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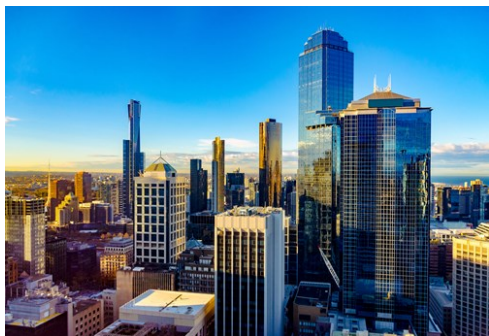


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Melbourne is an artistic powerhouse with a vibrant and multicultural soul. Nicknamed "Paris of the southern hemisphere", Melbourne is not only known to be Australia's cultural hotspot, but is also famous for its major sporting events and its culinary delights from all across the world. With its high-rise city centre and far-reaching suburbs, it is hard not to be dragged in by the life of the capital of Victoria, but day trips to the wild nature of the state are also extremely attractive.



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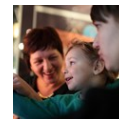
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## THE CITY



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Melbourne is the second-largest city in Australia and is known to be Australia's most cultured city — although some Sydney-siders would contest this. The city's main attractions are museums, galleries and theatres, large green spaces and the Yarra River flowing across the urban centre. Melbourne has seen wave after wave of new arrivals with Italians, Greeks, Chinese and Vietnamese all adding ingredients to the cultural and culinary mix. And there are the sports-mad, of course. Each year, Melbourne plays host to some of the world's major international sports events such as the Australian Open in tennis, and Formula 1 racing.

The city developed during the height of the Victorian gold rush in the late 1800s, which shows through the Victorian-era architecture in some neighbourhoods. However, developments over the years have also left their mark, recently with the new and modern Federation Square complex, and the Docklands re-development. Probably the most famous snapshot of Melbourne is the television series "Neighbours" recorded here and broadcast across the world for more than 20 years.

If you fancy a trip out of the city, Melbourne is also a great base for 1-2 day tours to, for example, the Grampians National Park, the Great

Ocean Road with the Twelve Apostles, local wineries, or to observe the masses of penguins on Phillip Island coming home from a day at sea. Enjoy your stay in what many claim is the hippest city in the southern hemisphere.

## DO & SEE



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It is not without reason that Melbourne is often dubbed the world's most livable city: the vibrant metropolis has plenty of attractions to visit and landmarks to see. Here are some of the main attractions that should be on your bucket list.

### Federation Square



This futuristic plaza is one of the most complex and ambitious construction projects ever undertaken in Australia, serving as Melbourne's civic centre with cafés, restaurants, an amphitheater and several museums such as the Ian Potter Centre that showcases Australian art. There's also a farmers market every Friday and a book market on Saturdays.

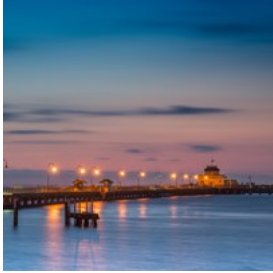
Photo: Neale Cousland/Shutterstock.com

Address: Swanston & Flinders, Melbourne

Phone: +61 3 9655 1900

Internet: [www.federationsquare.com.au](http://www.federationsquare.com.au)

## St Kilda



St Kilda is one of the liveliest and most colourful areas of Melbourne right on the Hobsons Bay. Acland and Fitzroy streets are the

main roads with bars, restaurants and shops. The cake shops are just too tempting! St Kilda Beach is a popular spot for late afternoon walks and for watching the sunset.

Photo: boripan chatree/Shutterstock.com

Address: St Kilda, Melbourne

Public Transport: Tram to Fitzroy Street

Internet: [www.stkildamelbourne.com.au](http://www.stkildamelbourne.com.au)

## Melbourne Zoo



The zoo in Melbourne is one of the world's oldest, famous for its large collection of native animals in a spacious bush setting. There are

over 2,000 creatures to admire here, and it is located only minutes north from the city centre, making it a great place for the whole family.

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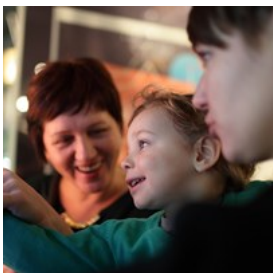
Address: Elliott Avenue, Parkville, Melbourne

Opening hours: Daily 9am-5pm

Phone: +61 1300 966 784

Internet: [www.zoo.org.au/melbourne](http://www.zoo.org.au/melbourne)

## Melbourne Museum



This innovative museum for visitors of all ages houses an Aboriginal centre, a rain forest, the set for the world famous TV show "Neighbours",

and much more. Learn Melbourne's history and how the city developed into sprawling Metropolis

post the gold rush of the 1850s.

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Address: 11 Nicholson Street, Melbourne

Opening hours: Daily 10am-5pm

Phone: +61 383 417 777

Internet: [museumsvictoria.com.au/melbournemuseum](http://museumsvictoria.com.au/melbournemuseum)

## Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria



Arguably one of most beautiful botanic gardens in the world and the perfect place for a relaxing picnic with a view. It displays more than

50,000 plants and is undisputedly one of Melbourne's most popular tourist attractions. Definitely worth a visit on a sunny day in Melbourne.

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Address: Birdwood Avenue, Melbourne

Opening hours: Daily 7:30am-5:30pm

Phone: +61 392 522 300

Internet: [www.rbg.vic.gov.au](http://www.rbg.vic.gov.au)

Email: [rbg@rbg.vic.gov.au](mailto:rbg@rbg.vic.gov.au)

More Info: Open until early October

## Melbourne Skydeck — Eureka Tower



Towering 279 meters (975 ft) above ground level, Eureka Tower's Skydeck offers breathtaking 360-degree views of Melbourne, with

an on-site cafe if you want to enjoy the sight for a while longer. It is the perfect place to relax after a long walk around town.

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Address: 7 Riverside Quay Southbank, Melbourne

Phone: +61 3 9693 8888

Internet: [www.eurekaskydeck.com.au](http://www.eurekaskydeck.com.au)

Email: [hello@eurekaskydeck.com.au](mailto:hello@eurekaskydeck.com.au)

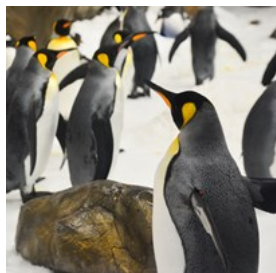
### Old Melbourne Gaol



The Old Melbourne Gaol was established in 1841 and remains a fabulous insight into Melbourne's historical past. The notorious bushranger Ned Kelly, along with dozens of others, were once executed within its walls. The night tours are spookily good. Also a great place for fans of escape rooms.

Photo: matiascausa/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 377 Russell Street, Melbourne  
Opening hours: Wed-Sun 10am-6pm  
Phone: +61 3 9656 9889  
Internet: [www.oldmelbournegaol.com.au](http://www.oldmelbournegaol.com.au)  
Email: [bookings@oldmelbournegaol.com.au](mailto:bookings@oldmelbournegaol.com.au)

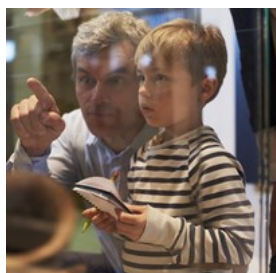
### Melbourne Aquarium



The Melbourne Aquarium contains multiple marine animal species native to the Southern Ocean and the Antarctic. One of its highlights is a 360-degree fish-bowl viewing area. If you dare, try diving with the sharks! You will also find the largest collection of seahorses and sea dragon species in the world.

Photo: Mo Wu/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Corner King & Flinders Street, Melbourne  
Phone: +61 3 9923 5925  
Internet: [www.visitsealife.com/melbourne](http://www.visitsealife.com/melbourne)

### Immigration Museum



This museum gives an excellent account of immigration to what today is modern Melbourne over the last 200 years, using audio

and visual displays. The museum continue to explore the topic of migration via an ever-changing array of fascinating temporary exhibitions.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 400 Flinders Street, Melbourne  
Opening hours: Daily 10am-5pm  
Phone: +61 131 102  
Internet: [museumsvictoria.com.au/immigrationmuseum](http://museumsvictoria.com.au/immigrationmuseum)  
Email: [mvbookings@museum.vic.gov.au](mailto:mvbookings@museum.vic.gov.au)

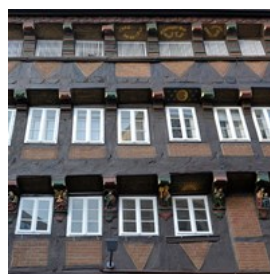
### Phillip Island



This nature reserve offers plenty to entertain visitors, but its definitive highlight is the nightly parade of penguins returning ashore and heading to their sand dune homes at sunset after spending the day hunting for fish. Expect to sight anywhere between a couple of hundred to a couple of thousand penguins.

Photo: Marcella Miriello/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Phillip Island, Melbourne  
Phone: +61 3 5951 2800  
Internet: [www.visitphillipisland.com](http://www.visitphillipisland.com)  
More Info: Rent a car or contact the tourist office for special bus tours to Phillip Island.

### Brunswick Street



When in Melbourne, one must visit the bohemian Brunswick Street in Fitzroy, an area well known for its many bars, cafés, restaurants and unique boutiques that remain busy any hour of the day. Catch an indie music performance, see an art display or shop around for something unique.

Photo: Heiko Kueverling/Shutterstock.com

Address: Brunswick Street, Melbourne

More Info:

[www.weknowmelbourne.com.au/brunswick-street-guide](http://www.weknowmelbourne.com.au/brunswick-street-guide)

### Winebus Winery Tours



Enjoy a full day tour with Winebus and visit four wineries, obviously with wine tasting included.

The knowledgeable tour guide will share insights

and show you around. It also includes a one course à la carte lunch at the Oakridge Winery restaurant.

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Address: Hexham Road, Melbourne

Phone: +61 428 265 818

Internet: [www.winebus.com.au](http://www.winebus.com.au)

Email: [info@winebus.com.au](mailto:info@winebus.com.au)

More Info: There are 5 pick-up locations and the tour starts around 9 am

### St Paul's Cathedral



St Paul's Cathedral is located in Federation Square. This beautiful and historic building is set right next to modern buildings and is a good

example of the old meeting the new. The cathedral is built in neo-Gothic style and was consecrated in 1891.

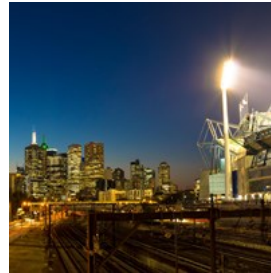
Photo: Leonid Andronov/Shutterstock.com

Address: Corner Flinders Lane & Swanston Street, Melbourne

Phone: +61 3 9653 4333

Internet: [cathedral.org.au](http://cathedral.org.au)

### Australian Sports Museum



Sport is a very important part of Melbourne culture and Australian Sports Museum displays wonderful collections of

cricket, football, Olympic

Games, soccer and many other sports artefacts.

This is a great place for the whole family; the younger visitors will certainly enjoy the on-site interactive games.

Photo: Scottt13/Shutterstock.com

Address: Melbourne Cricket Ground, Brunton Ave, Melbourne

Opening hours: Daily 10am-5pm

Phone: +61 3 9657 8879

Internet: [www.australiansportsmuseum.org.au](http://www.australiansportsmuseum.org.au)

Email: [contactus@australiansportsmuseum.org.au](mailto:contactus@australiansportsmuseum.org.au)

More Info: The last tour of the day leaves at 3 pm

### Funfields



Funfields is located 40 kilometres north of Melbourne and is an outdoor family fun park with rides to suit all ages.

Here you can enjoy

limitless rides all day on all the attractions including toboggans, go karts, water slides, pony express carousel, the water playground and much, much more.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2365 Plenty Road, Melbourne

Opening hours: Open only in the summer

Phone: +61 397 161 078

Internet: [www.funfields.com.au](http://www.funfields.com.au)

Email: [info@funfields.com.au](mailto:info@funfields.com.au)

### Great Ocean Road



A trip along the Great Ocean Road offers magnificent views over the southern coast of Australia. The Twelve Apostles, large rocks rising out of the sea, are an especially interesting sight en route. Go on a guided tour, rent a car or a campervan to fully experience this amazing place.

Photo: pisaphotography/Shutterstock.com  
Address: The Great Ocean Road, Melbourne  
Internet: [www.australia.com/en/places/melbourne-and-surrounds/guide-to-the-great-ocean-road.html](http://www.australia.com/en/places/melbourne-and-surrounds/guide-to-the-great-ocean-road.html)

### Queen Victoria Market



The historic landmark Queen Victoria Market is also called "Vic Market" or the "Queen Vi". At this bustling inner-city market you can shop for almost everything, since it is the largest open air market in the Southern Hemisphere. The market is truly the heart of Melbourne and well worth a visit for both locals and tourists.

Photo: Adam Calaitzis/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Victoria & Elizabeth Streets, Melbourne  
Opening hours: Tue-Fri 6am-3pm, Sat 6am-4pm, Sun 9am-4pm  
Phone: +61 393 205 822  
Internet: [www.qvm.com.au](http://www.qvm.com.au)  
More Info: Check the website for events and tours

### Crown Casino



Melbourne is famous for its huge entertainment complex, Crown Casino at Southbank. Here you can enjoy a good dinner, gamble, dance your shoes off, or do some shopping. The complex also houses hotel and spa facilities, with special package offers available.

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Address: 8 Whiteman Street, Melbourne  
Opening hours: 24/7  
Phone: +61 3 9292 8888  
Internet: [www.crownmelbourne.com.au](http://www.crownmelbourne.com.au)

### Dandenong Ranges



East of Melbourne lie the Dandenong Ranges, a scenic area containing low mountain ranges, tranquil lakes, lush forests and cute little villages. Here you can ride an iconic steam train, cycle or hike through magical places such as Sherbrooke Forest, or just relax in a spa. This is a great place for all nature lovers who wish to escape the bustling city life.

Photo: K.A.Willis/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Dandenong Ranges National Park, Melbourne  
Internet: [www.visitdandenongranges.com.au](http://www.visitdandenongranges.com.au)  
Email: [info@visitdandenongranges.com.au](mailto:info@visitdandenongranges.com.au)

### Sovereign Hill



Sovereign Hill is claimed to be Australia's foremost outdoor museum. Here you can get a glimpse of what life was like during the Gold Rush, go on a gold mine tour, and shop 1850s-style. The on-site

Gold Museum chronicles the history of Ballarat, a city built with the wealth amassed during the gold rush.

Photo: cherry-hai/Shutterstock.com

Address: Bradshaw Street, Ballarat, Melbourne

Phone: +61 3 5337 1199

Internet: [www.sovereignhill.com.au](http://www.sovereignhill.com.au)

### Mornington Peninsula



Only an hour's drive from Melbourne is the Mornington Peninsula.

Here you can visit wineries, some of the finest beaches, hot

springs and even swim with dolphins. The peninsula is also home to a few incredible art galleries, as well as glass-blowing workshops.

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Address: Mornington Peninsula, Melbourne

Phone: +61 3 5950 1579

Internet: [www.visitmorningtonpeninsula.org](http://www.visitmorningtonpeninsula.org)

### Astor Theatre



The oldest single-screen theatre in Melbourne's inner suburb of St Kilda, the Astor has become a must-do for cinephiles since it first opened its

doors in 1936. The classic auditorium theatre runs a program of new and classic films in 35mm, 70mm and digital formats. Come here to enjoy remastered classics, new independent movies, film festivals and special events.

Photo: Felix Mooneeram/unsplash.com

Address: Corner Chapel Street & Dandenong Road, St Kilda

Phone: +61 3 9510 1414

Internet: [www.astortheatre.net.au](http://www.astortheatre.net.au)

More Info: The cinema has its very own resident cat, Duke, who loves sneaking around during films

### Abbotsford Convent



Once known as the Convent of the Good Shepherd, the Convent provided refuge for vulnerable women, children and orphans.

Nowadays, the convent building and formal gardens play host to events and festivals, workshops and classes, music and theatre performances, and in summer, outdoor cinema.

Located on a bend of the Yarra river, the historic site features beautiful and eery gothic spires of the convent, lush lawns, secluded courtyards and a meticulously restored formal garden. Entry is also free and the garden is open late. Have a beer or even join a team of gardening volunteers. Nowadays, the venue hosts events and festivals, workshops and classes, performances, and summer outdoor film screenings.

Photo: [ToMelbourne.com.au/Wikimedia Commons\(image cropped\)](http://ToMelbourne.com.au/Wikimedia Commons(image cropped))

Address: 1 St Heliers Street, Abbotsford

Public Transport: Nearby station is Victoria Park

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 7:30am-10:30pm, Sun & Mon 7:30am-9:30pm

Phone: +61 3 9415 3600

Internet: [abbotsfordconvent.com.au](http://abbotsfordconvent.com.au)

### Melbourne's Luna Park



Melbourne's Luna Park is a galaxy of amusements and sensations. From the jaw-dropping, eye-ball popping super thrill rides like the Pharaoh's Curse,

Metropolis and the Enterprise, to the exhilarating rides like the Spider, Twin Dragon, G Force and the Coney Island Top Drop, you're bound to have an awesome time!

Photo: Sociopath987/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 18 Lower Esplanade, St Kilda  
Phone: +61 3 9525 5033  
Internet: lunapark.com.au

## DINING



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Melbourne's ethnic diversity is reflected in its culinary world, and as gastronomic outings are a bit of a local obsession, there is a vast variety of restaurants to choose from. It is no surprise that Melbourne is dubbed the eating capital of Australia. Many of Melbourne's areas have distinct culinary character — from the Greek atmosphere of Lonsdale Street, to Carlton's "Little Italy", to the wide choice of Chinatown around Little Bourke Street. Near the Yarra River, at the Southgate complex you can enjoy striking views of the city and spectacular waterfront while you dine. You will find something for every palate and price range — from fine dining to quick noodles, from focaccia to fish of the day. Discover Melbourne not only through your eyes, but also with your taste buds.

### Becco



Becco is a lively restaurant and one of the downtown's most popular Italian eateries. The speciality here is seafood, and if you're a fish lover then try the 'whole fish of the day' special. Becco

is most known for its innovative approach to Italian classics. You will also find an adjoining bar on-site.

Photo: Emotions studio/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 11-25 Crossley Street, Melbourne  
Opening hours: Tue-Sat noon-11pm  
Phone: +61 3 9663 3000  
Internet: [www.becco.com.au](http://www.becco.com.au)  
Email: [info@becco.com.au](mailto:info@becco.com.au)

### Robata



The San Telmo Group, celebrated for their South American gastronomic expertise, welcomes a new member — Robata. This spot infuses the traditional Japanese robatayaki method into the group's grill-focused ethos. Robata offers an array of yakitori choices, each paired with a distinctive dressing. Its more filling menu items include pork tonkatsu and kaisen don with fresh, sashimi-grade fish. Housed in the ex-Gazi location, Robata mirrors the buzz of Tokyo's Shibuya district with a capacity for over 100 guests and a meticulously crafted ambiance.

Photo: Wasant/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 2 Exhibition Street, Melbourne  
Opening hours: Daily noon-late  
Phone: +61 3 9989 3575  
Internet: [robata.com.au](http://robata.com.au)

### Shark Fin Inn



Located in Chinatown, this restaurant serves some of the finest authentic Cantonese food in Melbourne. It is a favourite for dim sum, and the establishment's menu includes a daily selection of over 100 Chinese dishes. There are 4

locations in the area.

Photo: Pooja Chaudhary/unsplash.com  
Address: 50 Little Bourke Street, Melbourne  
Opening hours: Daily 11am-3pm / 5:30pm-10pm  
Phone: +61 3 966 22681  
Internet: [www.sharkfin.com.au](http://www.sharkfin.com.au)

### Jimmy Watson's



Serving up predominantly European cuisine, this three-generation deep Australian wine dynasty provides a dining experience that will stick

with you. Peruse their comprehensive wine selection on the refreshing verdant terrace, or ascend to the rooftop bar.

Photo: Christian Delbert/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 333 Lygon Street, Melbourne  
Opening hours: Lunch: Tue-Sun from noon. Dinner: Tue-Sat from 5:30pm  
Phone: +61 3 9347 3985  
Internet: [jimmywatsons.info](http://jimmywatsons.info)  
Email: [team@jimmywatsons.com](mailto:team@jimmywatsons.com)

### The Vineyard Restaurant



The Vineyard in St Kilda has a serious following among locals. It is a terrific place to start, continue or finish the night with modern

Australian cuisine in space with floor-to-ceiling windows. Serves a huge variety of food including Australian cuisine and offers decent selection beers alongside the wines.

Photo: PaperPiano Films/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 71A Acland Street, St Kilda  
Opening hours: Mon-Thu 1pm-1am, Fri-Sun 1pm-3am  
Phone: +61 3 9534 1942  
Internet: [thevineyard.com.au](http://thevineyard.com.au)

### The French Brasserie



The French Brasserie at the top end of town boasts an internationally renowned chef who produces modern French dishes and degustation.

These culinary delights are served in a chic environment, including terrace seating.

Photo: patarapong saraboon/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 2 Malthouse Lane, Melbourne  
Opening hours: Wed-Fri noon-3pm / 5pm-late; Sat 5pm-late  
Phone: +61 3 9662 1632  
Internet: [thefrenchbrasserie.com.au](http://thefrenchbrasserie.com.au)  
Email: [info@thefrenchbrasserie.com.au](mailto:info@thefrenchbrasserie.com.au)

### The Cerberus Beach House

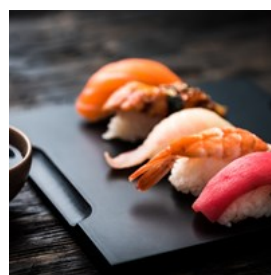


This lovely, small hidden gem in the heart of Black Rock serves fresh sea food and healthy classics in an open-front restaurant. Friendly staff, amazing food and a stunning view over the bay.

Come to witness the sundown.

Photo: 10 FACE/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 16 Cerberus Way, 212 Half Moon Bay, Black Rock  
Opening hours: Hours change seasonally  
Phone: +61 3 9533 4028  
Internet: [cerberusbeachhouse.com.au](http://cerberusbeachhouse.com.au)  
Email: [info@cerberusbeachhouse.com.au](mailto:info@cerberusbeachhouse.com.au)  
More Info: The restaurant operates a kiosk in case you want to have a picnic at the beach

### China Bar Signature



China Bar Signature is the largest buffet restaurant in Melbourne, and one that offers the best of Asian cuisine. The food is prepared by some

of the finest chefs from China, Vietnam, Malaysia

and Hong Kong. Here you can enjoy dishes like sushi, sashimi, fresh oysters, Peking duck, yum cha, noodles and traditional Asian soups.

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Address: 380 Burwood Highway, Burwood East

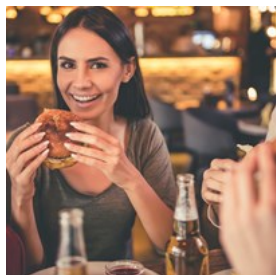
Opening hours: Mon 11:30am-3pm / 5:30pm-9:30pm; Wed & Thu 11:30am-3pm / 5:30pm-10pm; Fri 11:30am-3pm / 5:30pm-9:30pm; Sat & Sun 11am-3pm / 5:30pm-10pm

Phone: +61 3 9986 7111

Internet: [www.chinabarsignature.com.au](http://www.chinabarsignature.com.au)

More Info: On Fridays, weekends and holidays the restaurant invites guests in waves. Check the schedule on the website for the most stress-free experience

### Imperial South Yarra



Imperial bistro is located right in the heart of Chapel Street with a lovely view over the street action. This is one of the finest

establishments in South Yarra, and so many come here to eat before they start their night out. The menu is varied, with a large selection of dishes to share made with fresh seasonal ingredients. Extensive local and international wine and beer lists available.

Photo: George Rudy/Shutterstock.com

Address: 522 Chapel Street, Melbourne

Opening hours: Mon & Tue 4pm-10pm, Wed noon-10pm, Thu-Sat noon-late, Sun noon-9pm

Phone: +61 3 9810 0070

Internet: [imperialsouthyarra.com](http://imperialsouthyarra.com)

Email: [info@imperialsouthyarra.com](mailto:info@imperialsouthyarra.com)

More Info: Happy hour 4pm-7pm

### Laksa King Kitchen



The wildly popular Laksa King Kitchen is packed at lunch and dinner hours — no reservations and cash only — so do arrive in time to indulge in some of the city's most flavourful and authentic Malaysian cuisine and hawker food.

Photo: Casa nayafana/Shutterstock.com

Address: 324 Racecourse Road, Flemington

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 11am-10pm, Fri & Sat 11am-10:30pm

Phone: +61 3 9372 6383

Internet: [www.laksaking.com.au](http://www.laksaking.com.au)

Email: [eat@laksaking.com.au](mailto:eat@laksaking.com.au)

### Hakata Gensuke QV — Chicken Ramen



Few are left indifferent by the copious servings of Hakata Ramen at this Melbourne joint. Arrive shortly after peak lunch hours (around 3 pm) and be seated with no wait. Several varieties of ramen are on offer.

Photo: TMON/Shutterstock.com

Address: 200 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne

Opening hours: Daily 11am-10pm

Phone: +61 3 9650 4579

Internet: [gensuke.com.au/qv](http://gensuke.com.au/qv)

Email: [qv@gensuke.com.au](mailto:qv@gensuke.com.au)

More Info: Check the restaurant's website for four more locations

### Studley Park Boathouse



Studley Park Boathouse is a restored Edwardian venue with formal and casual dining spaces. They serve Modern Australian cuisine in a

gorgeous natural setting. When the weather gets a bit cold, book one of the Igloos that offer a private dining experience or winter-themed High Tea for you and up to six guests.

Photo: Carlos Lindner/unsplash.com

Address: 1 Boathouse Road, Kew, Melbourne

Phone: +61 3) 8563 0028

Internet: studleyparkboathousekew.com.au

### The Left Handed Chef



The Left Handed Chef specialises in hummus bowls topped with falafels, lamb, chicken, mushrooms, cauliflower florets. The prices are very affordable and the portions are generous. Get to explore the best Middle Eastern dishes here, such as falafel, sabich and Shakshuka — a brunch favourite.

Photo: Zineb Sakhaoui/unsplash.com

Address: 108 Bank Street, South Melbourne

Opening hours: Wed-Sun noon-8pm, Mon & Tue closed

Phone: +61 3 9645 5800

Internet: lhceatery.com

### CAFES

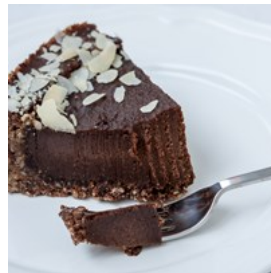


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Melbourne has heaps of cafes, so whether you fancy a long and relaxing brunch, a quick coffee or an afternoon drink — it is all here, to be found on street corners or in the small alleyways. Do

not leave Melbourne without stopping by a few of these excellent hidden gems.

### Veggie Bar



The Veggie Bar is a fun, hip place to grab a bite or sit down and enjoy a good meal — a great and healthy alternative to traditional fast food. The

menu offers a wide variety of dishes inspired by world cuisine, with vegan, gluten free, and raw creations available. There's a leafy courtyard for days with good weather.

Photo: vaaseenaa/Shutterstock.com

Address: 380 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 11am-9:30pm, Fri & Sat

11am-10pm

Phone: +61 3 9417 6935

Internet: [www.vegiebar.com.au](http://www.vegiebar.com.au)

Email: [info@vegiebar.com.au](mailto:info@vegiebar.com.au)

### Degraves Espresso Bar



This coffee bar with character serves a delicious morning fry-up and a great espresso. The decor is a blend between Paris and Melbourne and,

in true Degraves Street style, it's an alfresco café. Some seats were borrowed directly from an old cinema.

Photo: grafvision/Shutterstock.com

Address: 23-25 Degraves Street, Melbourne

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-10pm, Sat 8am-10:30pm, Sun

8am-9pm

Phone: +61 3 9654 1245

Internet: [www.instagram.com/degraves.espresso](http://www.instagram.com/degraves.espresso)

### BearBrass



The fun and artsy BearBrass provides a good reason to take in a coffee, drink or meal at a fantastic location in Southbank right on the Yarra River — you will have terrific views of the city as you stop by for a break.

Photo: Coffee Lover/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 3 Southgate Avenue, Southbank  
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 11am-late, Sat & Sun 9am-late  
Phone: +61 3 9682 3799  
Internet: [www.bearbrass.com.au](http://www.bearbrass.com.au)  
Email: [bb@bearbrass.com.au](mailto:bb@bearbrass.com.au)  
More Info: Southgate Shopping Complex, River Level

### Roule Galette



This excellent, authentic French creperie serves a wide variety of both sweet and savoury crepes. Roule Galette remains busy despite its tucked away location, so be prepared for a short wait (one that will certainly turn out to be more than worth it).

Photo: istetiana/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 273/241 Flinders Lane, Melbourne  
Opening hours: Mon-Thu 7:30am-8pm, Fri 7:30am-9:30pm, Sat 9am-8pm, Sun 9am-5pm  
Phone: +61 3 9639 0307  
Internet: [www.roulegalette.com.au](http://www.roulegalette.com.au)  
More Info: At Scott Alley. Second location at 104 Koornang Road, Carnegie

### Operator25



Operator25 is an all-day brunch cafe and coffee spot in a historic 1900s building that housed Melbourne's first switchboard. The menu has a surprising and delightful Asian twist.

Photo: malinkaphoto/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 25 Wills Street, Melbourne  
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-4pm, Sat & Sun 8am-4pm  
Phone: +61 3 9670 3278  
Internet: [operator25.com.au](http://operator25.com.au)  
Email: [brunch@operator25.com.au](mailto:brunch@operator25.com.au)

### Pellegrini's Espresso Bar



Opened by two Italian brothers in 1954, Pellegrini's Espresso Bar has become one of the most well-known cafes in Melbourne. It doesn't have a fixed menu, so that every day's offer is a surprise. However, you can always expect fine pasta-based dishes like spaghetti Bolognese and lasagna. Finish your meal with a watermelon granita or their excellent espresso.

Photo: baranq/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 66 Bourke Street, Melbourne  
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8am-9pm, Sun closed  
Phone: +61 3 9662 1885  
Internet: [www.instagram.com/pellegrinisespresso](http://www.instagram.com/pellegrinisespresso)

### Proud Mary



Proud Mary serves breakfast and single-origin coffee in a warehouse style with exposed-brick walls. This venue in Collingwood market the beginning of a popular cafe chain.

You will find the most hip methods of producing a cup of caffeinated goodness, as well as excellent food. Try their classic potato hash brown with bacon, spinach and egg.

Photo: Ehimetalor Akhere Unuabona/unsplash.com  
Address: 172 Oxford Street, Collingwood, Melbourne  
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-3pm, Sat & Sun 8am-3pm  
Phone: +61 3 9417 5930  
Internet: [www.proudmariycoffee.com.au](http://www.proudmariycoffee.com.au)  
More Info: Call ahead, if you can

### Norman South Yarra



Norman in South Yarra is a two-level brunch cafe. Aussie staples like Vegemite, avocado toast, waffles with red capsicum curd, and banana split

french toast are served in a cozy space with wood paneling.

Photo: Maddi Bazzocco/unsplash.com  
Address: Shop 2/300 Toorak Road, South Yarra, Melbourne  
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 7am-4pm, Sun 8am-4pm  
Phone: +61 3 9999 0999  
Internet: [normansouthyarra.com](http://normansouthyarra.com)

### Bakemono Bakers



Bakemono Bakery is a homey Japanese-inspired bakery with a wood-framed glass facade and a minimalistic natural clean look. Arrive early to

have first dibs on almond-yuzu croissants and cream-cheese buns. Of course, you are welcome to have your baked goodies with a cup of coffee here.

Photo: Siebe Warmoeskerken/unsplash.com  
Address: 273 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne  
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-5pm, Sat & Sun 8:30am-5pm  
Internet: [bakemonobakers.com.au](http://bakemonobakers.com.au)

More Info: Across the street from cafe Little Rogue

### Small Axe Kitchen



Small Axe in Brunswick is a vibey cafe with restaurant quality Sicilian inspired dishes. Cosy up indoors or enjoy the breeze on the communal

tables outside. The menu follows a familiar brunch format. Try their deliriously good French toast with cinnamon ricotta and honey, or go for meatballs with pecorino on toast.

Photo: nikldn/unsplash.com  
Address: 281 Victoria Street, Brunswick, Melbourne  
Opening hours: Daily 8am-3pm  
Phone: +61 3 9939 6061  
Internet: [www.smallaxekitchen.com](http://www.smallaxekitchen.com)

### BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Melbourne is awash with bars of all themes and clientele imaginable. Although you are never more than a couple of blocks away from a bar, they are mainly concentrated in central Melbourne, save for a handful in the Fitzroy and St Kilda areas. Rooftops are great for taking advantage of Australia's climate. Seek one out and enjoy the breezy setting with a drink in hand.

### Madame Brussels



This third floor bar is an indoor beer garden and cocktail bar with exceptionally friendly staff and garden furniture. The

pink-and-white decor itself is half the establishment's attraction. If you are feeling hungry, order a light meal served in tapas-sized portions.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 3/59 Bourke Street, Melbourne  
Opening hours: Wed-Fri 3pm-late, Sat & Sun 1pm-late, Mon & Tue closed  
Phone: +61 3 9662 2775  
Internet: madamebrussels.com  
Email: madame@madamebrussels.com

### Revolver Upstairs



This club has a packed program with live music, DJs and large crowds. This is where

Melbournians go to continue the party when other clubs have turned off the lights. There is a constant rotation of live gigs and an on-site Thai restaurant here, too.

Photo: Steve Mann/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 229 Chapel Street, Prahran  
Opening hours: Thu 5pm-late, Friday 5pm-noon, Sat 5pm-morning  
Internet: revolverupstairs.com.au  
Email: revolver@revolverupstairs.com.au

### Inflation



Inflation features pool tables, padded booths, large TV screens, a rooftop area and, of course, bars and dance floors playing electro house. Dress to impress! Come to the rooftop on a Friday night and enjoy a cocktail in the breezy setting.

Photo: Rawpixel/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 60 King Street, Melbourne  
Phone: +61 452 627 842  
Internet: www.instagram.com/inflationnightclub

### Mr Wilkinson



Mr Wilkinson is a cozy bar with a relaxed atmosphere and a compact courtyard. The staff will serve you light bites and will expertly help you choose one of the craft beers.

Photo: Natalya Okorokova/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 295 Lygon Street, Melbourne  
Phone: +61 3 9388-8578  
Internet: www.mrwilkinsonbar.com.au

### Temperance Hotel



The party never stops at the Temperance Hotel, with Thursdays being 2-for-1 cocktail nights, Fridays featuring "T" time where drinks costs the current number on the clock up until 7-8 pm, and, of course, on Saturdays everyone is welcome to dance the night away. Check their website for special offers and more creative events.

Photo: astarot/Shutterstock.com

Address: 426 Chapel Street, South Yarra

Opening hours: Daily noon-late

Phone: +61 3 9827 7401

Internet: temperancehotel.com.au

Email: enquiries@temperancehotel.com.au

### Goldilocks Bar



Goldilocks is a lovely tucked away rooftop bar. Really tasty drinks and lovely little lights for that ultimate cozy vibe. They drinks menu is always

changing, so you will never get bored of coming here.

Photo: Amawasri Pakdara/Shutterstock.com

Address: 4/264 Swanston Street, Melbourne

Opening hours: Mon-Wed 4pm-midnight, Thu-Sat 1pm-1am, Sun 2pm-10pm

Internet: www.goldilocksbar.com.au

More Info: Level 4. The sign is tucked under an AC unit and you have to take a long-ish staircase to enjoy the view

### NFS Restaurant



This rooftop bar decorated with antiques serves small plates and infused vodka. The view does not get much better than this. The name is a

bit controversial: Naked For Satan, after Satanovich, the entrepreneurial grandson of a Russian vodka maker who ran shop here in the early 20th century.

Photo: bogdanhoda/Shutterstock.com

Address: 285 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy

Opening hours: Daily noon-late

Phone: +61 3 9416 2238

Internet: nakedforsatan.com.au

Email: naked@nakedforsatan.com.au

More Info: Check the website for lunch and other special offers

### The Comic's Lounge



Newcomers, established names, as well as absolute stars in the Australian comedy scene come to this lounge to perform their shows or

try out new performances before taking them to global stages. Either way, you will probably leave the place your belly aching from laughter.

Photo: Fer Gregory/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1/26 Errol Street, Melbourne

Phone: +61 3 9348 9488

Internet: www.thecomicslounge.com.au

Email: info@thecomicslounge.com.au

### Above Board



Above Board is a perfect spot for pre-drinks or after-drinks when out in Collingwood. It is a tiny room with only 16 seats that face the visionary

bartender Hayden Lambert, as he gives you a a masterclass in storytelling and cocktail craft. Personalised drinks come with a side of dad jokes and dry wit.

Photo: M.S. Meeuwesen/unsplash.com

Address: Level 1/306 Smith Street Chopper Lane, behind "Beermash" through the back door, Collingwood

Opening hours: Daily 6pm-1am

Internet: www.instagram.com/aboveboardbarmelb

More Info: Only 16 seats and no standing permitted. Come early!

### Bad Frankie



The guys at Bad Frankie have a pretty incredible selection of exclusively Australian spirits — all the big ones and plenty of small distilleries. Their cocktail use native ingredients such as pepper berry, macadamia, lemon myrtle, and gum tree leaves. The grilled sandwiches — jaffles — are hot, homely and absolutely mouthwatering. Open late, casual and always fun.

Photo: Ash Edmonds/unsplash.com

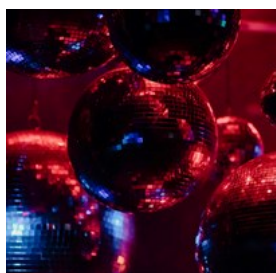
Address: 141 Greeves Street, Fitzroy, Melbourne

Opening hours: Sun, Tue & Wed 5pm-11pm; Thu, Fri & Sat 5pm-1am; Mon closed

Phone: +61 3 9078 3866

Internet: [www.badfrankie.com](http://www.badfrankie.com)

### The Toff In Town



The Toff In Town is a unique bar and club with art deco train carriage booths that offer great privacy because you can shut the cabin doors and enjoy time with your select group of friends. Come here for live music, theatre and late-night DJs. Dance the night away or relax and explore their extensive menu.

Photo: Alexander Popov/unsplash.com

Address: 2f/252 Swanston SStreett, Melbourne

Opening hours: Daily 5pm-late

Phone: +61 3 9639 8770

Internet: [thetoff.com.au](http://thetoff.com.au)

### Rubix Warehouse



Rubix Warehouse is an energy-filled warehouse club with graffitied walls and a quality soundsystem. It hosts an eclectic mix of events — techno, psy variants, featuring accompanying performances from artists of various disciplines. A garden lounge and powerful air conditioning will keep you cool through the night.

Photo: David Švihovec/unsplash.com

Address: 36 Phoenix Street, Brunswick, Melbourne

Phone: +61 405 521 370

Internet: [www.instagram.com/rubixwarehouse](http://www.instagram.com/rubixwarehouse)

### Curious



Curious is a "hidden bar" at the Flinders Lane hotel W Melbourne with a tasteful nod to Alice in Wonderland. The entrance can be found on Market Street — a glass door in front of a wall adorned with numerous clocks. Step around the wall of clocks and head down the spiral staircase towards a dimly lit underground space. The interior design is impressive and it is definitely the place to see and be seen. Sample their menu of small bites and shared plates.

Photo: Laure Noverraz/unsplash.com

Address: 408 Flinders Lane, Melbourne

Phone: +61 3 9113 8800

Internet: [www.marriott.com.au/hotels/hotel-information/restaurant/melwh-w-melbourne](http://www.marriott.com.au/hotels/hotel-information/restaurant/melwh-w-melbourne)

More Info: Smart Casual dress code

## SHOPPING



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Melbourne is a centre for art, music and theatre as much as it is for designer shopping. Its neighbourhoods have developed distinctive identities, from fashion-conscious South Yarra to retro Fitzroy, funky St Kilda by the bay and the bargain-shopping inner hub of Richmond.

Little Bourke Street is famous for its hub of outdoor gear shops while Elizabeth Street is a great choice for cameras, computers and Hi-Fi audio equipment. Keep your eyes open for the numerous laneways branching off Little Collins Street for some of the best-hidden treats. Retro fashion, exclusive one-off boutiques and heaps of cafés can be found on Flinders Lane.

Last but not least, no Melbourne shopping trip would be complete without a visit to the infamous Chapel Street where young and independent designers have their outlets. The exclusive shops along Toorak Road offer the latest designer labels where, between star-spottings, you can pick up the latest fashions.

## Myer



Myer is a city institution established over 80 years ago and the biggest single department store in Australia where you will find everything from clothes, shoes, accessories, beauty products to toys and home decor. The best goods to look out for are woollen garments, bush gear, handcrafted jewellery (particularly opals), woodwork design and ceramics.

Photo: Goodluz/Shutterstock.com

Address: 314-336 Bourke Street, Melbourne

Phone: +61 3 9661 1111

Internet: [www.myer.com.au](http://www.myer.com.au)

## Melbourne Central Shopping Centre



This urban inner-city arcade is a style-laden destination for shopping, eating & entertainment with over 300 stores to explore. You can easily spend an afternoon here. There is also a decent food court inside the shopping centre, which makes grabbing a bite easy and convenient.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: Swanston Street, Melbourne

Public Transport: Melbourne Central Station

Opening hours: Mon-Wed, Sat & Sun 10am-7pm, Thu & Fri 10am-9pm

Phone: +61 3 9922 1100

Internet: [www.melbournecentral.com.au](http://www.melbournecentral.com.au)

Email: [mcreception@gpt.com.au](mailto:mcreception@gpt.com.au)

## QV



Short for "Queen Victoria Village", QV is one of Melbourne's latest and most exciting retail developments which boasts a mix of fashion boutiques, homeware and furniture stores, and multiple other outlets, down to supermarkets, restaurants and cafes.

Photo: Phovoir/Shutterstock.com

Address: Swanston Street, Melbourne

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 10am-7pm, Fri 10am-9pm, Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 10am-5pm

Phone: +61 3 9207 9200

Internet: [www.qv.com.au](http://www.qv.com.au)

More Info: Corner Lonsdale & Swanston streets

## The Walk Arcade



Inside The Walk Arcade you will find a variety of stores and boutiques (perhaps, on the higher-end of the price spectrum) selling anything and everything from fashion items to cosmetics and luxury chocolates. There are also several inviting cafes and restaurants here.

Photo: Alliance/Shutterstock.com

Address: 309-325 Bourke Street, Melbourne

Phone: +61 3 9654 6744

Internet: [www.instagram.com/thewalkarcade](http://www.instagram.com/thewalkarcade)

Email: [walkmelb@tpg.com.au](mailto:walkmelb@tpg.com.au)

## The Block Arcade



This arcade on Collins Street - Melbourne's main shopping street - is a grand 1892 Victorian building packed with exclusive shops selling

elegant leather wear, glassware and couture. The building itself is worth a visit and is often included into the itinerary of Melbourne heritage walks.

Photo: George Rudy/Shutterstock.com

Address: 282 Collins Street, Melbourne

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 8am-6pm, Fri 8am-8pm, Sat 8am-5pm, Sun 9am-5pm

Phone: +61 3 9654 5244

Internet: [theblock.com.au](http://theblock.com.au)

Email: [management@theblock.com.au](mailto:management@theblock.com.au)

## Royal Arcade



The Royal Arcade, connecting Bourke and Little Collins Streets, is at the heart of Melbourne's shopping district and is lined with souvenir, deli

and jewelry shops. The historic building still exudes an aura of the olden days. It is a welcome refuge for a coffee break when the weather isn't the best.

Photo: Sunny\_baby/Shutterstock.com

Address: 335 Bourke Street Mall, Melbourne

Phone: +61 438 891 212

Internet: [royalarcade.com.au](http://royalarcade.com.au)

Email: [info@royalarcade.com.au](mailto:info@royalarcade.com.au)

## Queen Victoria Market



The heart and soul of Melbourne, The Queen Victoria Market is the largest open-air market in the southern hemisphere, selling everything there is

to find under the sun. When the hunger kicks in, stop by any of the food stalls for some affordable tasty street-style lunch. It is located on the corner of Victoria and Peel streets.

Photo: kuehdi/Shutterstock.com

Address: 513 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne  
Opening hours: Tue-Fri 6am-3pm, Sat 6am-4pm, Sun 9am-4pm  
Phone: +61 3 9320 5822  
Internet: [qvm.com.au](http://qvm.com.au)

### Prahran Market



The Prahran Market is the city's best food market and is a great place to grab some delicious lunch and high quality fruit and vegetables. Also a place to buy sustainable seafood and meat products.

Photo: Ivo Antonie de Rooij/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 163-185 Commercial Road, Prahran  
Opening hours: Tue & Thu-Sat 7am-5pm; Sun 10am-3pm;  
Mon & Wed closed  
Phone: +61 3 8290 8220  
Internet: [www.prahranmarket.com.au](http://www.prahranmarket.com.au)

### Brunswick Street



Brunswick Street is also a popular place to go shopping with plenty of alternative fashion shops and vintage clothing stores mixed among funky record shops and retro furniture stores. It's your best bet for Melbourne-specific designs and artistic creations.

Photo: Ivanko80/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Brunswick Street, Melbourne

### Chapel Street



Chapel Street is a famous Melbourne shopping strip which runs from Windsor, through Prahran and towards South Yarra. Don't miss the unique opportunity to check out young Australian designers and so some people-watching from the excellent bars and restaurants. Stay in South Yarra for designer clothes or head south to Prahran and Windsor for alternative cafes, vintage stores and relaxed bars frequented by locals.

Photo: Becca McHaffie/unsplash.com  
Address: Chapel Street, from Windsor to Prahran to South Yarra  
Internet: [chapelstreet.com.au](http://chapelstreet.com.au)

## TOURIST INFORMATION



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### Melbourne Airport (MEL)



The Melbourne Airport, also known as Tullamarine Airport, is located 25km north of the city. The Skybus shuttle bus offers service from the airport to Southern Cross Station in Melbourne city from 4am to 1 am every day.

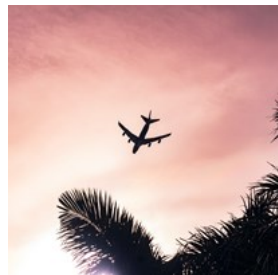
Airport taxis are available from the ground floor level outside all terminals.

Photo: Jeremy Gunawan/unsplash

Phone: +61 3 9297 1600

Internet: [www.melbourneairport.com.au](http://www.melbourneairport.com.au)

### Avalon Airport (AVV)



Avalon Airport, an international hub located in Avalon, is part of the Greater Geelong area in Victoria. It holds the title of the second busiest

airport serving Melbourne, despite not being located in the city's metropolitan area.

Positioned 15 km (9.3 miles) from Geelong's city centre and 50 km (31 miles) from Melbourne's heart, it's easily accessible.

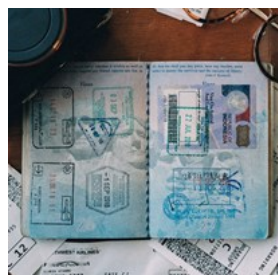
SkyBus manages the Avalon City Express, providing regular airport transfers to Melbourne CBD and Werribee, in line with major flight schedules.

The taxi pick-up and drop-off area is conveniently situated right outside the terminal, making your journey hassle-free. Avalon Airport is served by the Geelong Taxi Network, Black & White Cabs, and 13 CABS.

Photo: Eduardo Velazco Guart/unsplash

Internet: [avalonairport.com.au](http://avalonairport.com.au)

### Passport/Visa



Unless you are a New Zealand citizen granted visa exemption on arrival (in most cases), you will need to obtain a visa prior to visiting Australia.

Citizens of all European Union countries, as well as Andorra, Norway, Iceland, San Marino, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, and Vatican City are eligible for an eVisitor visa, which can be applied for online. For citizens of the United States, Canada, Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Brunei, South Korea and Malaysia, the Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) entry permit is available, which can be applied for online and grants holders the right to enter Australia an unlimited amount of times for stays of no longer than 3 months per visit.

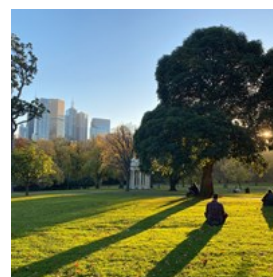
Citizens of all other world countries (with the exception of Somalia) are also able to apply for a visitor visa online. For more information, visit the official website of the Australian government's department of home affairs.

Photo: ConvertKit/unsplash

Internet:

[immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder/visit](http://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder/visit)

### Best Time To Visit

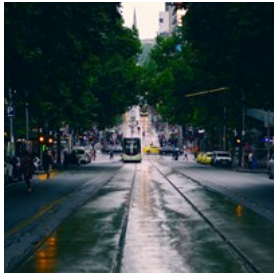


Time your visit to Melbourne for autumn (March to May) or spring (September to November) - these are the sweet spots when the city's

weather is at its finest. Ideal for sauntering about on foot or pedalling around on a bike, you'll revel in the abundance of outdoor activities Melbourne has to offer.

Photo: Jane Slack-Smith/unsplash

## Public Transport



Tram travel is free throughout all of Melbourne's city centre, with "free zone" limits clearly marked at tram stops and indicated on board the trams themselves. Fare payment is required outside the free tram zone, which is done by a chargeable "myki" travel card (works on trains, trams and buses) A better alternative for short-term visitors might be a "myki Explorer" card that grants visitors unlimited travel on all forms of public transport in Melbourne for 1 full day. The "myki Explorer" also includes discounts on entry tickets to several local attractions, and may be purchased at Melbourne Visitor Centre in Federation Square, SkyBus terminals at Melbourne Airport and Southern Cross Station, PTV Hubs, and multiple hotels.

Metro trains cover the city centre and suburban areas with Flinders Street Station as the main hub and run from around 5am to midnight. There are 5 central stations: Flinders St, Southern Cross, Flagstaff, Melbourne Central and Parliament.

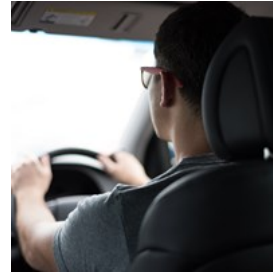
Buses cover the whole city and suburbia, and run from 5:30 am to 11:30 pm, with several routes operating throughout the night.

Bike Share service is also available for those willing to explore the city by bicycle, first 30 minutes of use are free of charge but a small deposit is required.

You can also use the Yarra River as a means of transportation, where boat cruises, water taxis and even gondolas will take you on board.

Photo: Nate Watson/unsplash  
Internet: [www.ptv.vic.gov.au](http://www.ptv.vic.gov.au)

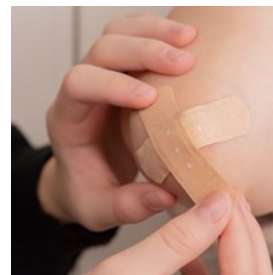
## Taxi



Uber, Ola, DiDi, Shebah and GoCatch ridesharing apps are used in Melbourne. It's usually easy to find a cab in Melbourne. Taxis are metered. Here are two popular taxi companies: Silver Top Taxi Services (+61 13 10 08\_) and 13CABS (+61 13 22 27).

Photo: Art Markiv/unsplash  
Internet: [www.visitmelbourne.com/practical-information/getting-here-and-around/taxis](http://www.visitmelbourne.com/practical-information/getting-here-and-around/taxis)

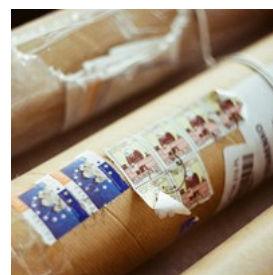
## Pharmacy



Many of the pharmacies in the city centre are open from 8 am to 8pm or later. Two major pharmaceutical chains in Melbourne are Soul Pattinson and Amcal.

Photo: Diana Polekhina/unsplash  
Address: Amcal Pharmacy Docklands, Southern Cross Station,  
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7:30am-6pm, Sat & Sun closed  
Phone: +61 3 9600 0294  
Internet: [www.amcal.com.au](http://www.amcal.com.au)

## Post



There are numerous Australia Post offices located all over the city, where you can buy stamps and send mail and packages. Red post boxes are for regular post, express post boxes are yellow. Melbourne's Head Post Office is located

on Bourke Street.

Photo: Sonia Kardash/unsplash

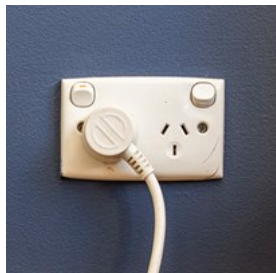
Address: Australia Post HQ, 111 Bourke Street, Melbourne

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-5pm, Sat & Sun closed

Phone: +61 13 13 18

Internet: auspost.com.au

## Electricity



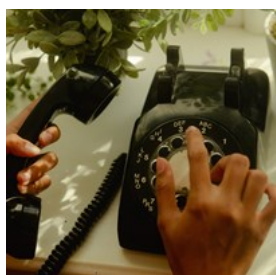
Australia operates on a 230/240V supply voltage and 50Hz frequency. The country uses Type I power plugs, which feature two flat pins

forming a 'V' shape, along with a grounding pin.

This standard is also commonly used in New Zealand, Argentina, China, and several Pacific island nations. Remember to pack a universal adapter if your devices use a different plug type to ensure hassle-free charging.

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## Telephone



Country code: +61 Area code: 03

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## Population

5 million (2022)

## Currency

Australian Dollar (AUD) \$1 = 100 cents

## Opening hours

Most shops and businesses are open between 9 am and 5:30 pm on weekdays and Saturdays. Sunday trading is also becoming more common with shops being open from 10 am to 4 pm.

## Internet

visitsydney.com

## Newspapers

Herald Sun — [www.heraldsun.com.au](http://www.heraldsun.com.au)

The Australian — [www.theaustralian.com.au](http://www.theaustralian.com.au)

The Weekly Times — [www.weeklytimesnow.com.au](http://www.weeklytimesnow.com.au)

The Age — [www.theage.com.au](http://www.theage.com.au)

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## Emergency numbers

Ambulance, fire or police: 000

(call 112 if using a mobile without network)

Poisons information: 13 11 26

Lifeline: 13 11 14

## Tourist information

Melbourne Visitor Hub at Town Hall

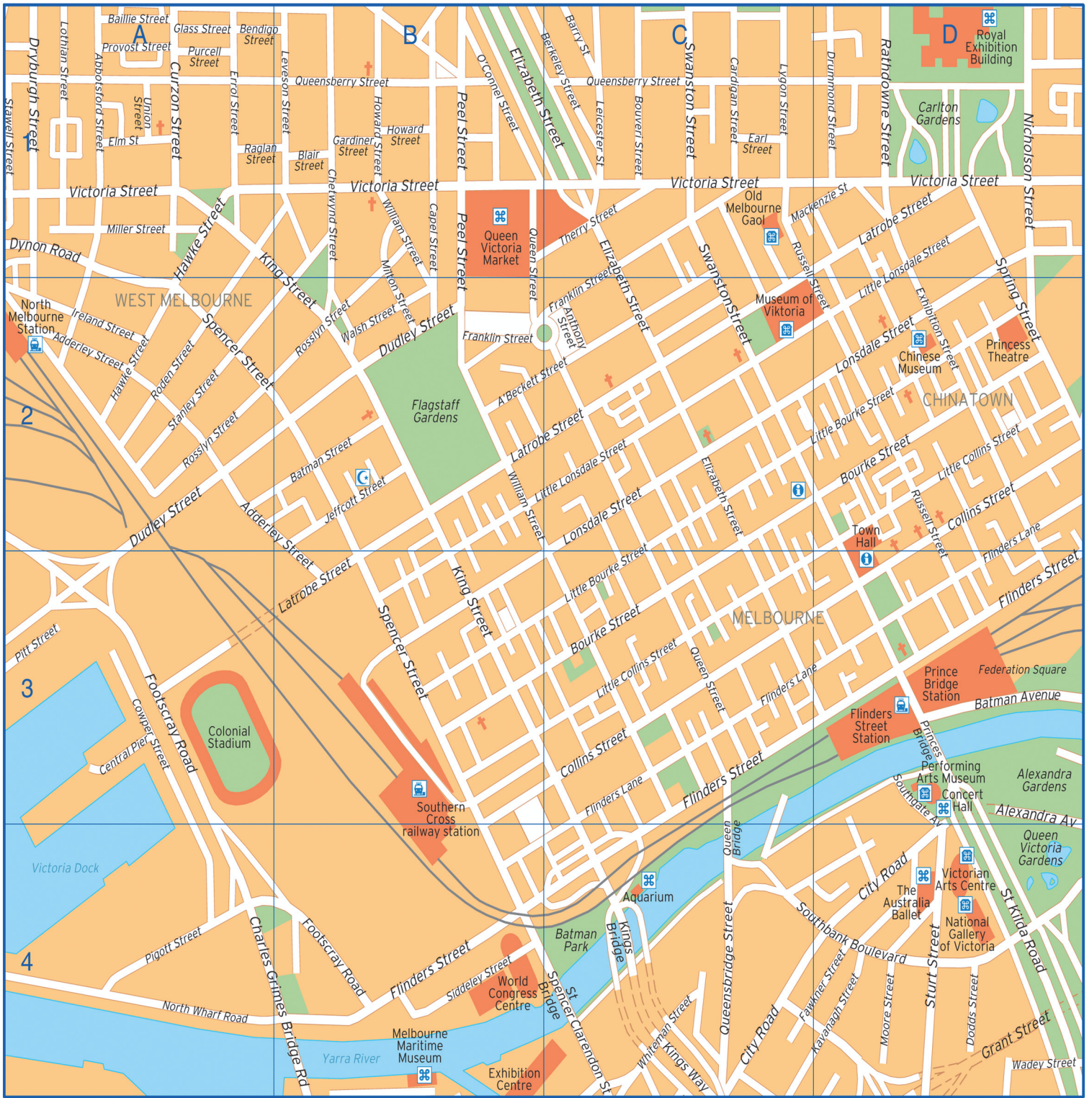
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Abbotsford Street	A1	Fawcner Street	C4 D4	Peel Street	B1 B2
Adderley Street	A2 B3	Federation Square	D3	Pigott Street	A4
Alexandra Avenue	D3 D4	Flinders Lane	C3 D2 D3	Pitt Street	A3
Anthony Street	C2	Flinders Street	B4 C3 D3	Princes Bridge	D3
A'Beckett Street	B2 C2	Footscray Road	A3 B4	Provost Street	A1
Baillie Street	A1	Franklin Street	B2 C1 C2	Purcell Street	A1
Barry Street	C1	Gardiner Street	B1	Queen Bridge	C3 C4
Batman Avenue	D3	Glass Street	A1	Queen Street	B1 B2 C3
Batman Street	B2	Grant Street	D4	Queensberry Street	B1 C1
Bendigo Street	A1 B1	Hawke Street	A1 A2	Queensbridge Street	C4
Berkeley Street	B1 C1	Howard Street	B1	Raglan Street	A1 B1
Blair Street	B1	Ireland Street	A2	Rathdowne Street	D1
Bourke Street	C3 D2	Jeffcott Street	B2	Roden Street	A2
Bouveri Street	C1	Kavanagh Street	D4	Rosslyn Street	A2 B2
Capel Street	B1	King Street	A1 B2 B3	Russell Street	C1 D2 D3
Cardigan Street	C1	Kings Bridge	C4	Siddeley Street	B4
Central Pier	A3	Kings Way	C4	Southbank Boulevard	C4 D4
Charles Grimes Bridge Road	A4 B4	Latrobe Street	B2 B3 C2 D1	Southgate Avenue	D3 D4
Chetwynd Street	B1	Leicester Street	C1	Spencer Street	A2 B3
City Road	C4 D4	Leveson Street	B1	Spring Street	D1 D2
Clarendon Street	C4	Little Bourke Street	C2 C3 D2	St Kilda Road	D4
Collins Street	C3 D2	Little Collins Street	C3 D2	St Spencer Bridge	C4
Cowper Street	A3	Little Lonsdale Street	B2 C2 D1 D2	Stanley Street	A2
Curzon Street	A1	Lonsdale Street	C2 D2	Stawell Street	A1
Dodds Street	D4	Lothian Street	A1	Sturt Street	D4
Drummond Street	D1	Lygon Street	C1	Swanston Street	C1 C2
Dryburgh Street	A1	Mackenzie Street	C1 D1	Therry Street	C1
Dudley Street	A2 B2	Miller Street	A1	Union Street	A1
Dynon Road	A1	Milton Street	B1 B2	Victoria Street	A1 B1 C1 D1
Earl Street	C1	Moore Street	D4	Wadey Street	D4
Elizabeth Street	B1 C1 C2	Nicholson Street	D1	Walsh Street	B2
Elm Street	A1	North Wharf Road	A4	Whiteman Street	C4
Errol Street	A1	O'Connel Street	B1	William Street	B1
Exhibition Street	D2				