

Stephen's Green Shopping Centre



Stephen's Green Shopping Centre was the first premium shopping centre built in Ireland and it opened in 1988. The architecture is imaginative – the iron and glass structure blending¹ with its Georgian and Victorian surroundings. It has elegant pillars², a giant centrepiece clock and a glass roof.

It stands at the top of Grafton Street, opposite St Stephen's Green Park. Until 1663 the park was a place where sheep and cows grazed³. It was a place of public executions and witch burning. William Shepherd designed the current landscape of the park and it opened to the public in 1880.

The shopping centre is a place where friends can meet, do some shopping and have something to eat. They can look for the season's hottest fashions and trends. Stephen's Green Shopping Centre has everything you need from shoe repairs to internet access points. There are 93 shops – books, news and stationery⁴, fashion, health and beauty, sports and outdoor, toys games and music. It has all the top retailers and Irish crafts and gift shops. It is possible to find all kinds of quality gifts and souvenirs. The market is outdoors only from June to September. For the rest of the year it is in St Michael's and St John's Banquet Hall.

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Kenneth

We loved the live music in the front court.



James

Even if you don't like shopping – look at the building. The glass ceiling makes it light and bright. It is very dramatic and a unique shopping environment.

GLOSSARY

- 1** *to blend*
mescolare
- 2** *pillar*
pilastro
- 3** *to graze*
pascolare
- 4** *stationery*
cancelleria
- 5** *skilled craftsman*
abile artigiano
- 6** *cobbled*
acciottolato

1 Leggi i testi e decidi di quale luogo si parla.

- 1** This is a very exciting place where lots of young people go.
- 2** In 1663 sheep and cows were grazed here.
- 3** The market is outdoors in the summer months.
- 4** The architecture is imaginative.

2 Rileggi e rispondi alle domande.

- 1** Can people use the internet in Stephen's Green Shopping Centre?
- 2** What can friends do when they meet at the shopping centre?
- 3** Who worked in Temple Bar in the 18th century?
- 4** What are the streets like in the old city?
- 5** How many stalls are there in Cow's Lane Designer Mart?
- 6** Where does the market move to in autumn?

TRAVEL DICTIONARY

3 Abbina i vocaboli (1-6) tratti dal testo alle definizioni (a-f).

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|----------|---|----------|--|
| 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> retailer | a | reduced things in a section of a shop |
| 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> crafts and gifts | b | a room where people can try on clothes |
| 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> sale rail | c | a stand in a market |
| 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> to try on | d | someone who sells things in a shop |
| 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> stall | e | to put clothes on in a shop before you buy |
| 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> changing room | f | homemade things and presents |



Temple Bar

Temple Bar is one of the oldest parts of Dublin and is an area that is rich in medieval history and culture. In the 18th century skilled craftsmen⁵ and artisans such as clockmakers and printers lived and worked around Temple Bar. In the 'old city' unusual shops line these narrow cobbled⁶ streets. There

are many independent boutiques, stores and cafés. Temple Bar is an exciting and very young place.

Cow's Lane Designer Mart

This market takes place every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There are stalls full of handmade crafts designed by Irish artists. The sixty stalls offer the best clothing, accessories and art in the city of Dublin. You can buy punky T-shirts, retro handbags and costume jewellery.



Emma

I love Temple Bar. I found a fabulous vintage shop. There were lots of clothes my size and they weren't too expensive. I tried things on in the changing room and the shop assistant was very helpful. I bought lots of things and I asked for a discount.



Maryam

I like the vintage shop 'FanciSchmancy.' I asked if there was anything in the sale and there was. There was a 'sale rail'. I found two dresses and they were cheap.

BLOG IT!

4 Ora scrivi tu la tua pagina di blog seguendo le indicazioni date.

SHOPPING

Write about your personal experience with shops and shopping. Say:

- where you shop for clothes and shoes
- what you buy
- how much you spend
- if you go to shopping malls/vintage shops/markets
- if clothes are cheap/expensive/good quality/stylish

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TRAVEL LANGUAGE



5 32 Completa il dialogo tra un negoziante (A, assistant) e una cliente (S, shopper) con le parole date. Poi ascolta e controlla.

smaller • left • on • looking • discount • card • fits • changing rooms • size

- A** Good morning. Can I help you?
- S** No, thank you. I'm just ¹.....
- A** Let me know if you can't find your ².....
- ...
- S** This skirt is too big. Do you have a ³..... size, please?
- A** This skirt is your size. Do you want to try it ⁴.....?
- S** Yes, please. Where are the ⁵.....?
- A** They are over there on the ⁶.....
- S** It ⁷..... I would like this skirt and these two dresses.
- A** I can give you a 10% ⁸..... for three items.
- S** Thank you.
- A** Are you paying by cash or ⁹.....?
- S** By card.
- A** Have a lovely day.
- S** You too.

6 Sei in un shopping mall. Formula domande per chiedere:

- 1 se ci sono negozi di vestiti.
- 2 dove sono i camerini.
- 3 se puoi provare la maglia verde.
- 4 se puoi pagare con carta di credito.
- 5 se c'è un taglia più grande/piccola.