



Hermès Birkin bag

Luxury for Less

How would you like to shop in a whole building dedicated to selling second-hand designer goods? Then next time you're in Tokyo, swing by **Komehyo**, a seven-story second-hand luxury emporium (they have several branches throughout Japan). Locals are hesitant to give directions to this place because authenticity is not guaranteed, but if you're looking for a bargain—relatively speaking, that is—don't miss out! First floor houses designer watches like Hermès and Gucci; second floor has classic watch brands Rolex, Vacheron Constantin and Patek Philippe; third and fourth floors cater to jewelry; fifth floor carries designer bags; sixth floor has ready-to-wear; and seventh musical instruments. For a bag hag such as myself, I naturally gravitated to the fifth floor! Each bag on display is treated with care and respect, and they attempt to keep its original condition—customers are actually handed a pair of white gloves to wear should they ask to inspect a bag of their choice. While Louis Vuitton remains supreme (they occupy more than five glass showcases), you can also find Chanel, Goyard, and Hermès among others. Komehyo, 160-0022 Tokyo Met., Shinjuku-ku, Shinjuku, Tokyo, Japan 3-5-6, tel (03) 5363-9188, komehyo.co.jp. —**INGRID CHUA GO**

The Village

Fashion shopping in Madrid isn't just about Mango and Zara—check out other popular Spanish brands like Cristina Castañer, Farrutx, Loewe and Jesus del Pozo. Even better, get them at up to 80% off at **Las Rozas Village**, a popular shopping outlet in the outskirts of Madrid. Patterned after the open-plan outlet malls in the Southern California deserts, it's located just 30 minutes by car northwest of the capital, by the side of a sprawling grassy hill. Aside from local labels, they also carry international brands like Burberry, Versace, Carolina Herrera, Tommy Hilfiger, Bally and Hugo Boss. The outlet currently has over a hundred shops in the clothing, accessories, jewelry and home categories, plus several cafés where you can cool your heels—yes, even a Starbucks! Best time to go: When they add further discounts during major sale season in January and mid-summer. Las Rozas Village, c/o Juan Ramón Jiménez, Madrid, Spain, tel (34) (91) 640-4900, lasrozavillage.com. —**LARA NAVAL**



Outdoor shopping at Las Rozas Village



(Above) Escada Sport
(Right) Patrice Ramos-Diaz

Opening Now

Greenbelt 5 is the new destination for every fashion lover. Here's what's on offer in March and April

- **Adora** is the brainchild of Tantoco heir Eman Pineda, whose successful boutique Tyler paved the way for a younger, hipper version of his grandma's retail institution Rustan's
- **Balenciaga** will carry its must-have handbags, shoes and accessories. The ready-to-wear collection for men and women will remain at Homme et Femme, Shangri-La Plaza
- **Banana Republic** opens the first of four branches in the Philippines. Get a taste of American accessible luxury with clothing and accessories for women and men
- **Escada** and **Escada Sport** move out of 6750 Ayala Avenue and Glorietta 4, respectively, and into their new-concept shops. The complete line of ready-to-wear and accessories will be sold
- **Paul Smith's** design concept is taken from its "Space" shop in Tokyo. You'll find the well-made but whimsical men's and women's lines, novelty items, plus a special-order section
- **Marc by Marc Jacobs** Unlike the Marc Jacobs store in Greenbelt 4, this will carry not just handbags, shoes and accessories; it will also carry apparel and men's shoes and accessories
- **Filipino Zone** A whole section of the mall's second floor is dedicated to local designers and artisans. While fashion designers like Randy Ortiz, Vic Barba, Jun Escario and Kate Torralba have been open since the holidays, more will open in time for summer shopping. Watch out for Paradi (ready-to-wear by Patrice Ramos-Diaz), Aranaz (bags by Amina Aranaz), Rocks (jewelry by Ana Rocha), and Budji Living (furniture and homeware by Budji Layug)