



CITY GUIDE

# MELBOURNE

## VICTORIA



Cosmopolitan Melbourne is a vibrant hub of style, sport, culture and dining where you can wander the parks and leafy boulevards by day and then dance till dawn. Visit Federation Square, the city's landmark cultural space, and after you've shopped till you've dropped, head to the beachside suburb of St Kilda for a cold beer by the sea.

Explore the Yarra Valley wine region, just an hour outside of Melbourne, or take in one of the world's most spectacular coastal drives along the Great Ocean Road to the Twelve Apostles. You could even drive the Melbourne to Sydney coast road in time for the final test.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- > Melbourne has more cafes and restaurants per capita than anywhere in the world.
- > The Eureka Skydeck 88 at the Melbourne's Eureka Tower has the highest viewing platform in the Southern Hemisphere.
- > For decades, the clocks on the corner at Flinders Street Station have been a popular Melbourne rendezvous spot. A few years ago, an attempt was made to replace them with video screens, but the public outcry was so enormous that they stayed!
- > Melbourne has access to more than 480 hectares of parks and gardens, the biggest proportion of open space than any other major city in the world.
- > The largest Greek population in the world beside Athens in Greece can be found in Melbourne.

### THERE'S NOTHING LIKE...

- > Discovering Melbourne by bike. The perfect way to get your bearings as you explore Melbourne's grooviest streets, parks, shops, cafes, hidden laneways and multicultural neighbourhoods with a local guide.
- > Heading to the beach in St Kilda, Melbourne's seaside playground. A gorgeous sandy beach with a long palm-lined boardwalk and some of the best cake shops in Australia.
- > Exploring the laneways of Melbourne on a Hidden Secrets tour. Discover a little history, amazing architecture, local designers and specialty retailers along these little known streets.
- > Finding out why Melbourne is sports-mad with a Sports Tour. Visit the venues that host some of Australia's favourite sporting events, with behind the scenes access to the coach's box, exclusive member's areas and changing rooms.
- > Watching the world go by from a deck chair in Federation Square. Melbourne's meeting place and a unique cultural precinct, Fed Square brings together museums, galleries and a host of restaurants, cafes and bars.
- > Floating over the city on a sunrise hot air balloon ride. Perfect for a peek at city life from a totally different angle and a chance to see the MCG from the air.
- > Hitting the quirky vintage shops and bohemian culture of Brunswick Street, Fitzroy. The vibrant Melbourne strip where all walks of life go to shop, eat, drink and dance.



## ON THE DOORSTEP. DON'T MISS...

- > The Mornington Peninsula. Under an hour from Melbourne you'll find orchards, olive groves and more than 200 vineyards. Take coastal walks, spot seals, surf and swim with dolphins. Unwind in the hot springs at the end of your day.
- > The Yarra Valley. Just an hour's drive from Melbourne and you are in Victoria's wine country, renowned for producing Australia's finest Pinot Noir. Follow a self drive wine trail or design your own route between the cellar doors.
- > Daylesford. A short drive from Melbourne and famed for its natural mineral springs. Relax in one of the many spas or sit back and enjoy the breathtaking scenery.

## WORTH THE FLIGHT TO...

- > The Great Ocean Road. Take in surf beaches, historic ports, whale lookout, rainforests and mountain ranges on this spectacular coastal route. A highlight is the Twelve Apostles; limestone stacks rising from the ocean.
- > The Grampians. You can't miss these majestic mountain ranges and forests, famous for its excellent hiking and Aboriginal heritage. Discover rock art, go fishing or canoeing and get up close to native animals.
- > Wilsons Promontory. Explore the white beaches, granite cliffs, forests and fern gullies in this National Park. Or slip on a mask and flippers to discover the colourful marine life just off the shore.



## DID YOU KNOW?

- > Melbourne topped 140 rivals to be crowned the world's most liveable city by The Economist Intelligence Unit three years in a row since 2011.



## A PLACE TO CELEBRATE OR COMMISERATE

### VUE DE MONDE

On the 55th floor of the Rialto Tower, Vue du Monde offers views across the city and has achieved critical acclaim, including a 19/20 from The Age Good Food Guide.

Level 55, Rialto 525 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC [www.vuedemonde.com.au](http://www.vuedemonde.com.au)

### TRANSIT COCKTAIL LOUNGE

One of Melbourne's best late night venues, this rooftop bar oozes class. With black leather sofas and late night jazz, the stunning views of the city skyline are unrivalled.

Level 2, Transport Hotel, Federation Square, Melbourne, VIC  
[www.transitcocktailounge.com.au](http://www.transitcocktailounge.com.au)

### MOVIDA

A little bar on a graffiti covered cobbled lane, MoVida serves up the tastiest Spanish tapas in town. Enjoy shared plates in a down lit room playing funky tunes.

1 Hosier Lane, Melbourne, VIC  
[www.movida.com.au](http://www.movida.com.au)

### CHIN CHIN

South East Asian cuisine modelled on the hawker dining halls of Asia. Using the freshest of ingredients, all of their sauces, pastas and relishes are made in house.

125 Flinders Lane, Melbourne, VIC  
[www.chinchinrestaurant.com.au](http://www.chinchinrestaurant.com.au)

### LAGERFIELD SPORTS BAR & BEER GARDEN

Part of the Crown Complex, this is the place to watch the cricket on eight huge screens and one megascreen, meaning you won't miss a minute of Ashes action.

Ground Level, Clarendon Street, Southbank, Melbourne [www.crownmelbourne.com.au](http://www.crownmelbourne.com.au)

### CAPTAIN BAXTER

On the beach at St Kilda, Captain Baxter's huge kitchen and cocktail bar is the perfect place to graze with spectacular views of Port Philip Bay.

St Kilda Sea Baths, 10-18 Jacka Boulevard, St Kilda, Melbourne, VIC [www.captainbaxter.com.au](http://www.captainbaxter.com.au)

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