

Bargain Hunting

: looking for cheap goods or shares, which no one has noticed



Colon Street is an interesting place to shop. This street is full of shoppers where bargain hunters flock. The place is mostly packed during Sundays so for bargain hunters, this is the best time to haggle it out with friendly store owners.

You can also buy used clothing - some are signature brands and have some damages in a cheaper price. You can find wide varieties of footwear in some bargain stores too – from simple sandals to branded and leather shoes.

VOCABULARY

bargain
bargain hunter
flock
haggle
signature brand

QUESTIONS

1. Do you compare prices at different stores when you shop?
2. Do you ever buy second-hand things? ("used things")
3. How much time did you spend the last time you went shopping?

EXERCISE

Use one of the words or phrases below to complete each of these sentences from the story.

bargain bargain hunters flock haggle signature brand

1. I dislike having to _____ with a salesman about the price of a new car.
2. The price listed is quite high, but the seller might be willing to _____.
3. Thousands of people _____ to the beach on weekends.
4. She'd be willing to spend a lot of money to buy something of a _____.
5. The newly opened store is a haven for _____ with their discounted products.

Carbon Market

: the oldest and largest farmer's market in Cebu City



The oldest and largest public market in Cebu City-Carbon market is a vibrant collection of all types of vendors and goods. The market has also become a major tourist destination, mainly because it offers choices of inexpensive souvenirs and is easily accessible as it is located in the downtown area of Cebu. Carbon market was named after Cebu Railroad's Coal depository. It is a typical Filipino market where items offered range from fresh food products to handicraft materials. The wet market area of Carbon is the place to go to when you have to buy fresh seafood and meat products.

VOCABULARY

vibrant
goods
souvenirs
accessible
depository

QUESTIONS

1. When was the last time you went to the market? What did you buy?
2. Are markets important? Why or why not?
3. Compare prices of some goods sold at the market, supermarket and convenience stores.

EXERCISE

Use one of the words or phrases below to complete each of these sentences from the story.

vibrant goods souvenirs accessible depository

1. Their goal is to make education more _____.
2. She kept the tickets as _____ of the evening.
3. A dead cat was found in the bank's _____.
4. The cost of household _____ and services are rising.
5. Tokyo is a lively and _____ city.

Cebu Handicrafts

: an object made by skillful use of your hands



With the abundance of sea life in Cebu, it's not a wonder that its shell craft industry has become one of the island's top exports. Cebu has a lot of centers that produce quality shell craft products which makes the perfect holiday souvenir. Choose from a wide range of sea shells fashion accessories and jewelry like shell necklaces, hairclips, puka shell, bags, bracelets, hair clips, earrings, slippers, coco placemat, coco and shell curtains, jewelry boxes, lamp shades, candle holder, picture frames, table decors and many other items all handcrafted and made of natural coco, woods and shell component and materials.

VOCABULARY

abundance
export
accessory
handcrafted
components

QUESTIONS

1. Are you into fashion?
2. What accessories do you wear daily?
3. Name the different accessories made of shells mentioned in the article.

EXERCISE

Use one of the words or phrases below to complete each of these sentences from the story.

abundance exports accessories handicrafts components

1. _____ to China have risen this year.
2. We sell plants, seeds, fertilizer, and gardening _____, such as tools and gloves.
3. The lake attracts an _____ of wildlife.
4. He sells spare computer _____.
5. The huge market, which runs from December 1-30, is noted for superb local food specialties and _____.

Cebu's Guitars

: Cebu's own hand-made specialty guitars are some of the world's finest handcrafted guitars made from local tropical materials, and even the tropical fruit (nangka) jackfruit!



Guitars made in Cebu are world-famous because of their affordable price, world-class quality and durability. Cebu has a long history of guitar making. It started when Spanish friars assigned in Cebu needed to repair the guitars they were using. They entrusted the townpeople of Opon in Mactan to make guitars and repair the existing guitars they had. The center of the guitar-making industry in Cebu is in Lapulapu City Mactan. One of the important shops is the Alegre Guitar Factory which is owned by the Alegre Family who are in the business for three generations already.

VOCABULARY

famous
durability
friars
entrusted
repair

QUESTIONS

1. Do you play a musical instrument?
2. Have you played a guitar before?
3. What musical instruments would you like to learn?

EXERCISE

Use one of the words or phrases below to complete each of these sentences from the story.

famous durability friars entrusted repair

1. Nannies _____ with the care of children are given a police check.
2. Her mother is a _____ entertainer.
3. Little seems to have been done to _____ the bridges.
4. Japanese cars are known for their _____.
5. _____ travel around the world teaching people about God.

Cebu Souvenir Shops

Pasalubong: "something for you when you welcome me", the Filipino tradition of travelers bringing gifts from their destination to people back home



To buy your "I Love Cebu" shirt, go to specialty shops like Island Souvenirs. These shirts come in all sizes and can even be personalized. For a version of the local sausage or chorizo, head to Taboan Market or other wet markets in the city. This sausage tastes sweet and has more meat and less fat. It also does not contain spices such as garlic making it a favorite among kids.

Dried mangoes are a hit everywhere. It's chewy and sweet and also very affordable. Popular brands are 7D, Philippine Dried Mango and Guadalupe.

Fashion accessories in Cebu make one of the best souvenirs. Bead necklaces sell from 10 pesos to 35 pesos apiece while bead bracelets sell for 35 pesos. Go to Mactan shrine for these and put your haggling skills to the test.

VOCABULARY

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version
wet markets
chewy
apiece

QUESTIONS

1. Do you like buying souvenirs when you go to other countries?
2. What was the best souvenir you got from a friend?
3. Name some good souvenirs sold in Cebu mentioned in the article.

EXERCISE

Use one of the words or phrases below to complete each of these sentences from the story.

personalized version wet markets chewy apiece

1. Let me tell you my _____ of what happened.
2. Most _____ are closed on Mondays.
3. The chicken is too _____ to have been cooked correctly.
4. In good condition, dolls from this period sell for \$500 _____.
5. I had my nutritionist prepare a _____ diet.