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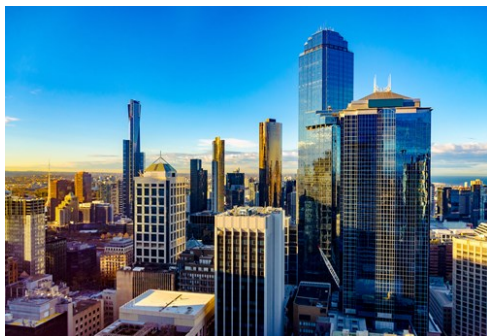


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Melbourne is an artistic powerhouse with a vibrant and multicultural soul. Nicknamed "Paris of the southern hemisphere," Melbourne is not only known to be Australia's cultural hot-spot, but is also famous for its major sporting events and its culinary 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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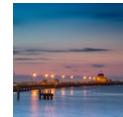
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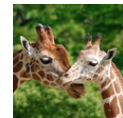
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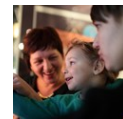
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THE CITY



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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 areas and the Yarra River flowing across the urban centre.

Melbourne has seen wave after wave of immigrants 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. But probably the most famous characteristic 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 will show you the parts of Melbourne that the city is so famous for.

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 with Australian art. There's also a farmers market every Friday and a book market on Saturdays.

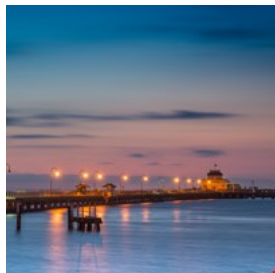
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Address: Swanston & Flinders, Melbourne

Phone: +61 396 551 900

Internet: www.federationsquare.com.au

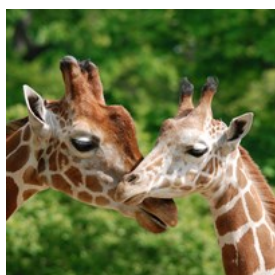
St Kilda



St Kilda is one of the liveliest and most colourful areas of Melbourne right on the Hobson Bay. Acland and Fitzroy streets are the main roads with bars, restaurants and shops. The cake shops are just too tempting! In the late afternoon, take a stroll along St Kilda Beach to watch the sunset.

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Address: St Kilda, Melbourne
Public Transport: Tram to Fitzroy Street
Internet: www.stkildamelbourne.com.au

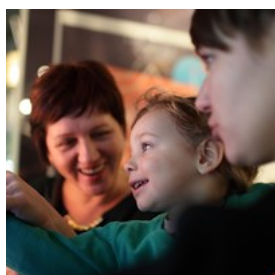
Royal Melbourne Zoo



The zoo in Melbourne is one of the world's oldest zoos, 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.

Photo: meunierd/Shutterstock.com
Address: Elliott Avenue, Parkville, Melbourne
Phone: +61 392 859 300
Internet: www.zoo.org.au/MelbourneZoo

Melbourne Museum



This innovative museum houses an Aboriginal centre, a rain forest, a set for the world famous TV show "Neighbours" and much more. For a couple of extra dollars, you also get the entrance to the next-door IMAX theatre. You can easily spend a

couple of hours here.

Photo: Chubykin Arkady/Shutterstock.com
Address: 11 Nicholson Street, Melbourne
Opening hours: Daily: 10am - 5pm
Phone: +61 383 417 777
Internet: www.museumvictoria.com.au/melbournemuseum

Royal Botanic Gardens



Arguably one of most beautiful botanic gardens in the world and the perfect place for a relaxing and picturesque picnic. It displays more than 50,000 plants and is undisputedly one of Melbourne's most popular tourist attractions. Defiantly worth a visit on a sunny day in Melbourne.

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Address: Birdwood Avenue, Melbourne
Phone: +61 392 522 300
Internet: www.rbg.vic.gov.au
Email: rbg@rbg.vic.gov.au

Eureka Skydeck - Observation Deck



Towering 279 meters above ground level, the Eureka Skydeck (Melbourne's observation deck) offers breathtaking 360-degree views of Melbourne, with an on-site café if you want to enjoy the sight for a while longer. It is the perfect place to relax after a long walk around town.

Photo: doratoy/Shutterstock.com
Address: 7 Riverside Quay Southbank, Melbourne
Phone: +61 396 938 888
Internet: www.eurekaskydeck.com.au
Email: 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 as spookily good as they should be.

Photo: matiascausa/Shutterstock.com

Address: 377 Russell Street, Melbourne

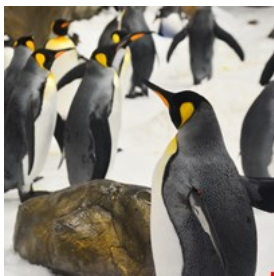
Opening hours: Daily: 9.30am - 5.00pm

Phone: +61 396 569 889

Internet: www.oldmelbournegaol.com.au

Email: info@oldmelbournegaol.com.au

Melbourne Aquarium



The Melbourne Aquarium contains multiple marine animal species native to the Southern Ocean and the Antarctic. Highlights include a 360-degree

fish-bowl viewing area or, 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: Flinders Street, Melbourne

Phone: +61 399 235 925

Internet: www.melbourneaquarium.com.au

More Info: Cnr King & Flinders Streets

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.

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Address: 400 Flinders Street, Melbourne

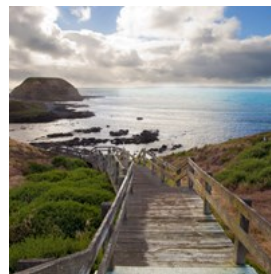
Opening hours: Daily: 10am - 5pm

Phone: +61 131 102

Internet: www.museumvictoria.com.au/immigrationmuseum

Email: AskUs@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.

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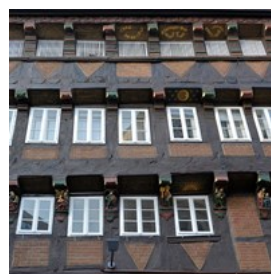
Address: Phillip Island, Melbourne

Phone: +61 359 512 800

Internet: 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 which is 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 at the area's exquisite boutiques.

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Address: Brunswick Street, Melbourne
Internet:
www.weknowmelbourne.com.au/brunswick-street-guide/

Winebus Winery Tours



Enjoy a full day tour with Winebus and visit four wineries, with a wine tasting included. The knowledgeable tour guide will share interesting information 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
Email: info@winebus.com.au

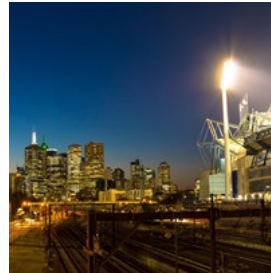
St. Paul's Cathedral



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 and Swanston Street, Melbourne
Opening hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 - 18:00. Saturday 9:00 - 16:00. Sunday 7:30 - 19:00.
Phone: +61 396 534 333
Internet: www.stpaulscathedral.org.au

National Sports Museum



Sport is a very important part of Melbourne culture and National Sports Museum displays wonderful collections of cricket, football, Olympic Games, soccer and many other sports artifacts. 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: Brunton Avenue, Melbourne
Phone: +61 396 578 879
Internet: www.nsm.org.au
Email: contactus@australiansportsmuseum.org.au
More Info: Melbourne Cricket Club

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 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
Phone: +61 397 161 078
Internet: www.funfields.com.au
Email: info@funfields.com.au

The 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 or rent a car to fully experience this amazing place.

Photo: pisaphotography/Shutterstock.com
Address: The Great Ocean Road, Melbourne

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. 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: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 6:00 - 15:00.
Saturday 6:00 - 16:00. Sunday 9:00 - 16:00. Wednesday 5:00 - 22:00 (Seasonal).
Phone: +61 393 205 822
Internet: www.qvm.com.au

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: Daily around the clock
Phone: +61 392 928 888
Internet: www.crownmelbourne.com.au

Dandenong Ranges



East of Melbourne you can find 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 in lush, 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
Phone: +61 3873 9800 0
Internet: www.visitdandenongranges.com.au
Email: info@visitdandenongranges.com.au

Sovereign Hill



Sovereign Hill is claimed to be Australia's foremost outdoor museum. Here you can experience life 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 once built with the wealth amassed during the gold rush.

Photo: cherry-hai/Shutterstock.com
Address: Bradshaw Street, Ballarat, Melbourne
Phone: +61 3533 7119 9
Internet: www.sovereignhill.com.au

Mornington Peninsula



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

This place is sure full of fun. 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.

Photo: Julia Kuleshova/Shutterstock.com

Address: Mornington Peninsula, Melbourne

Phone: +61 3595 0157 9

Internet: www.visitmorningtonpeninsula.org

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: Niar/Shutterstock.com

Address: 18 Lower Esplanade, St Kilda

Phone: +61 3952 5503 3

Internet: www.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 are a vast variety of restaurants to choose from. It's no surprise that Melbourne is dubbed the eating capital of Australia. Many of Melbourne's areas have a culinary character all of their own—from the Greek atmosphere of Lonsdale Street or 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'll find something for every palate and price range—from fine dining to fast noodles, from focaccia to fish of the day. It is said that to truly discover Melbourne is to embark on an adventure for the taste buds.

Becco



Becco is a lively restaurant and one of the centre'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 cuisine. You will also find an adjoining bar on-site.

Photo: Emotions studio/Shutterstock.com
Address: 11-25 Crossley Street, Melbourne
Opening hours: Tue-Sat 12-11pm
Phone: +61 3 9663 3000
Internet: www.becco.com.au
Email: info@becco.com.au

Robarta



This restaurant, bar, and late night lounge (DJs play here at night) in one that perfectly embodies the atmosphere of St Kilda and is temptingly close to the pastry shops of Acland Street if you fancy a sweet dessert. Cuisine served is Asian inspired.

Photo: Wasant/Shutterstock.com
Address: 109 Fitzroy Street, St Kilda
Opening hours: Thu 5pm-6am, Fri-Sat 5pm-8am, Sun 5pm-6am
Phone: +61 400 063 713
Internet: www.robarta.com.au
Email: info@robarta.com.au

Shark Fin Inn



Located in Chinatown, this restaurant serves some of the finest authentic Cantonese food in Melbourne. It's 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: Aneta_Gu/Shutterstock.com
Address: 50 Little Bourke Street, Melbourne
Phone: +61 396 622 681
Internet: www.sharkfin.com.au

Jimmy Watson's



This third-generation Australian wine family offers a memorable dining experience. Aside from the delicious food, the restaurant also offers a good selection of wines. Cuisine served is predominantly European, with seating available in the breezy green patio or at the rooftop bar.

Photo: Christian Delbert/Shutterstock.com
Address: 333 Lygon Street, Melbourne
Opening hours: Wed-Thu 12-10pm, Fri-Sat 12-10:30pm, Sun 12-10pm
Phone: +61 3 9347 3985
Internet: www.jimmywatsons.com
Email: team@jimmywatsons.com

The Vineyard Restaurant



This bar has a following. The Vineyard is a terrific place to start, continue or finish the night. It's fun, funky, fabulous and very popular. Serves a huge variety of food including Australian cuisine and offers decent selection beers alongside the wines. Located in St Kilda.

Photo: PaperPiano Films/Shutterstock.com
Address: 71A Acland Street, St Kilda
Opening hours: Daily 1pm-1am
Phone: +61 3 9534 1942
Internet: www.thevineyardstkilda.com

The French Brasserie



The French Brasserie at the top end of town boasts an internationally renowned chef who produces modern French cuisine. These culinary

delights are served in a chic environment with an inside and outside seating area. Opens for lunch Monday to Friday and dinner Monday to Saturday.

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Address: 2 Malthouse Lane, Melbourne
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 12-3pm, 6-10:30pm, Sat 6-10:30pm
Phone: +61 3 9662 1632
Internet: www.thefrenchbrasserie.com.au
Email: info@thefrenchbrasserie.com.au

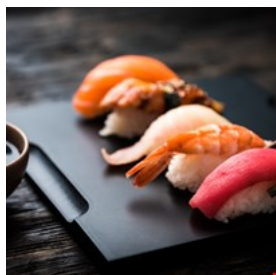
The Cerberus Beach House



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, what more can one ask for? Come at sundown and enjoy the sunset.

Photo: 10 FACE/Shutterstock.com
Address: 16 Cerberus Way, 212 Half Moon Bay, Black Rock
Opening hours: Tue-Sun 11:45am-3:30pm, 5:30-10:30pm
Phone: +61 3 9533 4028
Internet: www.cerberusbeachhouse.com.au
Email: info@cerberusbeachhouse.com.au
More Info: Off Beach Road

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 all over Asia, including 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.

Photo: In Green/Shutterstock.com
Address: 380 Burwood Highway, Burwood East
Opening hours: Mon 11:30am-3pm, 5:30-9:30pm, Wed-Thu 11:30am-3pm, 5:30-10pm, Fri 11:30am-3pm, 5:30-9:30pm, Sat-Sun 11am-3pm, 5:30-10pm
Phone: +61 3 9986 7111
Internet: www.chinabarsignature.com.au
More Info: Chinatown

Imperial South Yarra



Imperial 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 therefore 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 4-10pm, Wed 12-10pm, Thu 12-10pm, Fri-Sat 12pm-12am, Sun 12-9pm
Phone: +61 3 9810 0070
Internet: www.imperialsouthyarra.com
Email: info@imperialsouthyarra.com

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 get the chance to indulge in some of the city's most flavourful and authentic Malaysian cuisine and street food.

Photo: Casa nayafana/Shutterstock.com
Address: 324 Racecourse Road, Flemington
Opening hours: Mon-Thu 11:30am-2:30pm, 5pm-9:30pm, Fri

11am-2:30pm, 5pm-10pm, Sat 11am-10:30pm, Sun
11am-9:30pm

Phone: +61 3 9372 6383

Internet: www.laksaking.com.au

Email: eat@laksaking.com.au

Hakata Gensuke QV - Chicken Ramen



Few are left indifferent by the copious servings of Hakata Ramen at this Melbourne joint, with a brand-new location now open at QV. Arrive shortly

after peak lunch hours (around 3pm) 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: www.gensuke.com.au

Email: qv@gensuke.com.au

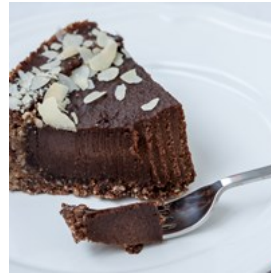
CAFÉS



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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 at street corners or in the small alleyways. Do not leave Melbourne without stopping by a few of these excellent hidden gems.

Vegie Bar



The Vegie 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.

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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

Email: 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.

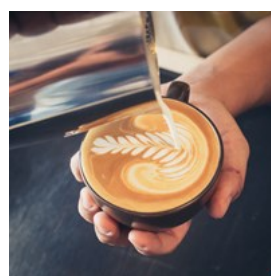
Photo: [grafvision/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com/grafvision)

Address: 23-25 Degraves Street, Melbourne

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-10pm, Sat 8am-10:30pm, Sun
8am-9pm

Phone: +61 3 9654 1245

BearBrass



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'll 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-Wed 11am-10pm, Thu-Fri 11am-11pm,
Sat 9am-11pm, Sun 9am-10pm
Phone: +61 3 9682 3799
Internet: www.bearbrass.com.au
Email: 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 8am-8pm, Fri 8am-9:30pm, Sat
9am-8pm, Sun 9am-5pm
Phone: +61 3 9639 0307
Internet: www.roulegalette.com.au
More Info: At Scott Alley

Operator25



Operator25 is the place to go if you fancy a delicious brunch. The cafe offers an all day brunch menu as well as lunch options. It is located in a heritage

listed original telephone exchange building.

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: www.operator25.com.au
Email: 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, but you can always expect fine pasta-based dishes like spaghetti Bolognese and lasagna. You can always finish your meal with a watermelon granita or their famous espresso.

Photo: baranq/Shutterstock.com
Address: 66 Bourke Street, Melbourne
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8am-9pm
Phone: +61 3 9662 1885

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Melbourne is awash with bars of all themes and clientele imaginable. Although widely spread, they are mainly concentrated in central Melbourne, save for a handful in the Fitzroy and St Kilda areas. Rooftops are widely popular - 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 an exceptionally friendly staff. The decor itself is half the establishment's attraction. If you are feeling hungry the staff also serves lighter meals served in tapas-sized portions.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com

Address: 3/59 Bourke Street, Melbourne

Opening hours: Wed–Thu 3–11pm, Fri 3pm–1am, Sat 1pm–1am, Sun 1–11pm

Phone: +61 3 9662 2775

Internet: www.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.

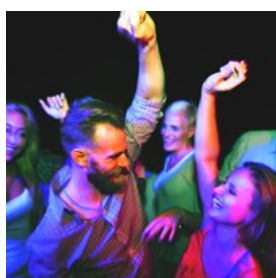
Photo: Steve Mann/Shutterstock.com

Address: 229 Chapel Street, Prahran

Internet: www.revolverupstairs.com.au

Email: revolver@revolverupstairs.com.au

Inflation



If you want to dance all night long, then this is the place to go. It also features pool tables, large TV screens, a rooftop area and, of course, bars and dance floors. Dress to impress! Come to the

rooftop on a Friday night and enjoy a cocktail in the breezy setting.

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Address: 60 King Street, Melbourne

Opening hours: Open 24 hours

Phone: +61 432 698 744

Internet: www.inflation.com.au

Onesixone



Onesixone is a longstanding club that has hosted multiple local and international DJs. The vibe here is intimate and exclusive on Fridays and Saturdays. You will also find a stunning rooftop bar with outdoor lounge where you can relax and have a cocktail. The bouncers may be a challenge, so make sure you dress to the occasion.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: 161 High Street, Prahran

Opening hours: Thu 8pm–6am, Fri 7pm–6am, Sat 7pm–3am, Sun 7pm–6am

Phone: +61 3 9533 8433

Internet: www.onesixone.com.au

Email: info@onesixone.com.au

The Red Hummingbird



This lovely two-level venue features cosy spaces, comfortable seats and a rooftop garden with swinging chairs and green plants. The bar offers plenty of interesting beers and wines available by the glass. There are over 30 cocktails to choose from.

Photo: Tsuguliev/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1/246 Russell Street, Melbourne

Phone: +61 416 094 294

Email: info@redhummingbird.com.au

Mr Wilkinson



If you love pubs then you have come to the right place! Mr Wilkinson is a great place to go to and have a beer or a glass of wine at before dinner. If you have a hard time deciding, do not hesitate to ask the waiters, they have extensive knowledge about the beer and wines on the list.

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 cost the current number on the clock up until 7-8 pm, and, of course, on Saturdays everyone is welcome to dance the night away.

Photo: astarot/Shutterstock.com

Address: 426 Chapel Street, South Yarra

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 4-10pm, Fri-Sat 12pm-2am, Sun 12-11pm

Phone: +61 3 9827 7401

Internet: www.temperancehotel.com.au

Email: enquiries@temperancehotel.com.au

Goldilocks Bar



If the name takes you back to the fairy tale of Goldilocks and the Three Bears you are right on point with the theme of this rooftop bar.

Goldilocks has not been around as long as some other rooftop bars in town, but it is certainly one of the most popular ones.

Photo: Amawasri Pakdara/Shutterstock.com

Address: 4/264 Swanston Street, Melbourne

Opening hours: Mon-Wed 4pm-12am, Thu-Sat 1pm-1am, Sun 2-10pm

Internet: www.goldilocksbar.com.au

Email: enquiries@goldilocksbar.com.au

More Info: Level 4

NFS Restaurant



This is, hands down, one of the best rooftop bars in town. The view does not get much better than this, and the big selection of vodka just adds on to the value and popularity of Naked For Satan, an establishment named 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: Sun-Thu 12pm-12am, Fri-Sat 12pm-1am

Phone: +61 3 9416 2238

Internet: www.nakedforsatan.com.au

Email: naked@nakedforsatan.com.au

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

Opening hours: Mon 10:30am-5pm, Tue-Sat 10:30am-12am

Phone: +61 3 9348 9488

Internet: www.thecomicslounge.com.au

Email: info@thecomicslounge.com.au

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 evolved 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 equipment. Watch out 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.

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Address: 314-336 Bourke Street, Melbourne

Phone: +61 3 9661 1111

Internet: 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

Opening hours: Monday - Wednesday: 10.00am - 7.00pm,
Thursday - Friday: 10.00am - 9.00pm, Saturday - Sunday:

10.00am - 7.00pm

Phone: +61 3 9922 1100

Internet: www.melbournecentral.com.au

Email: mcreception@gpt.com.au

QV



Short for "Queen Victoria Village," QV is one of Melbourne's latest and most exciting retail developments, which boasts of 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: Monday - Thursday: 10.00am - 7.00pm,

Friday: 10.00am - 9.00pm, Saturday: 10.00am - 6.00pm,

Sunday: 10.00am - 5.00pm

Phone: +61 3 9207 9200

Internet: 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

Opening hours: Monday - Thursday: 9.00am - 5.30pm, Friday:

9.00am - 9.00pm, Saturday- Sunday: 9.00am - 5.00pm

Phone: +61 3 9654 6744

Internet: www.thewalkarcade.com.au

Email: walkmelb@tpg.com.au

The Block Arcade



This arcade on Collins Street - Melbourne's main shopping street - is a grand 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: Monday - Thursday: 8.00am - 6.00pm, Friday:

8.00am - 8.00pm, Saturday: 8.00am - 5.00pm, Sunday:

9.00am - 5.00pm

Phone: +61 3 9654 5244

Internet: www.theblock.com.au

Email: 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 times forgone, and is a welcome respite for a coffee break when weather conditions aren't most favourable.

Photo: Sunny_baby/Shutterstock.com

Address: 335 Bourke Street Mall, Melbourne

Opening hours: Monday - Thursday: 09.00am - 6.00pm,

Friday: 10.00am - 8.00pm, Saturday: 09.00am - 5.00pm,

Sunday: 10.00am - 5.00pm

Phone: +61 3 9670 7777

Internet: www.royalarcade.com.au

Email: 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 there are food halls where to grab a bite to eat. It is located on the corner of Victoria and Peel streets.

Photo: kuehdi/Shutterstock.com

Address: 513 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne

Opening hours: Monday: Closed, Tuesday: 6.00am - 2.00pm, Wednesday: Closed, Thursday: 6.00am - 2.00pm, Friday: 6.00am - 5.00pm, Saturday: 6.00am - 3.00pm, Sunday: 9.00am - 4.00pm

Phone: +61 3 9320 5822

Internet: www.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 other meat products.

Photo: Ivo Antonie de Rooij/Shutterstock.com

Address: 163-185 Commercial Road, Prahran

Opening hours: Tuesday, Thursday - Sunday: 7.00am-5.00pm, Sunday: 10.00am-3.00pm

Phone: +61 3 8290 8220

Internet: www.prahranmarket.com.au

Brunswick Street



Brunswick Street is also a popular place to go shopping with plenty of specialty boutiques 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

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Melbourne Airport



Melbourne Tullamarine airport is located 25km north of the city. A shuttle bus - Skybus - offers service from the airport to Melbourne city

and operates 24/7, running every 10 minutes daily. Tickets are 1/3rd price of a taxi. Skybus also provides free transfer further to some hotels from Southern Cross Station in Melbourne, the service operates from 6am to 10.30pm Mon-Fri and 7am to 7pm Sat-Sun.

Skybus runs to St Kilda daily from 6am to 7pm.

+61 3 9335 2811

www.skybus.com.au

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

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Departure Dr, Melbourne

Phone: +61 3 9297 1600

Internet: www.melbourneairport.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: <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/lega/lega/form/immi-faqs/what-visa-do-i-need-to-visit-australia>

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Best Time To Visit



The best seasons to visit Melbourne are autumn (March - May) and spring (September to November). Since the weather and

temperatures are the most pleasant, you will be able to explore the city on foot or by bike and enjoy the large array of outdoor activities.

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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), or - possibly a better alternative for short-term visitors - a "myki Explorer", a 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 5.30am to 11.30pm, with several routes operating throughout the night.

There is a special Visitor Shuttle service stopping at key tourist attractions and destinations in and around the city which runs daily (13 stops including National Gallery of Victoria, Queen Victoria Market, Melbourne Aquarium and Docklands). Tourist information is provided on board.

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.

www.melbournebikeshare.com.au

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.

www.yarrariver.melbourne

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair
Internet: www.ptv.vic.gov.au

Taxi



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

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13CABS
+61 13 22 27

Uber is commonly used www.uber.com.

Photo: ArrivalGuides

Pharmacy



Many of the pharmacies in city centre are open from 8.00am - 8.00pm or later. Two major pharmaceutical chains in Melbourne are Soul

Pattinson and Amcal.

Amcal - Southern Cross Pharmacy
Southern Cross Station, Shop C8, 99 Spencer Street

Docklands

+61 3 9600 0294

Mon to Fri: 7.00am-8.00pm

Sat: 10.00am-6.00pm

Sun: Closed

www.amcal.com.au

Demarte's Amcal Chemist

380 Lygon Street

+61 3 9347 6310

Shop 5, Lygon Court Shopping Centre
Carlton, VIC 3053

Mon to Fri: 9.00am-8.00pm

Sat: 9.00am-6.00pm

Sun: 1.00pm-6.00pm

Public Holidays:1.00pm-6.00pm

www.amcal.com.au

Soul Pattinson - Yarraville

+61 3 9314 4868

4/1 High St, Yarraville VIC 3013

Mon to Fri: 9:00am - 7:00pm

Sat: 9:00am - 5:00pm

Sun: 9:00am - 4:00pm

www.soulpattinson.com.au

Photo: Gemma Garner

Internet: www.findapharmacy.com.au

Post



Red colored post boxes for regular post, express post boxes yellow in color. Australia Post (Head Office) 111 Bourke St, Melbourne +61 13 13

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Mon-Fri 8am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-1.30pm

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Electricity



220 to 240 Volt, two flat pins, some with three flat pins

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Telephone



Country code: +61 Area code: 03

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Population

4.7 million

Currency

Australian Dollar (AUD) \$1 = 100 cents

Opening hours

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

Newspapers

Herald Sun
The Sunday Herald Sun
The Australian
The Weekend Australian

The Weekly Times

The Age

The Sunday Age

Emergency numbers

Ambulance, fire or police: 000
(call 112 if using a mobile without network)

Poisons information: 13 11 26

Lifeline: 13 11 14

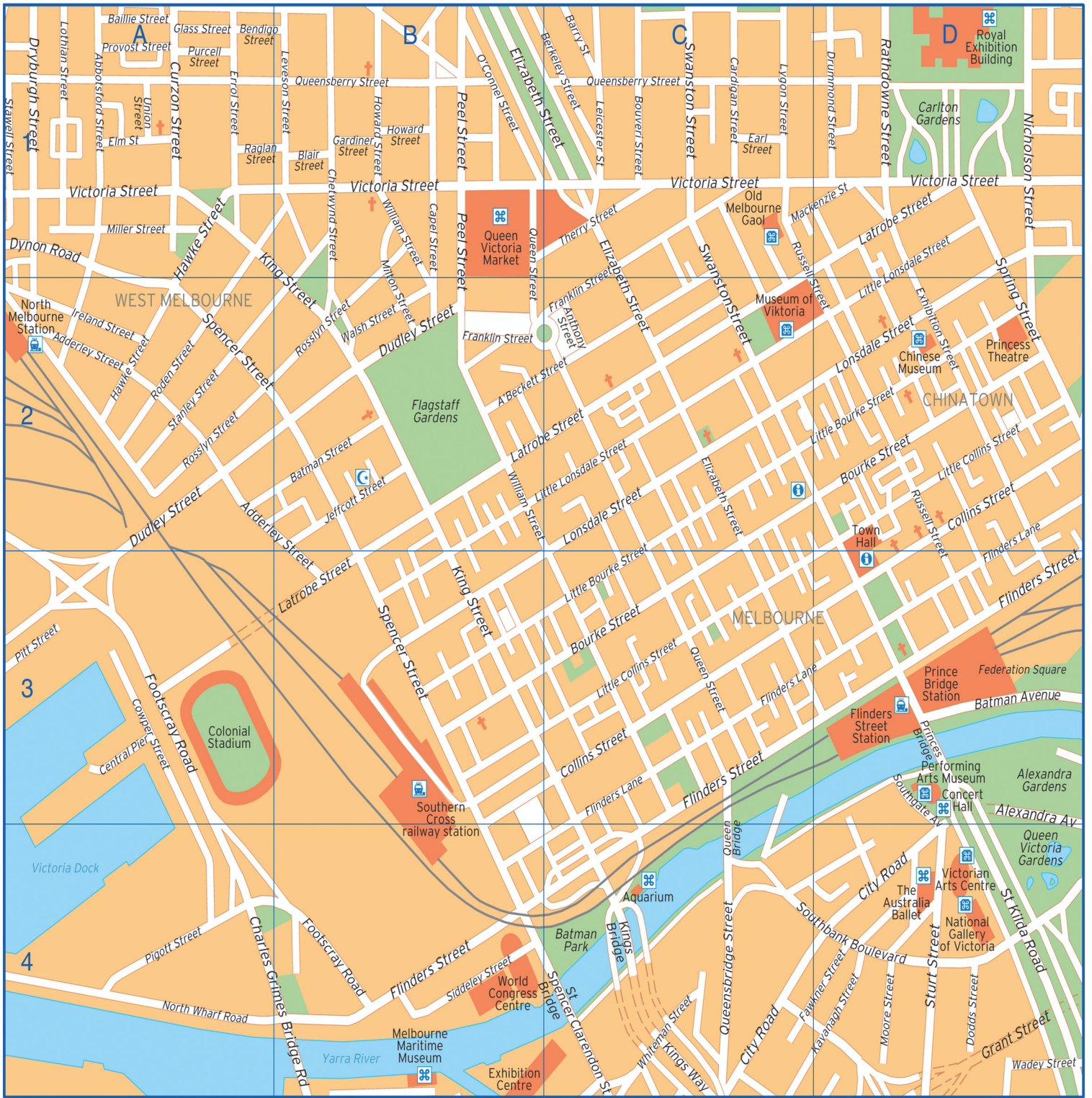
Tourist information

Melbourne Visitor Centre

2 Swanston Street, Melbourne

+61 3 9658 9658





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				