

# SHOPPING IN CONCEPCIÓN

DISCOVER THE BEST SHOPPING IN TOWN



## GALERÍA UNIVERSIDAD DE CONCEPCIÓN - YOUTH SPIRIT

Located in Barros Arana 603, a few blocks away is the University of Concepción, stands out for its creative and youthful atmosphere. It features independent fashion, local art, handmade accessories, bookshops and cafés with character. The surrounding area is full with cultural energy, and connects with the "Galería Ramos", where a heritage mural stands out, it's perfect for visitors looking to explore beyond the traditional shops. Easily accessible from the city center. Some stores do not accept cards, so it is recommended to bring cash. Small pets are allowed in some places.

**Schedule:** Mon to Sat, 9:00am - 21:30 pm



## GALERÍA CARACOL - EVERYDAY LOCAL SHOPPING

Located in Rengo 578, in the center of Concepción. This spiral-shaped gallery mixes commerce, art and alternative culture. Here you will find hairdressing shops, music stores, jewelry, mystical and fanatical objects, comics, games and more. Its atmosphere is authentic, ideal for people looking for souvenirs with local identity. Safe pedestrian area. Most places accept cards, but it is advisable to bring cash. Not all spaces are accessible for people with reduced mobility.

**Schedule:** Mon to Sat, 9:00 am - 20:00 pm



## STREET BARROS ARANA: WHERE THE CITY SHOPS

Barros Arana is Concepción's most iconic commercial street. Running through the city center, it brings together everything from major clothing and tech stores to bookstores, cosmetics, and specialty shops. Its lively atmosphere and excellent connectivity make it perfect for tourists seeking convenient shopping without leaving downtown. On nearby walkways, you'll also find cozy cafés, local designs, and unique finds full of character. A dynamic, well-rounded shopping experience at the core of the city.



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## WHAT IS A "GALERÍA COMERCIAL"?

The galleries are covered pedestrian passages, filled with small shops that run through entire blocks of the city center. They are not malls: they have a more intimate, classic and local style. They have been part of concepcion urban life for decades, connecting streets through corridors with clothing stores, books, art, technology, hairdressers and cafés. They are perfect for exploring on foot and discovering the authentic trade of the city.



## GALERÍA ALESSANDRI - LOCAL CHARM & UNIQUE FINDS

Located in Aníbal Pinto 450, in the heart of Concepción, this historic gallery blends traditional commerce with culture. Here you will find bookstores, vintage clothing, vinyl records, mystical items, and cozy cafés. Ideal for people seeking souvenirs with local identity. Safe pedestrian area with access from Plaza de Armas. Most shops accept cards, but it's useful to carry cash.

**Schedule:** Mon to Sat, 10:00 am - 18:00 pm



## PLAZA PERÚ AND DIAGONAL PEDRO AGUIRRE CERDA

These iconic spots in downtown Concepción combine local commerce with a strong university and artistic atmosphere. Along the Diagonal you'll find bookstores, cafés, and handmade products, ideal for those looking for something unique. Plaza Perú often hosts cultural and food fairs, and is surrounded by restaurants to enjoy. It's a lively area is perfect for walking, shopping for souvenirs, or enjoying street art. Visiting during the day is strongly recommended. It is easy to explore on foot, scooter or bike.



## TIPS FOR SAFE AND ENJOYABLE CONCEPCIÓN

Concepción is a vibrant city with cultural and shopping areas perfect for exploring during the day, this ensures a safer and more comfortable experience. A reliable option for transportation are local buses (micros), but keep in mind they stop running between 9:00 and 10:00 PM; after that, it's best to use ride-hailing apps. Avoid quiet streets at night and keep your belongings secure in busy places. These tips will help make your visit smooth and enjoyable.