

Shopping in Oslo

Shops in Oslo are generally open 10:00-18:00. Many close early on Saturday and all day Sunday. Shopping centers are open Monday through Friday 10:00-21:00, Saturday 9:00-18:00, and are closed Sunday. Remember, when you make a purchase of 315 kr or more, you can get the 25 percent tax refunded when you leave the country if you hang on to the paperwork.

Oslo's fanciest department store is **GlasMagasinet** (top end, near the cathedral on Stortorvet, good souvenir shop). The big, splashy **Byporten** mall, adjoining the central train station, is more youthful and hip (Mon-Fri 10:00-21:00, Sat 10:00-20:00, closed Sun). The trendiest boutiques and chic, high-quality shops lie along the street named **Bogstadveien** (running from behind the Royal Palace to Frogner Park). And on Saturday mornings, you can browse the **flea market** at Vestkanttorvet (March-Nov only, two blocks east of Frogner Park at the corner of Professor Dahl's Gate and Nebergsgate).

Sweaters and colorful Norwegian folk crafts are on many visitors' shopping lists. The **Husfliden shop**, in the basement of the GlasMagasinet department store, is much appreciated for its traditional yarn and Norsk folk items (Mon-Fri 10:00-18:00, Thu until 19:00, Sat 10:00-16:00, closed Sun, tel. 22 42 10 75). For a superb selection of sweaters and other Norwegian crafts (top quality at high prices), visit **Heimen Husfliden** (Mon-Fri 10:00-18:00, Sat 10:00-15:00, closed Sun, Rosenkrantz Gate 8, tel. 22 41 40 50). The **Oslo Sweater Shop** has good prices for sweaters (Mon-Fri 10:00-18:00, Sat 10:00-15:00, closed Sun, in Radisson Blu Scandinavia