops

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1 WAKEFIELD-SCEARCE GALLERIES

Shelbyville, Kentucky

Gingerly placed English antiques are right at home in this sprawling, 30,000-square-foot space that served as the Science Hill School for Girls in the early 1800s. The gallery-style interior is a sight to see, but the main draw is the more than 30,000 pieces of silver, furniture, and other decorative accessories spread across several floors. Wakefield-Searce also carries Southern American silver, fitting for its Kentucky location. Owner Matt Burnett has handled countless rare items over the years but says the most notable were silver pieces made by American patriot Paul Revere.

2 VINTAGE 329

New Orleans, Louisiana

It's no surprise that a city famous for its cocktail culture has a vintage store specializing in barware, specifically styles from the Atomic Era. Rare sets of midcentury modern cocktail glasses and decanters in varying shapes and themes are added daily. Think detailed art deco Bimini glass coupes and rare midcentury Culver highballs covered in 22-karat gold. While you're there dressing your bar, add to your jewelry box too. The shop has the nation's largest collections of vintage Chanel jewelry and accessories.

3 THE LUCKY RABBIT

Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Sometimes referred to as a "theme park of flea markets," this weekend-only marketplace sprawls nearly 40,000 square feet and features rare items such as vintage arcade games, along with a retro candy and soda shop. Over the years, owners Abby and Brandon Thaxton have recreated the sets of *Home Alone* and *The Office*, as well as displays inspired by classic television shows like *The Price Is Right*. Check out the converted school bus stocked with hard-to-find Pyrex dishes.

4 CROGHAN'S JEWEL BOX

Charleston, South Carolina

William Joseph Croghan opened his eponymous shop on Charleston's King Street more than 100 years ago. Today, his granddaughters and great-grandchildren are guiding its future. The shop specializes in antique and estate jewelry and sterling silver flatware, but it also carries modern accessories, including a costume and fine jewelry line by Mini Hay, the granddaughter of the store's original owner.

5 THE CHURCH MOUSE

Palm Beach, Florida

Situated on South County Road, this vintage shop is considered one of the country's best, thanks to the luxury goods donated by the island's elite. It is so well stocked that dedicated Church Mouse shoppers are said to return to the 4,500-square-foot spot almost daily. It's not uncommon to stumble upon Louis Vuitton handbags, Ferragamo flats, Hermès scarves, fine china, and designer furniture. The small but bursting shop is staffed by volunteers, and proceeds benefit outreach by the Church of Bethesda by the Sea.



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