



DISCOVER MELBOURNE

A GUIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS - 2010





WELCOME TO MELBOURNE

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Welcome to Melbourne, one of the world's great cultural and education capitals.

We're here to make sure students get the best possible education and enjoy the best environment in which to study. You'll find Melbourne is clean, safe and easy to get around. If you ever need help or assistance, there are many services available.

You only have to walk through the city to see the impact students have on city culture. We encourage you to get involved. We're host to globally significant industries and locally based companies are always looking for smart employees.

This guide contains all the information you need to make the most of Melbourne. Whether it's dinner on the waterfront at Docklands, music in a laneway bar or a sunny afternoon in a leafy garden, live like a local, get the most out of Melbourne life.

Robert Doyle
Lord Mayor



Flinders Street Station

ABOUT MELBOURNE

Arts and culture. Live music. Delicious food. Endless shopping choices. Friendly people.

Melbourne is a great place to live, because it never sits still. In fact, there's so much to do and see you may never want to leave.

This guide contains all the information you need to make the most of the city and live like a local - including places to visit, free things to do and special insider's tips.

Enjoy!



The Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia



Swanston Street



City Circle Tram

SHORT HISTORY

1835 Melbourne is founded by John Batman and John Pascoe Fawkner on the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri (Aboriginal) people

1851 Gold is discovered in Ballarat, 120km west of Melbourne

Victoria becomes a separate colony from New South Wales

1880 The Royal Exhibition Building opens and the Melbourne International Exhibition is held

1901 Royal Exhibition Building hosts the opening of the first Commonwealth Parliament of Australia.

1956 The Olympic Games are held in Melbourne

1996 Development of the Docklands area begins

2002 Federation Square opens

2006 The Commonwealth Games held in Melbourne

FAST FACTS

History: A mix of Aboriginal culture, 19th century European settlement and ultra modern urban design and culture.

Population: At June 2008, an estimated 3.9 million people resided in the Melbourne metropolitan area.

Language: English is the official language but more than 100 languages are spoken in Melbourne.

Ethnic diversity: At the time of the 2006 Census, 29% of residents in the Melbourne metropolitan area were born overseas. The top 10 overseas countries of origin of residents across the metropolitan areas are England, Italy, Vietnam, Greece, New Zealand, China, India, Sri Lanka, Scotland and Malaysia.

Environment: The World Health Organisation rates Melbourne one of the healthiest cities of its size in the world.

Climate: Mild, with four distinct seasons.

Average temperatures: Around 14°C in winter and 30°C in summer (though Melbourne's weather is very variable).

Average rainfall: 55mm per month.

USEFUL EVERYDAY INFORMATION

Transport

Trams, buses and trains are the cheap and easy way to get into and around the city. You will need to have coins to purchase a ticket on board Melbourne's trams. Remember to validate your ticket in the validating machine on the tram or at the train station. For late night travel home on the weekends, the *NightRider* Bus is a safe and cheap option. All you need is a valid Metcard. Help and advice about the public transport system is available from the *Met Shop* at the Melbourne Town Hall, Swanston Street. www.metlinkmelbourne.com.au or call **131 638**.

Taxis

Melbourne's taxis are yellow and can be flagged down at the kerb or caught at one of the city's many taxi ranks, including Flinders Street Station. Taxis are vacant when their rooftop sign is on. Orange lights mean the taxi is not for hire. Remember that all taxi fares must be pre-paid between 10pm and 5am across Victoria. 24 hour taxi ranks are shown on the map on page 26, 27.

For another late night transport option, use a Safe City taxi rank on Friday and Saturday between 11pm and 5am.

See map for locations.

Taxi phone numbers

Arrow 132 211

Black Cabs 132 227

Embassy 131 755

North Suburban 131 119

Silver Top 131 008

West Suburban 9686 1444

Telephone

Local calls from public telephones in Australia cost a fixed 50 cents, regardless of the time spent on the call. Calls to interstate, international and mobile numbers are charged by time. Most public telephones accept coins. Phone cards can be purchased in post offices, newsagents, gift shops and other outlets in amounts of \$5 to \$20.

Important numbers:

Directory assistance 1223

Reverse charge calls 12550

International directory assistance 1225

Banks

These are open Monday to Thursday from 9.30am to 4pm, and Friday 9.30am to 5pm, although some branches in the central business district are open longer hours. Major banks are now open Saturday mornings. Automatic teller machines are found throughout the city for cash withdrawals 24 hours a day.

Post

All of the city's post offices are run by *Australia Post* and are generally open from 9am to 5pm weekdays. You can pay many of your bills at *Australia Post* outlets.

See website for locations, www.auspost.com.au

PLACES TO EXPLORE

Melbourne is a city of precincts, or distinct neighbourhoods. Each has its own special flavour. Any precinct is a good place to get your bearings and start discovering the city's amazing diversity. These are just some of the city's precincts that you can explore.



Melbourne Docklands

COLLINS STREET

Leafy Collins Street is famous for its grand historic buildings. It's also the home of Melbourne's most expensive jewellery and fashion boutiques.

Collins Street is Melbourne's home to international designer boutiques and jewellery such as *Chanel*, *Louis Vuitton*, *Gucci* and *Tiffany*.

Take the time to admire the grand historic buildings, especially the beautiful 19th century *Block Arcade*.

CHINATOWN

Little Bourke Street, with new catenary lighting and its ornamental gates and arches (currently undergoing refurbishment), is the backbone of this lively area.

Walk through the many streets and arcades and discover affordable shops and boutiques. Hungry? Stop in at one of the Asian eating places, from a traditional eating house, to casual

dining and restaurants. Chinatown is busy all week, but especially on Sundays. This is when the streets are full of Melburnians out for shopping and yum cha.

HARDWARE LANE AND OTHER LANEWAYS

One of the city's prettiest laneways to explore on foot, Hardware Lane is a great place to have breakfast, a relaxed lunch or dinner. It's also ideal if you're an adventurer, with loads of outdoor stores, travel agents and camera shops. Feel like stopping for a drink in a cool bar? Try the award winning Asian inspired bar, *Golden Monkey* in a laneway basement for some fabulous cocktails and Asian tapas.

One of the best ways to take in Melbourne's laneways is to dine alfresco at one of the many funky eateries. Hardware Lane, Centre Place, Block Place, The Causeway and the lanes either side of Chinatown all offer a great outdoor experience for visitors.

FLINDERS QUARTER

Flinders Lane was historically the centre of Melbourne's clothing trade. Now it's where you'll find the coolest boutiques for local and international designers.

Try Degraes Street for boutiques and cafes, especially *Degraes Espresso*, which has some of the best coffee in the city, or *Little Cupcakes* across the road.

Check out *Zambesi* and *Miss Lau* for fashion from the hottest designers and cute metal jewellery. *Alice Euphemia* stocks all manner of bright young Australian labels. Try *Il Papiro* for pens, paper and accessories. Or visit *Smitten Kitten* for gorgeous underwear.

MELBOURNE DOCKLANDS

Just minutes from the CBD, Docklands is home to the spectacular Victoria Harbour, featuring 3 km of Yarra River frontage and an enticing mix of attractions, retail and events.

With breathtaking views and more than 100 restaurants, cafés and bars to choose from, Docklands caters for all tastes and budgets. The greatest concentration of waterfront restaurants is found at Waterfront City and NewQuay. Don't miss out on local secret, Super Tuesdays, where a host of Docklands restaurants offer half price meals every Tuesday.

Melbourne Docklands hosts many events throughout the year celebrating food, wine, art and sports. Head to Waterfront City and NewQuay for front row viewing of New Years Eve fireworks and Ignite winter festival performances. Waterfront City and Harbour Town also feature a range of attractions including Action Zone, Docklands Sunday Market, and ice skating, in addition to offering some serious retail therapy with specialty stores and brand direct outlets as well as the first Australian *Costco* store.

Don't miss out on seeing a game or concert at *Etihad Stadium*. This tour-de-force stadium has computer-managed

turf, a retractable roof and moveable seats that allow the playing field to change to suit different sporting codes or major events. Tours run all year.

By day or night, Docklands is home to more than 29 large scale public artworks. Walk or ride along one of the main bike and foot paths to enjoy the beauty of Melbourne Docklands.

GREEK PRECINCT

Melbourne has the largest Greek population outside of Athens. The Greeks are spirited and passionate people and this is where they come to enjoy a traditional meal.

Explore the shops in and around Lonsdale Street for Greek magazines, music, jewellery and religious icons. Or nibble on sweet cakes washed down with strong coffee.

Make sure you try a souvlaki – tasty slices of meat in bread with lettuce, tomato, onions and garlic sauce.

LYGON STREET

Lygon Street's offer is broad with an abundance of dining and international cuisine establishments, European flavoured shopping and cultural aspects such as the *Piazza Italia*. Lygon Street in Carlton has the biggest selection of Italian cafés and restaurants in Australia. It's a great place to spend a warm summer's evening in a garden café with a gelati in hand.

Many of the streets and buildings are heritage listed, so it is also a great place to wander and feel a sense of Melbourne's early history. *Piazza Italia* is designed to encourage people to sit, relax, enjoy the sun or the shade, and watch the passing parade. A new stage is planned to activate the space with events and community participation. The design is an enduring reminder of the wonderful influence that Italian culture has had on Melbourne.

PLACES TO SHOP

Melburnians take their shopping seriously and the city is known as Australia's shopping and fashion capital. Choice is the big attraction. But the joy of shopping is also about atmosphere and ease of getting into and around the city.

Most stores are open seven days – opening at 10am, and staying open late on Fridays till 9pm.



Milly Sleeping



Block Arcade



Don't Come

CITY ARCADES AND LITTLE COLLINS STREET

The city's arcades are a part of Melbourne's unique charm and they are all within walking distance of one another. Each has an entry from Little Collins Street, between Swanston and Elizabeth Streets. The quality and range of more than 260 shops is amazing. Even if you don't want to shop, the arcades are a pleasure to explore.

Historic Block and Royal Arcades have a selection of beautiful shops, including *Douglas and Hope* for gorgeous gifts, and specialty shops selling items like handmade candy at *Suga*. When it's time for a break, enjoy a cup of hot chocolate upstairs at *Koko Black*.

Energy to spare? *Centrepoint Mall* has more than 40 specialty stores and two superstores with everything you need at reasonable prices. If you're a sports fan, don't miss *Rebel Sport Superstore*, which has an excellent range of sporting labels, sporting goods and equipment. *Priceline* is the place to go for well-priced toiletries and cosmetics.

Little Collins Street is also home to many famous designers including *Bettina Liano*, *Scanlan & Theodore* and *Leona Edmiston*.

SOUTH OF THE RIVER

Southgate, located on the south of the Yarra River opposite Flinders Street station, has three levels of cafes and restaurants, a food court and unique shops – great for overseas visitors looking for gifts or special souvenirs of Melbourne.

Further along the Yarra River is *Crown Entertainment Complex* which is home to cinemas, restaurants, bars and also international designer brands including *Burberry*, *Versace*, *Louis Vuitton*, and urban favourites *FCUK*, *Guess?* and the hip streetwear store, *Beach Culture*.

A further short stroll takes you to the *Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre* and the new *South Wharf complex* where bargain hunters will be well served at Australia's largest and newest *DFO* outlet, featuring local and international brands from *Country Road* to *Giorgio Armani*.

QV

QV is one of Melbourne's more recent retail developments on the corner of Swanston and Lonsdale streets. Its laneways are home to the latest in casual and street wear, such as *Mooks* and *Stussy*, as well as high end fashion at *Christensen Copenhagen*, *Cactus Jam* and *Wayne Cooper*.

HARBOUR TOWN

Set across two spacious levels spanning over 41,000 square metres, *Harbour Town*

at Waterfront City, Docklands, offers specialty stores, entertainment and attractions, as well as brand direct outlets in unique open air laneway shopping. Also at *Harbour Town* is Australia's only *Costco* store.

MELBOURNE CENTRAL

A great destination for fashion, *Melbourne Central* is a multi-level centre with everything you need in shopping, eating and entertainment. There are over 300 stores to explore in a unique and modern architectural space.

Typical Australian brands are *Billabong* for Aussie-designed surf, skate and snowboard street wear, *Peter Alexander* for sleepwear and *RM Williams* for Australian style outback clothes. Check out *Vans*, *Leonard Street* and *Fame Agenda*, or labels such as *Armani Exchange*, *Marc's*, *Saba* or browse in *Freedom Furniture* and *Borders Books*.

MELBOURNE'S GPO

Originally the General Post Office of Melbourne, *GPO* today is a sophisticated, modern shopping experience with luxury goods, delicious eateries and local and international designer labels. The atmosphere here is cool and beautiful.

Try *Fat* for local designers and *Belinda*, *Karen Millen* and *I-Spy* for international brands, and fabulous clothes by Australian designers *Akira*, *Lisa Gorman*, *Roy* and *Lisa Ho*.

DEPARTMENT STORES AND MORE

Melbourne's most famous department stores *Myer* and *David Jones* are both in Bourke Street Mall and offer everything from make up, fashion, furniture, electrical equipment, suitcases and saucepans. Explore the many other shopping delights in Bourke Street Mall while you are there.

At Southern Cross Station, you will find a new retail shopping hub with a selection of retailers.

CHEAP AND CHEERFUL

Swanston Street has a variety of shops with affordable fashion, shoes, books, souvenirs and duty free shops. The arcades off Little Bourke Street in Chinatown have affordable imports with clothing and gift shops. *Bee Tin Hiang*, at 202 Little Bourke Street, sells a delicious range of Chinese and Western sweet treats.

Visit the many photography stores on Elizabeth Street, between Little Bourke and Lonsdale streets for memory cards, camera repairs or to get your photos developed.

QUEEN VICTORIA MARKET

Want to buy a camera, a motorbike or a sweet, juicy apple at affordable prices? Come to the Queen Victoria Market on the corner of Victoria and Elizabeth Streets.

The market is 125 years old and one of the liveliest spots in the city. There are more than 1000 stalls including the dairy hall with 38 delicatessens, fish and meat market, fruit and vegetables and organic market.

Open Tuesday–Sunday (except Wednesday). Night market on Wednesday evenings in summer.

BOOKS AND MUSIC

Bourke Hill Precinct has famous bookshops *Hill of Content*, *The Paperback* and *Mary Martin*. You will also find *Readers Feast Bookstore* on the corner of Bourke and Swanston streets and *mag nation* on Elizabeth Street for magazine lovers. For music lovers, there's *Discurio* in Hardware Street, and boutique music retailers *Off the Hip Records* and *Polyester Records*. Other favourites are *Borders Books* at Melbourne Central, *Dymocks* at 234 Collins Street and *Academic and General Bookshops* at 259 Swanston Street for second hand text books.

For pre-loved books, visit *City Basement Books* in Elizabeth Street and *Flinders Books* around the corner.

OTHER

For affordable homewares, clothes, and everyday items *Target* on Bourke Street or *Big W* at QV are the perfect place to shop.

For all your grocery needs the city offers many supermarkets open 7 days a week including – *ALDI* on Franklin Street, *Safeway* at QV, *Coles* at Melbourne Central (Lower Ground Mall) and at the corner of Elizabeth and Flinders Streets (open 24 hours). You'll also find plenty of convenience stores, *IGA & Coles Express* supermarkets on or near street corners throughout the city with basic grocery supplies.

For computer, communications, electronics and entertainment products head to *Dick Smith Electronics* on Bourke Street and in the Strand Central Arcade on Elizabeth Street. *JB Hi-Fi* on Bourke and Elizabeth Streets is also great for televisions, DVD's, VCR's, Cameras, music and movies.

Tip: News stands throughout the city sell local and national papers and magazines.

FREE THINGS TO DO

You don't have to spend a lot to enjoy Melbourne at its best. Here are some ideas to get you started...



Craft Victoria



Federation Square



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FREE THINGS MELBURNIANS LOVE TO DO

TRAVEL THE CITY FREE BY TRAM OR BUS

Look for the burgundy historic City Circle Tram and the red Melbourne City Tourist Shuttle Bus. Both are free and provide an audio commentary about the city's attractions. The Melbourne City Tourist Shuttle bus runs every 30 minutes. Get on and off at any of the stops, as many times as you like.

EXPLORE HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Melbourne is one of the world's great 19th century cities. Take a self-guided walking tour (brochures available at Melbourne Visitor Centre) and learn about the city's history. Don't miss these architectural treasures which have free guided tours – State Library of Victoria 328 Swanston Street (built in 1892), Melbourne Town Hall (built in 1870) and Parliament House (built in 1856).

VIEW MODERN ARCHITECTURE

Alongside the city's grand historic buildings are clever post modern structures and public spaces. Don't miss the redeveloped Southern Cross Station on Spencer Street, with its massive wave shaped roof. With 91 floors, the Eureka Tower building at Southbank is the second tallest residential building in the world.

FREE EVENTS AT FEDERATION SQUARE

Federation Square is Melbourne's meeting place and a unique cultural precinct. It hosts more than 2,000 events, activities and functions every year. Many of them are free. During major events, Melburnians gather to watch all the action on giant screens.

VISIT MELBOURNE VISITOR CENTRE FOR IDEAS

Open 9am–6pm every day

In futuristic Federation Square you will find a welcoming centre with free brochures, maps and helpful staff to answer your questions. Ask for the free booklets on self-guided walks, historic places and buildings in Melbourne, lanes, waterfront, street art, entertainment, culture and sport.

- Check out the 150 unique arts and craft stalls that are part of the Sunday Market at the Arts Centre, 100 St Kilda Road.
- See the fabulous Gas Brigades flame display outside Crown Entertainment Complex every hour, on the hour, at various times throughout the year at night. Then go into the Atrium to sit and watch the fantasy water and light display.
- Run or walk the famous 'Tan' jogging track around the perimeter of the beautiful Royal Botanic Gardens. See friends and groups jogging, especially before and after work.
- Bike ride or rollerblade along the Yarra River and the city's dedicated bike tracks, or skateboard at the huge Riverslide Skatepark in Alexandra Gardens, five minutes from Federation Square.
- For jogging, biking, walking and skating tracks see www.thatsmelbourne.com.au
- Watch the buskers (street entertainers) on weekends at Bourke Street Mall and Southgate.
- Explore the city's diverse street art in laneways such as Hosier Lane, Union Lane, Caledonian Lane and Finlay Avenue.
- Wander down Flinders Lane and visit one of the many independent galleries.
- Relax with a picnic or BBQ in one of our many parks or gardens
- Listen to the chiming of Federation Bells at Birrarung Marr.
- Visit Sandridge Bridge at Southbank to see The Travellers (steel sculptures) and learn more about the people of different nationalities who have migrated to Melbourne and contributed to its rich cultural heritage.
- Watch the Victorian Parliament in session, at Parliament House in Spring Street.
- Check out a range of free art exhibitions in galleries across the city. Entry into the permanent collections at NGV International and The Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia is free, while smaller galleries throughout the Central Business District are open free to the public.

PLACES TO EAT

Melbourne is the food capital of Australia and is known for delicious cuisine at great prices. There are hundreds of cafes and restaurants to discover, but here are some of the city's favourites to get you started.



Centre Place



RELAXED CASUAL EATING

Blue Train Café

Mid Level, Southgate, **9696 0111**

Inexpensive, hearty meals and friendly amusing staff make this busy café very popular.

Cookie

Level 1, 252 Swanston Street, **9663 7660**

Very lively restaurant, bar and beer hall combined serving some of Melbourne's best modern Thai and South East Asian food.

Journal & Journal Canteen

253 Flinders Lane, **9650 4399**

Set within the walls of the City Library, enjoy this popular café with its simple and tasty lunch dishes or a leisurely read over coffee. Head upstairs to Journal Canteen to sample a small but delicious menu of home cooked Sicilian dishes that changes daily.

Mr Tulk Café

State Library of Victoria, 328 Swanston Street, **8660 5700**

Named after the first state librarian, Augustus Tulk. The menu is simple with a range of rolls and flatbreads supplemented by daily specials all to enjoy at communal tables.

Yum Cha Dragon Chinese BBQ & Restaurant

G14/427 Docklands Drive, Waterfront City, Docklands, **9329 6868**

Yum Cha Dragon offers the lively "yum cha" style dining in this waterfront restaurant for both lunch and dinner. Open daily – noon until late.

FOOD WITH VIEWS

La Camera

Shop MR2, Mid Level, Southgate Arts & Leisure Precinct, Southbank, **9699 3600**

Enjoy the unique Italian menu, or a relaxed drink at the bar, enjoying amazing views of the city. Quick, cheap breakfasts available from 7.30am.

Lounge Upstairs

1st floor, 243 Swanston Street, **9663 2916**

The Lounge is a Melbourne institution for affordable food, drinks, dancing and music. Sit on the balcony and watch the busy city below.

Mecca Bah

55a NewQuay Promenade, NewQuay, Docklands, **9642 1300**

A modern version of Middle Eastern food in a gorgeous waterfront location, with great décor, fabulous food and great views.

Young and Jacksons Hotel

1 Swanston Street, **9650 3884**

A famous historic pub in Melbourne known for good food and fresh draught beer. It is also home to the beautiful Chloë, a stunning 19th century painting.

INTERNATIONAL CUISINE

Belgian Beer Café Eureka

5 Riverside Quay, Southbank, **9690 5777**

Hearty Belgian classics, mod-Oz dishes and plenty of good beer under the city's highest skyscraper.

Bopha Devi

27 Rakaia Way, NewQuay, Docklands, **9600 1887**

Light, delicate and healthy contemporary Cambodian cuisine based on an exotic fusion of Chinese, Indian and French influences.

Green Pepper Indian Restaurant

18 Bourke Street, **9662 2963**

Explore the exquisite cuisines from all corners of India. From the rich cultural heritage of Punjab to the isolated snowy peaks of the Himalayas.

Izakaya Chuji Japanese Restaurant

165 Lonsdale Street, **9663 8118**

Featuring a full sushi bar, Japanese barbeque upstairs and offering a large range of honest, good value Japanese dishes, Izakaya Chuji has become a Melbourne institution since 1989.

Laksa Me

Shop 1, 16 Liverpool Street, **9639 9885**

A unique blend of modern Asian cuisines with a friendly, understated vibe – very popular with the lunch time crowd.

Little Malaysia

26 Liverpool Street, **9662 1678**

Authentic Malaysian cuisine with old favourites – from a seafood mee goreng to spicy satay sticks, and a selection of hawker-style dishes such as har mee (prawn soup).

The Hot Poppy Café

9 Errol Street, North Melbourne, **9326 9299**

Bustling alfresco café perfect for catching up with friends. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Stalactites

177–183 Lonsdale Street (Cnr Russell Street), **9663 3316**

Open seven days a week, traditional Greek cuisine, it is a virtual institution for dinner, early breakfasts and late night eating

Tiamo

303 Lygon Street, Carlton, **9347 5759**

A favourite with local uni students, this cosy eatery is the perfect place to relax with a good Italian meal.

ON A BUDGET?

Beer DeLuxe

Corner Flinders and Swanston Streets, Federation Square, **9663 0166**

From the relaxed, Beer Salon, Beer Garden, and Espresso Café, to the cool Hamburger Grill or the more casual Hamburger Bar in the outdoor square Beer DeLuxe is the perfect place to chill out with friends.

Café Vue

430 Little Collins Street, **9691 3899**

The menu is wonderfully diverse serving the very best coffee and a daily, changing menu of breakfast and lunch treats with a French flair.

Camy Shanghai Dumpling & Noodle Restaurant

23 Tatterstalls Lane, **9663 8555**

Fast and affordable authentic Chinese dumplings.

Don Don Japanese Takeaway

321 Swanston Street, **9662 3377**

Affordable Japanese meals and super fast service, eat in or takeaway.

Gopal's

139 Swanston Street, **9650 1578**

Tasty vegetarian meals for the health conscious, served buffet style. For a reasonable amount, eat as much as you like from the large selection of dishes.

Mekong

241 Swanston Street, **9663 3288**

Excellent bargain-priced Vietnamese food from handmade spring rolls to pho – rice-noodle soup.

Red Pepper Indian Restaurant

14 Bourke Street, **9654 5714**

Sister restaurant to Green Pepper. Cheap Indian cuisine with daily specials.

Singapore Chom Chom

188 Bourke Street, **9663 3778**

Affordable Singaporean cuisine in a relaxed eatery with tables over two floors.

Tip: If you love good food, buy a copy of *The Age Good Food Guide*. For the best low-cost cafes and restaurants, get *The Age Cheap Eats Guide*. Both are available from newsagents and book stores.



Movida Bar De Tapas



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State Library of Victoria

PLACES TO RELAX

BARS

Melbourne has a unique bar scene with a variety of entertainment options, along with an amazing nightlife.

The Croft Institute Melbourne

21-25 Croft Alley, **9671 4399**

Tucked away at the end of a winding Chinatown alley, this bar offers an extensive and unusual cocktail list, boutique wine and cold beer. A great place to wind down and enjoy urban grooves and cool jazz.

Golden Monkey

389 Lonsdale Street (enter via Hardware Lane), **9602 2055**

Award winning, upmarket Shanghai-themed bar that has exciting, cutting edge cocktails, lots of Australian wine and Asian beers, delicious Asian finger food and luxury service.

Red Monkey Tea House

470 Victoria Street, North Melbourne, **9326 7572**

A gorgeous café and bar serving Asian-style tapas to enjoy in the beer garden.

Madame Brussels

Floor 3, 59-63 Bourke Street, **9662 2775**

A great place to relax with friends. Enjoy the view from a large balcony.

Movida Bar De Tapas

1 Hosier Lane, **9663 3038**

Offering a new twist on traditional Spanish food, *Movida* is the perfect place to enjoy a drink and tapas with friends.

The Order of Melbourne

Level 2, 401 Swanston Street, **9663 6707**

Hidden behind a red door, this stylish, Asian-inspired bar offers a great selection of cocktails, beers, wines and one of Melbourne's largest ranges of flavoured and infused sakes.

Riverland

Vaults 1-9, Federation Wharf, (near Federation Square), **9662 1771**

Great outdoor venue featuring riverside decks, outdoor kitchen, BBQ and picnic tables with a simple bar menu.

Robot Sushi and Bar

12 Bligh Place, **9620 3646**

With a great range of sake and Asian beers, *Robot* is a great place for drinks and conversation. Worth a visit just for its robot display and Japanese anime films

Spice Market

Beane Lane off Russell Street, **9660 3777**

A premium beverage offering including the signature Turkish Delight Martini and a menu of Mezze style dishes of authentic Middle Eastern flavours ensures a distinctive experience for guests.

DANCEFLOORS AND LIVE MUSIC

Melbourne is famous for its live music - it even has a street, AC/DC Lane, named after an Australian rock band.

Cherry

AC/DC Lane, 103 Flinders Lane, **9639 8122**

Cherry is a very popular rock bar that's great for dancing. It has everything from rock and roll, to retro and alternative music. Arrive early to avoid the queues.

Eurotrash Bar

18-20 Corrs Lane (off Little Bourke Street), **9654 4411**

Enjoy a piece of Europe in every corner including a Russian bar, Parisian café, Turkish harem and German beer hall. Upstairs is *Popshop Gallery* featuring art exhibitions, live music and entertainment.

Pony

68 Little Collins Street, **9662 1026**

This is a late night venue that gets busy after midnight. Staff are very friendly and there is live music most nights upstairs and a lounge bar downstairs.

Tip: Details of bands and performances appear in Melbourne's free street papers *Beat* and *Inpress* and on Fridays *The Age* and *Herald-Sun* have entertainment guides.

OTHER

For chocolate lovers, *Max Brenner Premium Chocolate Creations* in QV Square and Melbourne Central or *Koko Black* in Royal Arcade, Lygon Street and Collins Street are a great place to unwind and catch up with friends.

INTERNET ACCESS AND WI-FI HOTSPOTS

There are a number of internet cafes in the city centre. Try *Elounge* at 149 Swanston Street, *Global Chat* at 228 Flinders Street; or *6 Links* at 228 Flinders Lane.

Hotspots can also be found in various locations, including Level 3, Melbourne Central; and the State Library 328 Swanston Street.

For bars with wireless internet try:

e:fifty-five

55 Elizabeth Street, **9620 3899**

This internet bar is popular with backpackers surfing the net and checking emails. It also supplies good DJs, comfortable couches and a pool table - all at reasonable prices.

Horse Bazaar

397 Little Lonsdale Street, **9670 2329**

Horse Bazaar has a mix of technology, art, music and drinks. At night it has great music and during the day it is a peaceful place with free wireless internet.

For more information on bars and nightlife go to

www.thatsmelbourne.com.au

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Melbourne Library Service

Melbourne Library Service offers a range of resources and services to assist students in Melbourne. The service has one of the largest English Learning collections in Australia, including recreational collections in Chinese, Vietnamese, Indonesian, Hindi and Spanish as well as online resources, Internet access and study space.

Joining is easy - log on to **www.melbournelibraryservice.com.au** and then drop by one of the libraries with some identification to collect your membership card.

City Library 253 Flinders Lane, Melbourne 3000, **9658 9500**

East Melbourne Library 122 George Street, East Melbourne 3002, **9658 9600**

North Melbourne 66 Errol Street, North Melbourne 3051, **9658 9700**

Docklands Hub (Library access point) 17 Waterview Walk, Docklands 3008, **8622 4822**

State Library

The State Library at 328 Swanston Street is a must-see, with its grand old architecture and fine collection of heritage books and documents. Free one-hour tours of the library are available.



Gallery Funaki



Forum Theatre



Australian Rules Football

THE ARTS

Melbourne is a city where people see, breathe and live the arts.

There is a huge year-round calendar of events including the Melbourne International Arts Festival, Melbourne International Film Festival and the Melbourne International Comedy Festival. See pages 20–21 for a calendar of events.

Performing arts

The Arts Centre, at the start of the St Kilda Road Boulevard, is Melbourne's main arts, music and theatre complex. It is home to The Australian Ballet, the Melbourne Theatre Company and the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra. You can't miss the complex – it has a spire 162 metres high and is illuminated at night.

Large-scale shows and major musicals play in Melbourne's grand old theatres and smaller venues have innovative and experimental theatre.

The city also has a wonderful collection of galleries (see Places to Visit).

For more go to:
www.thatsmelbourne.com.au

PUBLIC ART

Melbourne is often described as an open-air art gallery with its many fascinating public sculptures.

Take a look at the *Three Businessmen Who Brought Their Own Lunch* in Bourke Street Mall – a photo favourite – and the *Public Purse* just outside Melbourne's GPO. *The Travellers* on Sandridge Bridge tells the story of the arrival of migrants to Melbourne.

SPORT

Melbourne has something for everyone when it comes to sport and recreation.

Swimming

The city offers a range of excellent indoor and outdoor swimming pools, open to the public at modest prices. The largest is the *Melbourne City Baths*, which has a state-of-the-art gym and cardio studio.

Tip: www.melbourne.vic.gov.au has a complete listing of sport and recreation facilities in Melbourne.

SPECTATOR SPORT

To watch the action with thousands of passionate local sports fans, try:

Australian Rules Football

For a real Melbourne experience, you must go to a game of Aussie Rules Football – known simply as 'footy'. Games are played from February to September at the *Melbourne Cricket Ground* (MCG, see page 22) or *Etihad Stadium*. Crowds are noisy but well behaved and happy to explain the rules for newcomers.

www.afl.com.au

Cricket

Laze in the summer sun at the Melbourne Boxing Day Test Match which runs for 4–5 days at the famous MCG. Or follow the after-work crowds as they flock to a one-day match under lights.

www.cricket.com.au

Football (soccer) – Melbourne Victory

The A-League is Australia's national football (soccer) competition. Come, join and support Melbourne Victory, and see elite football at its best.

www.melbournevictory.com.au

Horse Racing

The Melbourne Cup is one of the world's richest horse races and the city literally stops for it. The race is held at Flemington Racecourse on the first Tuesday in November (a public holiday for Melburnians).

www.vrc.net.au

Rugby League – Melbourne Storm

Melbourne Storm is the only team from Melbourne in the National Rugby League competition. Olympic Park is the venue for the action-packed games that are sure to thrill all keen sports fans.

www.melbournestorm.com.au

Tennis

Melbourne Park is one of the best sports and entertainment facilities in the world. The Australian Open Tennis is held here in January every year. More than half a million visitors watch the world's best tennis players do battle over two weeks at Melbourne Park. You can hire courts to play tennis here, except during the Australian Open.

www.tennis.com.au

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2010

Here are just some of the exciting events you can attend in the city:



Cricket



New Year's Eve



International students



Melbourne International Comedy Festival

FEBRUARY

- Melbourne Summer Cycle
- Melbourne International Boat and Lifestyle Festival, Docklands
- Black Nite Cinema
- Summer Fun in the City
- Commonwealth Bank One Day International Series
- KFC Twenty20 International Cricket – Australia v Pakistan
- Chinese New Year Festival
- Dragon Boat Festival – Chinese New Year Regatta
- Tropfest – The World's Largest Short Film Festival.
- Melbourne Symphony Orchestra FREE concerts at the Sidney Myer Music Bowl
- Sustainable Living Festival
- Russian Pancake Festival
- Docklands Sunday Collectors Market (All year round)

FEBRUARY-MARCH

- Moonlight Cinema
- NAB Cup – AFL (Australian Football League) pre-season competition

MARCH

- City of Melbourne International Student Welcome
- Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show
- Moomba Waterfest
- Herald Sun/CityLink Run for the Kids
- Melbourne International Dragon Boat Festival
- L'Oreal Melbourne Fashion Festival
- Antipodes Festival
- Thai Culture & Food Festival
- Formula 1™ ING Australian Grand Prix
- Melbourne Food and Wine Festival
- Melbourne City Romp
- Melbourne Queer Film Festival
- Opera in the Market
- Harmony Day
- Melbourne International Comedy Festival

MARCH-SEPTEMBER

- Toyota AFL (Australian Football League) Premiership Season
- Telstra NRL (National Rugby League) Premiership Season (Melbourne Storm)

APRIL

- Art Melbourne 2010
- Turkish Cultural Connections Festival
- Mother's Day Classic
- International Jazz Festival
- Travel XPO
- ANZ Championships (Netball)

MAY-JUNE

- Spanish Film Festival
- National Youth Week
- Melbourne Italian Festival

MAY

- Buddha's Day and Multicultural Festival
- Mothers Day Classic
- Next Wave Festival
- International Women's Day
- Dutch Orange Day

JUNE

- City of Melbourne Laneway Commissions
- Good Food & Wine Show
- Run Melbourne presented by The Age
- Ignite at Docklands
- Circus Oz
- Melbourne Winter Masterpieces: Tim Burton Exhibition
- Melbourne Winter Masterpieces: European Masters: Städel Collection

JULY

- Maxims of Behaviour light installation
- State of Design
- Melbourne International Film Festival
- Melbourne Art Fair 2010

AUGUST

- The Age Melbourne Writers' Festival
- Melbourne Day
- Melbourne Day Flag Raising Ceremony
- The Melbourne Awards
- National Science Week

AUGUST-FEBRUARY

- Hyundai A-League National Football (Soccer) Competition (Melbourne Victory)

SEPTEMBER

- The Age Melbourne Fringe Festival
- Melbourne Spring Fashion Week
- Toyota AFL Grand Final, Grand Final Week, Parade and Live Site
- Royal Melbourne Show
- UCI Road World Cycling Championships

OCTOBER

- Melbourne International Arts Festival
- Melbourne Cycling Festival
- St George Melbourne Marathon
- Festival Indonesia
- Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne-Spring Open Day
- Diwali Festival

NOVEMBER

- Melbourne Cup Carnival (horse racing)
- Emirates Melbourne Cup Parade and Crown Live Site
- Thessaloniki Day
- Polish Festival @ Fed Square
- Myer Christmas Parade
- Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony
- UCI Melbourne Track World Cup
- Santa's Grand Arrival

NOVEMBER-FEBRUARY

- Night Market at Queen Victoria Market

DECEMBER

- Christmas in the City
- Australian Dancesport Championships
- Chanukah
- Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight
- 3 Mobile Test Series
- New Year's Eve in the City
- Japanese Film Festival

Tip: More event information can be found at www.thatsmelbourne.com.au

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PLACES TO VISIT

The city has an amazing range of attractions and activities to keep you entertained all year round. Here are some of the places close to the hearts of Melburnians...



Federation Square and Yarra River

FEDERATION SQUARE

Corner of Swanston and Flinders Streets

This bold, futuristic public area is Melbourne's meeting place. Visit the National Design Centre, the Melbourne Visitor Centre or stop for refreshments at one of the many restaurants, cafes and bars. Federation Square is a great starting point for touring the city and the Yarra River waterfront.

YARRA RIVER WATERFRONT

Day and night you can join people strolling, exercising, shopping and boating along the winding Yarra River. The waterfront is full of life. Along its banks you will find the Arts Centre, Melbourne's main arts, music and theatre precinct, Southgate Leisure Complex, Federation Square, Birrarung Marr park, Crown Entertainment Complex and harbourside Docklands.

MCG

Yarra Park, Jolimont

The MCG (Melbourne Cricket Ground) is affectionately called 'The G.' It is Melbourne's home of cricket, but is used much more often for Australian Rules Football – the town's most popular sport. This vast stadium was the centrepiece for the 1956 Olympic Games and 2006 Commonwealth Games. A trip to any sporting event here is an unforgettable experience. MCG Tours, which take approximately one hour and includes a tour guide, depart regularly from Gate 3 on all non-event days from 10am-3pm (except Christmas Day and Good Friday)

Inside, the National Sports Museum showcases some of the finest sports-related memorabilia and interactive activities.

www.mcg.org.au

MUSEUMS AND EXHIBITIONS

NGV International

180 St Kilda Road

The National Gallery of Victoria International is where Melburnians come to admire some of the best art exhibitions from across the world. It has a magnificent permanent collection from Europe, Asia, America and Oceania.

www.ngv.vic.gov.au

The Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia

Federation Square

NGV Australia has the country's largest display of Australian Art, including indigenous (native) and non-indigenous art, from European settlement to present day.

www.ngv.vic.gov.au

Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI)

Federation Square

ACMI is dedicated to the moving image – from early cinema to the latest digital media.

www.acmi.net.au

Koorie Heritage Trust Inc

295 King Street

Australian Aboriginal (Koorie) culture is rich and varied. The centre's exhibits include a dynamic, interactive sound and visual display that explains the history of the Koorie people from 60,000 years ago to today. See replicas of traditional items, like possum skin cloaks, traditional shields and clapping sticks.

www.koorieheritagetrust.com

Melbourne Museum

Carlton Gardens, Nicholson Street

Learn about Aboriginal culture, trek through a forest, enter the world of bugs or take the dinosaur walk in this award-winning museum.

www.melbourne.museum.vic.gov.au

Immigration Museum

Old Customs House, 400 Flinders Street

The Immigration Museum explores stories of people from all over the world who have migrated to Victoria from the 1800s through to today.

www.immigration.museum.vic.gov.au

Chinese Museum

22 Cohen Place, off Little Bourke Street (Chinatown)

Celebrate the history of Australians of Chinese descent, including the search for gold and the difficult journey by sailing boat from Hong Kong to Melbourne.

www.chinesemuseum.com.au

City Museum at Old Treasury Melbourne

Spring Street

Discover the people and events that helped shape Melbourne from its colonial settlement until present day.

www.citymuseummelbourne.org

Tip: Use the free City Circle Tram to get around the city centre. These are based on a 1923 design and look different from everyday trams.



Cooks' Cottage



Melbourne Zoo

PLACES TO PLAY

COOKS' COTTAGE

Fitzroy Gardens, Wellington Pde and East Melbourne

The home of Captain James Cook's parents was originally built in 1755 in Yorkshire, England, and was later transported to Australia in 1933. It is the only 18th century building in Melbourne.

www.cookscottage.com.au

EUREKA SKYDECK 88

At 300m, this spectacular residential apartment block is currently the world's tallest residential building. Take the lift to Level 88 for stunning views of Melbourne.

www.eurekaskydeck.com.au

GALACTIC CIRCUS

Crown Entertainment Complex

Australia's largest indoor theme park is a galaxy of cyber fun and games.

www.galacticcircus.com.au

IMAX THEATRE

Melbourne Museum, Rathdowne Street Carlton Gardens

With crystal clear image, ten times larger than traditional cinema format, the IMAX experience thrills audiences.

www.imaxmelbourne.com.au

MELBOURNE AQUARIUM

Corner of King and Flinders streets

Can't get to the Barrier Reef? Melbourne Aquarium is an amazing underwater world. Explore four awesome levels with more than 1,000 aquatic animals. Find Nemo the clown fish, or dive with the sharks!

www.melbourneaquarium.com.au

MELBOURNE'S GOLDEN MILE HERITAGE TRAIL

Walk 'Marvellous Melbourne' and experience how the discovery of gold shaped the city. Guided tours depart daily from Federation Square or you can purchase a self-guided booklet.

www.thatsmelbourne.com.au

MELBOURNE ZOO

Elliott Avenue, Parkville

Visit Australia's oldest zoo to see more than 300 animal species from Australia and around the world. Check out the unique Butterfly House or the zoo's cheeky elephants. And don't forget Australia's native animals, like the Southern Hairy Nosed wombat.

www.melbournezoo.com.au

M9 LASER SKIRMISH

Crown Entertainment Complex

Exciting indoor game area. Battle against your friends with an infrared laser gun.

www.m9.com.au

STRIKE BOWLING BAR

QV, Little Lonsdale Street

Strike combines ten pin bowling, pool, interactive games, karaoke, a cocktail bar, sports viewing and a dance floor.

www.strikebowlingbar.com.au

PARKS AND GARDENS

Melbourne has 480 hectares of parks and gardens - more open space than any other major city in the world.

Royal Botanic Gardens

With wide paths, beautiful green lawns, giant ferns and a large lake full of water birds, the Royal Botanic Gardens are a beautiful, peaceful place to spend an hour or two.

www.rb.g.vic.gov.au

Carlton Gardens

The elegant Carlton Gardens are a classic example of grace and symmetry and are home to the historic Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne Museum and IMAX Theatre. The gardens and the Royal Exhibition Building were developed for the Melbourne International Exhibition. In 2004 they were placed on the World Heritage list.

King's Domain

These parklands give a great sense of space and glimpses of the city skyline. Visit the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne's war memorial, grand Government House and the Sidney Myer Music Bowl outdoor performance venue.

Birrarung Marr

In the language of the Wurundjeri people (an Indigenous tribe), this name means 'river of mists.' Birrarung Marr links Federation Square and the Melbourne Park sporting precinct. Here you'll find the Federation Bells - 39 electronic bells which ring daily with tunes by Australian composers.

Fitzroy and Treasury Gardens

Classic European style gardens with a flower-filled conservatory, magnificent elm trees, elegant fountains and statues. Take the time to visit the carved Fairies' Tree and Model Tudor Village and don't miss Cooks' Cottage, transported stone by stone from England.

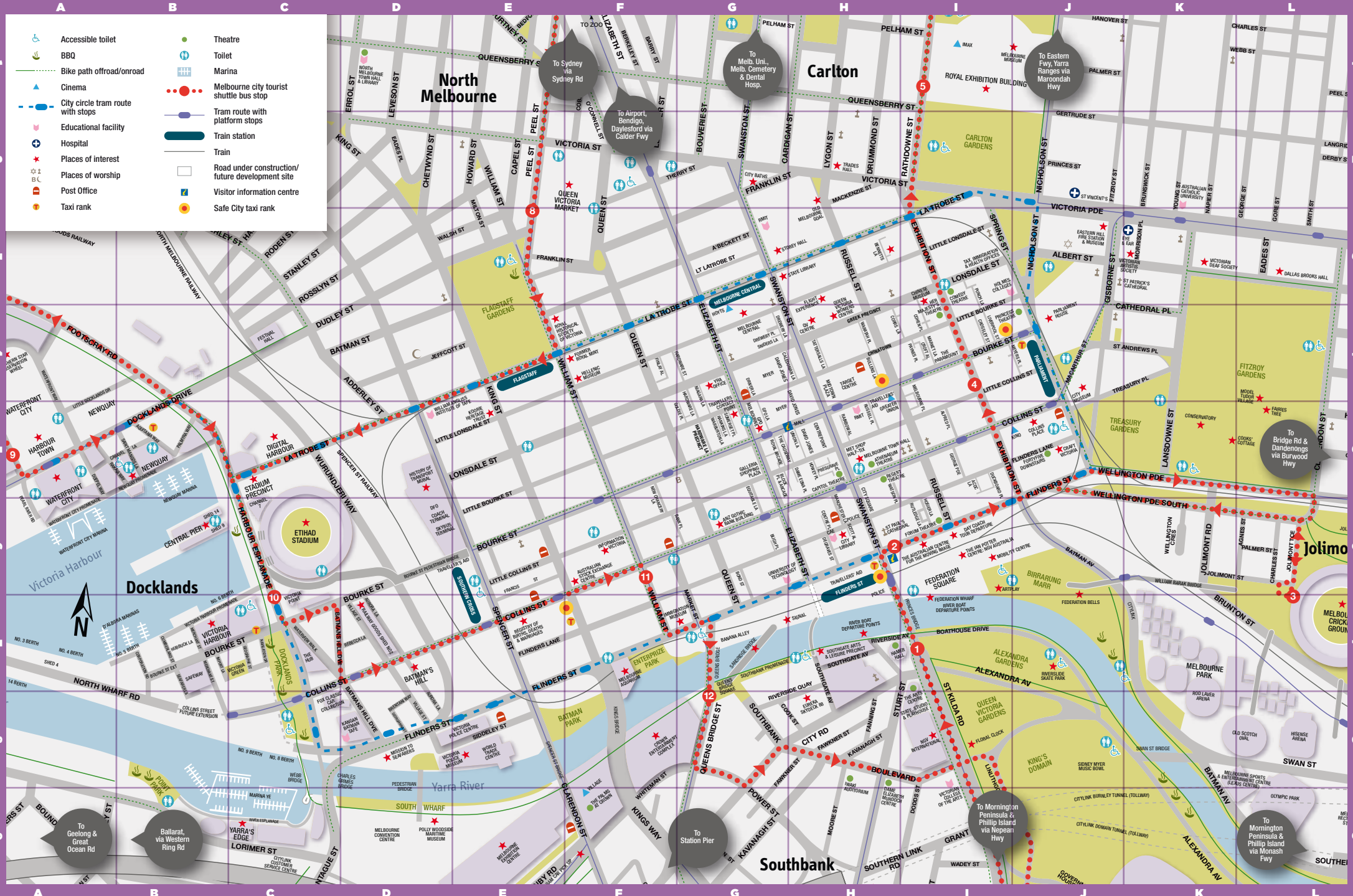
Flagstaff Gardens

Named after the flagstaff that was used to communicate between the harbour and old Melbourne town, the Flagstaff Gardens are full of history and culture. Located across the road from Queen Victoria market, the perfect place to purchase some picnic supplies and wander over to the gardens for a relaxing lunch.

Royal Park

Royal Park is the largest park in the city, extending over 170 hectares. This native bushland park contains a wealth of native flora and fauna. A new feature of the park is a wetland, Trin Warren Tamboore (Bellbird Waterhole) that cleans and recycles stormwater. A boardwalk across the water provides visitors with close-up views of ducks and other water birds busily feeding.

MAP OF MELBOURNE



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|--|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| | Accessible toilet | | Theatre |
| | BBQ | | Toilet |
| | Bike path offroad/onroad | | Marina |
| | Cinema | | Melbourne city tourist shuttle bus stop |
| | City circle tram route with stops | | Tram route with platform stops |
| | Educational facility | | Train station |
| | Hospital | | Road under construction/ future development site |
| | Places of interest | | Visitor information centre |
| | Places of worship | | Safe City taxi rank |
| | Post Office | | |
| | Taxi rank | | |

North Melbourne

Carlton

Docklands

Southbank

Jolimong

To Sydney via Sydney Rd

To Airport, Bendigo, Daylesford via Calder Fwy

To Melb. Uni, Melb. Cemetery & Dental Hosp.

To Eastern Fwy, Yarra Ranges via Mercondah Hwy

To Bridge Rd & Dandenongs via Burwood Hwy

To Geelong & Great Ocean Rd

Ballarat, via Western Ring Rd

To Station Pier

To Mornington Peninsula & Phillip Island via Nepean Hwy

To Mornington Peninsula & Phillip Island via Monash Fwy

KEY LOCATIONS

| Coordinates | Name | Address/Phone |
|-------------|---|--|
| G5 | Action Centre | Level 1, 92–94 Elizabeth Street, 9654 4766 |
| G2 | ALDI Supermarket | Shop1, 8 Franklin Street |
| I7 | Arts Centre (The) | 100 St Kilda Road, 9281 8000 |
| G4 | Australia Post | Cnr Little Bourke & Elizabeth Streets, 13 1318 |
| I6 | Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI) | Federation Square, Flinders Street, 8663 2200 |
| H4 | Big W | QV Village, Cnr Swanston & Lonsdale Streets, 9650 7355 |
| J6 | Birrarung Marr | Batman Avenue |
| G/H 5 | Bourke Street Mall | Bourke Street (between Swanston & Elizabeth Streets) |
| I2 | Carlton Gardens | Cnr Victoria & Nicholson Streets |
| H5 | Carrick Institute of Education | Level 4, 246 Bourke Street, 9650 6877 |
| H4 | CASA House (Centre Against Sexual Assault) | Queen Victoria Centre, Level 3, 210 Lonsdale Street, 9635 3600 |
| H6 | Centre for Adult Education | 21 Degraives Street, 9652 0611 |
| I3 | Chinese Museum | 22 Cohen Place, 9662 2888 |
| H6 | City Library | 253 Flinders Lane, 9664 0800 |
| J4 | City Museum at Old Treasury Melbourne | Spring Street, 9651 2233 |
| H6 | Coles Supermarket | Cnr Elizabeth & Flinders Streets, 9654 3830 |
| G3 | Coles Supermarket | Melbourne Central, Lonsdale Street, 9663 5245 |
| F6 | College Of Law Victoria (The) | Level 6/459 Little Collins Street, 9602 5522 |
| F8 | Crown Entertainment Complex | 8 Whiteman Street, Southbank, 9292 8888 |
| G4 | David Jones | Bourke Street Mall, 9643 2222 |
| D9 | DFO South Wharf | 20 Convention Centre Place, South Wharf, 9099 1111 |
| G5 | Dick Smith Electronics | Galleria Shopping Plaza, 385 Bourke Street, 9600 3914 |
| G4 | Dick Smith Electronics | Melbourne Strand Arcade, Shop 12–22, 240–250 Elizabeth Street, 9663 5320 |
| H4 | Dick Smith Electronics | Midtown Plaza, 246 Bourke Street Mall (Cnr Swanston Street), 9639 0396 |
| G6 | e: fifty-five | 55 Elizabeth Street, 9620 3899 |
| C6 | Etihad Stadium | 740 Bourke Street, Docklands, 8625 7700 |
| H8 | Eureka Skydeck 88 | 7 Riverside Quay, Southbank, 9686 1588 |
| I6 | Federation Square | Flinders Street (cnr Swanston), 9693 8888 |
| E3, E4 | Flagstaff Gardens | Latrobe/William Street |
| L4 | Fitzroy Gardens | Cnr Wellington Parade & Lansdowne Street |
| H6 | Flinders Street Station | Cnr Flinders & Swanston Streets, 9610 7490 |
| F7 | Frontyard Youth Services | 19 King Street, 9611 2411 |
| F8 | Galactic Circus | Crown Entertainment Complex, 8 Whiteman Street, Southbank, 13 2695 |
| H5 | Half-tix | Melbourne Town Hall, Swanston Street, 9650 9420 |
| A5 | Harbour Town | Docklands Drive, Docklands, 9328 8600 |
| F4 | Horse Bazaar | 397 Little Lonsdale Street, 9670 2329 |
| I6 | Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia | Federation Square, Cnr Flinders & Russell Streets, 8620 2222 |
| I1 | IMAX Theatre | Melbourne Museum, Rathdowne Street, Carlton, 9663 5454 |
| G7 | Immigration Museum | 400 Flinders Street, 9927 2700 |
| G4 | JB Hi-Fi | 289 Elizabeth Street, 9670 3611 |
| H4 | JB Hi-Fi | Village Centre, 206 Bourke Street, 9650 0788 |
| J8 | King's Domain | Alexandra Avenue |
| E5 | Koorie Heritage Trust | 295 King Street, 8622 2600 |
| H4 | Laguna Supermarket | QV Lonsdale St, Level 3, 9659 2788 |
| F7 | Melbourne Aquarium | Cnr King and Flinders Streets, 9620 0999 |

| Coordinates | Name | Address/Phone |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| G3 | Melbourne Central | Cnr La Trobe & Swanston Streets, 9922 1100 |
| G2 | Melbourne City Baths | 420 Swanston Street, 9663 5888 |
| I4 | Melbourne Counselling Service | 1st Floor, 69 Bourke Street, 9653 3250 |
| L7 | Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) | Yarra Park, Jolimont, 9657 8888 |
| J1 | Melbourne Museum | Nicholson St, Carlton, 13 1102 |
| K7 | Melbourne Park | Batman Ave, 9286 1600 |
| G1 | Melbourne Sexual Health Centre | 1st Floor, 580 Swanston Street, 9347 0244 |
| H5 | Melbourne Town Hall | 90–120 Swanston Street, 9658 9658 |
| G5 | Melbourne Visitor Booth | Bourke Street Mall, Bourke Street between Swanston & Elizabeth Streets, 9658 9658 |
| H6 | Melbourne Visitor Centre | Cnr Flinders & Swanston Street, 9658 9658 |
| F1 | Melbourne Zoo | Elliot Avenue, Parkville, 9285 9300 |
| G5 | Melbourne's GPO | Cnr Elizabeth & Bourke Streets, 9663 0066 |
| H5 | MetShop | Town Hall, Cnr Swanston & Little Collins Streets, 1800 652 313 |
| G4 | Myer Melbourne | Bourke Street Mall, 9661 1111 |
| B5 | NewQuay | Melbourne Docklands, 1800 888 326 |
| I8 | NGV International | 180 St Kilda Road, 8620 2222 |
| L9 | Olympic Park | Olympic Boulevard, 9286 1600 |
| J4 | Parliament House | Spring Street (at end of Bourke Street), 9651 8911 |
| Not Shown | Piazza Italia | Argyle Square, Lygon Street, Carlton |
| F2 | Queen Victoria Market | Elizabeth St (cnr Victoria), 9320 5822 |
| H4 | QV | Cnr Lonsdale & Swanston Streets, 9658 0100 |
| J7 | Riverside Skatepark | Alexandra Gardens, Boathouse Drive |
| G3 | RMIT University | City Campus, 124 Latrobe Street, 9925 2000 |
| K9 | Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne | Birdwood Avenue, South Yarra, 9252 2300 |
| H4 | Safeway Supermarket | QV Lonsdale St, 9663 5181 |
| H7 | Southgate | 3 Southgate Avenue, Southbank, 9699 4311 |
| G3 | State Library of Victoria | 328 Swanston Street, 8664 7000 |
| H3 | Strike Bowling Bar | QV Complex, 245 Little Lonsdale Street, 9656 7171 |
| H4 | Target | 236 Bourke Street, 9653 4000 |
| H5 | Travellers' Aid | 2nd Floor, 169 Swanston Street, 9654 2600 |
| J5 | Treasury Gardens | Cnr Spring Street & Wellington Parade |
| Not Shown | University of Melbourne (The) | Grattan Street, Parkville, 8344 4000 |
| A6 | Victoria Harbour | Melbourne Docklands |
| F3 | Victoria Legal Aid | 350 Queen Street, 9269 0234 |
| E8 | Victoria Police | 637 Flinders Street, 9247 6666 |
| H6 | Victoria Police | 226 Flinders Lane, 9650 7077 |
| Not Shown | Victoria Police | 330 Drummond Street, 9347 1377 |
| H6 | Victoria University | 300 Flinders Street, 1300 842 864 |
| H6 | Victoria University | 301 Flinders Lane, 1300 842 864 |
| F5 | Victoria University | 225 King Street, 1300 842 864 |
| F4 | Victoria University | 283 & 295 Queen Street, 1300 842 864 |
| I8 | Victorian College Of The Arts | 234 St Kilda Road, Southbank, 9685 9300 |
| A5 | Waterfront City | Melbourne Docklands, 8628 6000 |
| D5 | William Angliss Institute of Tafe | 555 La Trobe Street, 9606 2111 |
| C9 | Yarra's Edge | Melbourne Docklands |

MORE INFORMATION

SAFETY IN THE CITY

Melbourne is a very safe and friendly city. In 2006, it was reaccredited by the World Health Organisation as a Safe City.

Here are some safety tips for enjoying Melbourne safely:

- Drive on the left only. Seat belts must always be worn by driver and passengers.
- Take care when crossing roads – look left, then right and left again for cars, trams, cyclists and other pedestrians.
- The legal drinking age is 18 years and over. Drinking alcohol is not permitted in public places in central Melbourne.
- When out, take care of and stand with your friends.
- As in any other major city, be aware of what's going on around you especially at night. Be aware of the danger of theft and look after your personal belongings.
- Police assistance is available 24 hours a day. You can approach police officers in the street or walk into a police station.
- In an emergency, **dial 000 for police, fire or ambulance – free of charge.**

SUPPORT SERVICES IN THE CITY

There are numerous services in the city that provide information and assistance in relation to the law, consumer rights, health, youth issues and accommodation which include:

- *Victoria Police* – for information regarding Victoria Police, including a location map of nearby stations go to: www.police.vic.gov.au
- *Consumer Affairs Victoria* – for advice and assistance on matters of renting and accommodation, estate agents, building, shopping, credit and trading go to: www.consumer.vic.gov.au
- *Nurse-On-Call* – is a free phone service that provides health advice from a registered nurse 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Call: **1300 6060 24**.
- *Gambler's Help* – provides free and confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. Call: **1800 156 789**.
- *Lifeline* – provides a 24 hour free telephone counselling service and an online searchable database of community and health services. Call: **13 11 14** or go to: www.lifeline.org.au

- *Tenants Union of Victoria* – provides advice and assistance regarding accommodation and tenancy rights. Go to: www.tuv.gov.au
- *The Action Centre* – provides sexual health services for young people aged up to 25 years in the city. Call: **1800 013 952** or go to: www.fpv.org.au
- *Youth Advisory Council of Victoria* – is the peak body and leading policy advocate on young people's issues in Victoria, Australia. Go to: www.yacvic.org.au
- *Youthlaw* – is a community legal centre that provides free legal advice and assistance for young people aged up to 25 years. Call: **9611 2412** or go to: www.youthlaw.asn.au
- *Frontyard Youth Service* provides accommodation, health, legal and employment services to young people aged up to 25 years. Call: **1800 800 531** or go to: www.frontyard.org

The Couch



Visitors Information



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORGANISATION

- *Australian Federation of International Students (AFIS)* – helps international students get the best out of living and studying in Australia. Go to: www.internationalstudents.org.au

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CITY

For more information about what the city has to offer:

- Go to www.thatsmelbourne.com.au and subscribe to the That's Melbourne eNewsletter on what's hot and happening in the city.
- Head to the Melbourne Visitor Centre at Federation Square, located on the corner of Swanson and Flinders Streets.
- Visit the Melbourne Visitor Booth in the Bourke Street Mall.
- Call the City of Melbourne on: **9658 9658**
- Ask a City Ambassador for directions or for ideas on what to see or do. Ambassadors wear red uniforms and walk around the city providing information to visitors.

- For information about public transport including timetables visit www.metlinkmelbourne.com.au
- For discounted entertainment tickets head to Half-Tix at the Melbourne Town Hall, Swanston Street.
- For information on what the City of Melbourne has to offer young people, how you can get involved and to register for a mailing list, visit www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/youngpeople

ACCESSING MELBOURNE'S COMMUNITIES

The Couch

The Couch – International Student Centre is located at the Salvation Army, 69 Bourke Street, Melbourne. It is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5pm-10pm. Students will have access to computers, free internet access, meals, complimentary hot drinks and access to a range of information and support services.

www.internationalstudents.org.au/thecouch

Multicultural Hub

The City of Melbourne's Multicultural Hub is a friendly place where people from Melbourne's many different cultures can get together and work, share and learn in a safe and supportive environment. The Multicultural Hub has rooms that can be booked for either regular meetings or for one-off events/activities. The Hub is located at 506 Elizabeth Street (opposite the Queen Victoria Market), **9092 1500**

The Hub @ Docklands

'The Hub @ Docklands' has a range of information on Docklands and Council services and offers hire of venue and/or meeting spaces available for use by community groups, residents and organisations. The Hub is located at 17 Waterview Walk, Docklands, **8622 4822**

For more information visit www.melbourne.vic.gov.au

Tip: Don't be afraid to ask for help. Melbourne residents and visitors are friendly and always willing to help out!

