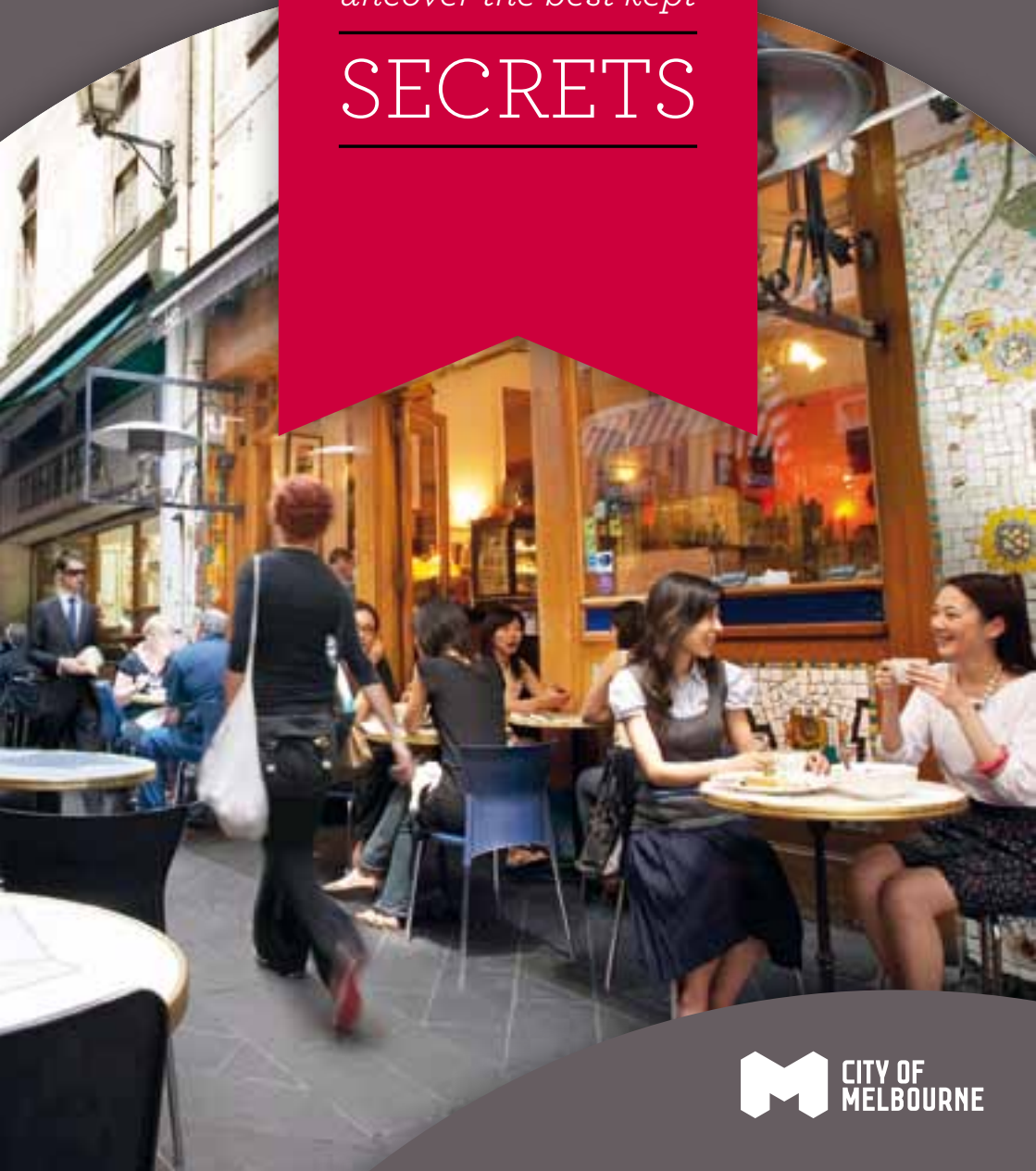




MELBOURNE

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SECRETS



Message from the City of Melbourne

This city is among the world's finest business events capitals. We are proud of Melbourne's experience in hosting major events, and of its reputation for world-renowned sporting events, spectacular arts festivals, fine facilities and leading conferences.

Business is balanced with leisure in our warm and diverse community. I encourage you to explore our parks and gardens, cultural venues, unique shopping districts, historical laneways and our excellent food and wine.

This guide has been specifically developed for our business event visitors. We hope you find some of Melbourne's hidden secrets and take home many fond memories of your time in our city.



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Lord Mayor

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Future Melbourne
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and Knowledge City)
Committee Chair

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Introduction



Hello and welcome to Melbourne, one of the world's best places to eat, drink, shop and explore. Whether you're looking for the best espresso in the city or a tour of the Melbourne Cricket Ground, this book will help guide you on where to go and what to do once you finish your delegate duties.

Inside these pages you'll find walking tours that will turn your head and stretch your legs, tips on where to get the things you need when you're away from home, and a few more to help you shop as stylishly as one of the locals. You can join in the city's love affair with good design, great art and unbeatable sport...or simply head to one of the bars or restaurants that Melburnians love to frequent.

No matter which street you begin your journey on, the best thing you can do is wander off the beaten track. Walk down laneways, look up, look down and when in doubt, ask someone for directions!

City highlights



A brief note on how to read this guide:

The information panel

Most city highlights in this book contain an information panel to assist you. The panel is set out like this:

Address

Telephone number

Opening hours

Tram number or nearest intersection

Dining key

Tram information

Tram information is given when there is appropriate tram directly to your destination. For more information contact Metlink on 131 638.

Intersections

Where a direct tram is not available, the nearest intersection to your destination is listed with the east-west direction followed by the north-south direction.

Price guide

\$ up to \$15 for a main course
\$\$ \$16-\$25 for a main course
\$\$\$ \$26 and above for a main course

Dining key

B Breakfast
L Lunch
D Dinner
BEV Bar or licensed restaurant
S Suitable for solo dining

Food & drink



Melbourne's reputation for culinary excellence is expressed in the outstanding assortment of cafés, restaurants and bars that colour the city. From cheap eats to fine dining, rooftop bars to underground cellars, Mexican *mole* to Shanghai dumplings, the city has it covered. What follows is a very small taste of the city's best places to eat and drink, but as always, the best way to discover the unknown is to follow your nose.

FOODIE'S HIT LIST

Whether you're looking for a little taste of home or yearning for something exotic, you're spoilt for choice when it comes to international cuisine. The city's palate stretches between China, Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia, Japan, India, Nepal, Greece, Italy, Turkey, Spain, France, Lebanon, Mexico and countless more.

- For tapas, head to sultry Spanish stalwart **MoVida** (1 Hosier Lane). The sizzling scallops wrapped in *jamon* or spiced chicken *escabache* are sure to woo you into a post-dining haze of contentment.
- *MasterChef Australia* judge George Calombaris serves some of the best modern Greek food in the city at **The Press Club** (72 Flinders Street).
- If you've got curry in mind, you can't go past the gaudy mirrored and embellished laneway dining hall **Gaylord** (4 Tattersalls Lane). It's known to serve up the city's best North Indian cuisine.
- For a great lunchtime snack, sit around the Lazy Susan and have your fill of steaming dumplings and tasty bite-sized delicacies from the yum cha trolleys at respected Chinatown institution **Shark Fin Inn** (50 Little Bourke Street).

INSIGHT

BEAN THERE DONE THAT

Melbourne is the undisputed coffee capital of Australia. This is a city that takes its passion for the buzzy brown stuff very seriously. There are many great baristas all over the city – too many to name here – but if you're looking for artisan caffeine-dealers, these are the ones after your own heart.

Connoisseurs must not miss **Brother Baba Budan** (359 Little Bourke Street), where you should

make do with a takeaway cup if you can't get a stool at the modest communal table. BBB is owned by the famous Melbourne micro-roaster **Seven Seeds** (114 Berkeley Street, Carlton), a veritable shrine to the art of coffee-making, and worth a visit as well. With a focus on estate and single origin coffees of the finest quality, the staff are unmatched in their nose and

expertise, and they do whole bean takeaways that you can grind at home. Other top-notch cups come from **Cup of Truth** (12 Campbell Arcade off Degrares Street), **McIver's** (102 Dairy Produce Hall, Queen Victoria Market) and **Di Bella Roasting House** (19–21 Leveson Street, North Melbourne).





Sensory Lab

For purists who treat coffee like wine, the staff in white coats at Sensory Lab will advise you on the best vintage. Brewing demonstrations, taste consulting and an explanation of exactly where your coffee comes from await those who appreciate the finer beans in life. If you're after a quick lunch there are a handful of filled baguettes to choose from, too. It's right next to the menswear department in David Jones.

David Jones, 297 Little Collins Street
03 9643 2222
Monday-Wednesday 9.30am-6pm, Thursday-Friday 9.30am-9pm, Saturday 9am-7pm, Sunday 10am-6pm
Little Collins and Elizabeth streets
\$, L, S

Café Vue

A scaled down version of chef Shannon Bennett's famous and exclusive French restaurant Vue de Monde, Café Vue offers the chance to sample some of the delights from his kitchen at prices that will leave you with change from a \$20 note. Try the wagyu pie, duck cassoulet jaffle or walk out carrying Café Vue's legendary takeaway lunchbox (filled with starter, salad, savoury and sweet) under your arm - definitely not for sharing!

Normanby Chambers, 430 Little Collins Street
03 9691 3899
Monday-Friday 7am-4pm, Friday 6.30pm-late for cocktails
Little Collins and Queen streets
\$, B, L, BEV, S

Mr Tulk

It's far from bookish, but busy Mr Tulk is actually part of the State Library, named after its first chief librarian, Augustus Henry Tulk. The kitchen serves restaurant-quality café food for breakfast and lunch, while the coffee machine keeps thinking minds abuzz. Grab a soup or flatbread sandwich and a spot at the large communal table before venturing into the beautiful, historic rooms next door.

State Library of Victoria, La Trobe Street Entrance, 304 Swanston Street Walk
03 8660 5700
Monday-Thursday 7am-5pm, Friday 7am-9pm, Saturday 9am-4pm
La Trobe and Swanston streets
\$, B, L, BEV, S

Dumplings Plus

Hand-made dumplings and noodles are the stars here - watch the staff deftly assembling them through the kitchen window. The décor is much plusher than the prices, and service is always prompt. Try the dry-fried green beans and lamb wraps. During busy times, solo diners may be seated on tables together, so prepare to make new friends!

269 Swanston Street
03 9663 8181
Monday-Sunday 10am-11pm
Trams 1, 6, 8, 16, 64, 67, 72 to Lonsdale and Swanston streets
\$, L, D, BEV, S

Waiter's Restaurant

Formerly known as 'The Waiter's Club', this Melbourne institution has been serving simple, hearty Italian fare since anyone can remember - and it still retains all of its old-world charm. Hidden down a laneway and up some stairs, you'll be greeted with a warm, unpretentious atmosphere, with a menu to match. Take your pick of the deliciously simple pasta dishes, veal schnitzel and daily specials such as lamb alla Romana.

20 Meyers Place, Melbourne
03 9650 1508
Monday-Friday noon-2.30pm, Monday-Wednesday 6pm-11pm, Thursday-Saturday 6pm-midnight
Tram 86 or 96 to Bourke and Spring streets
\$, L, D

Alumbra

For an all-year-round summer feel, Alumbra makes the effort to provide music and drinks for those who like to relax amongst the beautiful people. Ease into the evening with a selection of refreshing cocktails such as the Rum Revolver, served in an authentic tiki mug, whilst grazing on the inexpensive and tasty gourmet barbecue.

9/161 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands
03 8623 9666
Thursday-Saturday 4pm-3am, Sun 4pm-1am
Tram 48 to Central Pier and Harbour Esplanade
\$, D, BEV, S





Mamasita

Mexican food is popping up around Melbourne in a big way and this informal bar-restaurant is one of the best new additions to the city. The menu works best if you're sharing but solo diners can easily build a meal from the selection of *tacos*, *quesadillas* and *tostaditas*, or the main-sized *moles*. Make sure you start out with an *elote*, a classic Mexican street food of corn-on-a-stick rolled in finely grated cheese, chipotle mayo and lime. For drinks, peruse the list of Mexican *cervezas* or have the house specialty, Micholada: a Bloody Mary-beer combo that is shockingly good, as well as just shocking.

Level 1, 11 Collins St
03 9650 3821
Monday-Saturday noon-11pm
Tram 109 or 112 to Collins and Spring streets
\$\$, L, D, BEV, S

Bhoj

It takes one succulent mouthful to discover how well Indian food goes with waterfront dining. Enjoy stunning water and city skyline views while tucking into curry classics, from velvety chicken butter cream to fiery *jhinga mirchi masala* or chilli prawns. Vegetarians will leave happy; there's a mouthwatering range of meatless dishes. Try the *baghare baingan* or eggplant masala.

54 Newquay Promenade, Docklands
03 9600 0884
Monday-Sunday noon-3pm, 5.30pm-10.30pm
Tram 86 to Newquay Promenade and Docklands Drive
\$\$, L, D, BEV, S

Gills Diner

With its slab-like wooden tables, candles in wax-dripped wine bottles and a rustic yet sophisticated menu on a blackboard that covers one wall, Gills feels like an old-fashioned Italian eatery. There are cheeses, cured meats, antipasti and vegetables to share, plus heartier soups, roasts and fresh pastas for those with larger appetites. The superb wine list focuses on local producers.

Gills Diner, 360 Little Collins Street (corner Gills Alley)
03 9670 7214
Monday-Friday noon-3pm, Monday-Saturday 5.30pm-10pm
Tram 109 or 112 to Collins and Elizabeth streets
\$\$, L, D, BEV, S

Izakaya Den

Young, fun and bursting with cool, Melbourne's latest izakaya offers a refreshingly Japanese take on an Aussie pub meal. Inside this striking den the specials board is projected onto the wall and the waiters are decked out in uniform black... with red sneakers. Try the tempura-battered sweetcorn kernels, a tasty sashimi plate, or for the more adventurous, chargrilled kingfish head. The bar serves top-shelf plum wine, sake, beer and an all-Victorian wine list.

Basement, 114 Russell Street
03 9654 2977
Monday-Friday noon-2.30pm, Monday-Saturday 5.30pm-late
Tram 109 or 112 to Bourke and Russell streets
\$\$, L, D, BEV, S

Mecca Bah

This Docklands institution is appropriately named as the place to go for Moroccan, Turkish and Middle Eastern food, all MSG-free. Spicy Turkish pizzas are the specialty here, but try the Lebanese sausages or delicious Moroccan tagines with couscous whilst enjoying the idyllic atmosphere overlooking the water. Keep your eyes open for passing swans.

55a Newquay Promenade, Docklands
03 9642 1300
Monday-Sunday 11am-11pm
Tram 48 to Central Pier and Harbour Esplanade
\$\$, L, D, BEV, S

Siglo

High above the Melbourne Supper Club sits this glamorous French-style terrace. Siglo boasts some of Melbourne's best views: the Houses of Parliament ahead; historic Princess Theatre to one side and Fitzroy Gardens to the other. Laze on the terrace sipping a delightful range of warm-weather cocktails, or snuggle into the lounge pavilion for wintry wines, cognacs and cigars. Gas heaters make this rooftop pleasant all year around.

Level 2, 161 Spring Street
03 9654 6300
Tuesday-Friday 5pm-3am, Saturday-Monday 8pm-3am
Tram 86 or 96 to Bourke and Spring streets
BEV

BRUNCH IN THE CITY

Melburnians love brunch so much that they're prepared to eat it at any time of day. Whether you're having brunch for breakfast, lunch or dinner, the city serves up scrumptious options for this time-bending meal. Try **Degraves Espresso Bar** (23-25 Degraves Street) for great people-watching over an even greater caffeine hit, the tiny **Jungle Juice** (20 Centre Place) for creatively filled bagels (including the 'Bloody Mary'), or head up to **The Hardware Societe** (120 Hardware Lane) for classy breakfasts of brioche French toast with chestnut puree and mascarpone cheese. For breakfast options on the south side of the river, try **Maze** (see pg 10) or any of the Spare Time destinations listed on page 26.





Maze

Owned by celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay, Maze offers affordably priced traditional French cuisine made with seasonal Australian produce. Their innovative menu will leave you salivating. Sample the citrus cured salmon or the *poussin coq au vin* (pronounce that with a mouthful!) but definitely do not leave without trying the hot chocolate and violet fondant – it's heaven in a bowl.

Crown Metropol,
Corner of Whiteman and Clarendon streets
03 9292 8300

Monday-Sunday 6.30am-11pm

Tram 109 or 112 to Whiteman and
Clarendon streets

\$\$, B, L, D, BEV, S

Sotano

The Spanish tapas dishes here tick all the right boxes, but look upwards to spot the real reasons to visit this riverside eatery at the Hilton South Wharf. Wines are stored in an elevated, backlit mesh locker, and the 4.4-metre-tall charcuterie tower is laden with Melbourne's most exciting local and European hams, sausages and bacons. Share a board of Victorian and imported cheeses, or even *mojama* cured tuna loin!

Hilton South Wharf,
2 Convention Centre Place, South Wharf

03 9027 2122

Monday-Sunday 12pm-late

Tram 109 or 112 to Whiteman and
Clarendon streets

\$\$, L, D, BEV, S

Bar Lourinha

Spanish, Portuguese, Greek and Italian cuisines influence Bar Lourinha's fancy tapas-style dishes, to be enjoyed while perched at the bar or at group tables. They use fresh seasonal produce, and the drinks menu spans European wines, sherries and digestives. Each weekday offers a different lunch special, from *paella* to the flaming sausage '*chorizo diablo*'. But they don't take dinner bookings – be early or lucky!

37 Little Collins Street

03 9697 9999

Monday-Thursday noon-11pm,
Friday noon-1am, Saturday 4pm-1am

Tram 86 or 96 to Bourke and Spring streets

\$\$, L, D, BEV, S

City Wine Shop

This is a well-stocked wine shop with a beautiful bistro and bar. There is a lot to like about the City Wine Shop but far and away their best asset is the staff. These guys know their drops! Try the exclusive 2007 Bass Phillip Jones pinot noir paired beautifully with the twice-cooked pork belly, apple and witlof salad. Rich!

159 Spring Street

03 9654 6657

Tuesday-Friday noon-3pm,
Tuesday-Saturday 6pm-10pm
(Bar open Monday-Saturday)

Tram 86 or 96 to Bourke and Spring streets

\$\$, L, D, BEV, S

Money Order Office

Affectionately known as MOO by its regulars, this fine dining restaurant and bar is hidden downstairs in an unassuming laneway off Little Bourke Street. Built in 1886, MOO has preserved the old-time opulence of its bygone days with leather Chesterfield lounges, antique décor and a vast wine cellar that includes many iconic Australian vintages.

Basement, 318 Little Bourke Street

03 9639 3020

Tuesday-Friday noon-3pm,
Tuesday-Saturday 6pm-10pm
(Bar open Monday-Saturday)

Tram 86 or 96 to Bourke and Elizabeth streets

\$\$\$, L, D, BEV, S



Rockpool

This fancy steak and seafood bistro is the Melbourne cousin to Neil Perry's famed Sydney eatery, serving simple, succulent fare. Gorgeously dry-aged beef (grain-fed, grass-fed or wagyu) comes from happy, organically raised cows, and ocean-fresh seafood is served with lively dressings. The vegetable side dishes are mouthwatering, too. Whether it's grazing on small plates or tucking into a juicy steak, Rockpool offers fine dining for every appetite.

8 Whiteman Street, Southbank

03 8648 1900

Sunday-Friday noon-3pm,
Sunday-Saturday 6pm-11pm

Trams 96, 109, 112 to
Crown Entertainment Complex

\$\$\$, L, D, BEV

Nobu

Contemporary, internationalist Japanese cuisine comes alive in the Melbourne arm of Nobu Matsuhisa's food empire. Cheerful staff shout a welcome, ensuring a bustling, boisterous atmosphere. The playful menu includes sashimi tacos, lobster tempura, cod hot-roasted in miso paste, and South American-tinged seafood *tiradito* cured in citrus, coriander and chilli. At lunch, there's a good selection of bento boxes.

8 Whiteman Street, Southbank

03 9292 7879

Lunch Monday-Thursday noon-2.30pm,
Friday-Sunday noon-3pm,
Dinner Sunday-Thursday 6pm-10.30pm,
Fri-Saturday 6pm-11pm

Trams 96, 109, 112 to
Crown Entertainment Complex

\$\$\$, L, D, BEV, S

Melbourne Yacht Club

The Yacht Club lives up to its name by providing both upper and lower deck experiences. The restaurant downstairs offers serious snapper and steak cooked Asian and French style, plus hearty bar food including some very classy fish and chips for those voyagers who like to travel first class.

Shop 136-146, 439 Docklands Drive,
Docklands

03 9670 6611

Sunday-Monday 11am-5pm,
Tuesday-Saturday 11am-late

Tram 48 to Central Pier and
Harbour Esplanade

\$\$\$, L, D, BEV, S

FOOD AND DRINK

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Dave Sharry – Riverland Bar and Café

In 2006 Dave Sharry opened Riverland Bar and Café on the banks of the Yarra River below Federation Square. Designed by Six Degrees (see page 20), Riverland is filled with invitations to wind down, Australian-style, particularly on balmy summer nights. Choose from a decent selection of beer and Australian wines, snack on a flat-bread pizza, then park yourself on a bench on the wooden decking outside and watch the world glide by.

Sharry's newest venture is set to open in October 2010 at Shed 4 in South Wharf. Light Station Bar, also designed by Six Degrees, will be set up as an outdoor kiosk with a barbecue to take advantage of the waterfront position and the morning sun on the river's south bank. They'll serve breakfast, lunch and dinner from 7am to 1am seven days a week.

Riverland Bar and Café, Federation Wharf

03 9662 1771

Monday-Sunday 7am-late

Trams 1, 6, 8, 16, 64, 67, 72 to Flinders and
Swanston streets

\$, B, L, D, BEV, S



DAVE SHARRY'S TOP FIVE EATS AND DRINKS IN MELBOURNE

1. Don't miss **Il Bacaro** (168-170 Little Collins Street) for incredible provincial Italian food. It's the best example of this style of Italian in Melbourne. Low light, European manners and a great cellar make long lunches a pleasure.
2. Not to be confused with Journal Café on ground level, **Journal Canteen** (253 Flinders Lane) is hidden upstairs within the City Library and serves authentic Sicilian lunches. The menu contains only a handful of rotating dishes but Rosa Mitchell is famous for her slow braises and fantastic antipasti.
3. I love the coffee and pastries at **The Commercial Bakery** (Rear, 360 Little Collins Street). Set in an old truck rental garage, this tiny café is frequented by those in the know.
4. **Sushi 10** is a simple little place in Port Phillip Arcade (228 Flinders Street). They serve very good sushi and bento boxes – the mixed *don* is my pick – and it's always busy at lunchtime.
5. I always have a pre or post-dinner drink at **Hell's Kitchen** (Upstairs, 20 Centre Place). Its cosy nooks and hip wallpaper make this one of the city's best little bars. Drink of choice? Gin and tonic.

Shopping

Shoppers, at the ready! Flex those bag-carrying arms and prime your plastic – Melbourne is your kind of heaven. From boutique to bargain, cutting-edge to classic, the city offers so many different products, labels and unique shopping experiences you won't know where to begin. Read on for our tips on where to discover everything from custom-made suits and millinery to high-end handbags and edgy local designers, plus some Melbourne-made gift suggestions.



SHOPPER'S HIT LIST

The superlative choice of retail options in the city can be overwhelming. If you only visit five places to shop in Melbourne, make them these:

- Department stores **David Jones** and **Myer** in Bourke Street Mall may take you the whole day to canvass but will have everything you could possibly need and want.
- For a smashing selection of original, handmade souvenirs to take back home with you, **The Sunday Market** at the Arts Centre (Sundays, 10am–5pm, 100 St Kilda Road) offers an eclectic range of locally produced arts and crafts.
- Discover one of the city's 'vertical laneways' inside **Curtin House** (252 Swanston Street), where specialty fashion outlets and a designer bookshop are stacked between several bars and a rooftop cinema.
- **Melbourne Central** shopping centre (Corner La Trobe and Swanston streets) is a sprawling complex of high and low-end retail outlets. From Armani Exchange to Valleygirl, Lacoste to Just Jeans, look no further if you've got brand names on your mind.
- Stroll through the charmingly Victorian **Royal Arcade**. The beautiful specialty stores are worth looking at as much as the arcade itself. Listen for the hourly chimes of the highly decorated Gaunt's Clock and note the two mythical figures, Gog and Magog, who stand watch over the timepiece.

GPO

The historic Melbourne GPO building had a fancy facelift in 2004, taking all the top names in fashion under its wing and reopening as the city's finest shopping destination. New additions to the brood are Swedish creative collective Acne, which offers pared back, quality basics and well-cut jeans; and local Australian designer Kit Willow's eponymous ladieswear label. Find yourself something special to wear out this evening!

350 Bourke Street

03 9663 0066

Monday-Thursday 10am-6pm,
Friday 10am-8pm, Saturday 10am-6pm,
Sunday 11am-5pm

Tram 86 or 96 to Bourke and Elizabeth streets



QV

Melbourne's QV retail precinct occupies a series of laneways that are worth getting lost in. Red Cape Lane offers the latest in casual and streetwear from cult labels such as Mooks and Stussy – the perfect place to pick up a gift for the kids – while Albert Coates Lane is a more classy affair, showcasing ready-to-wear from runways in Paris and Milan, and local designers Zimmermann and Wayne Cooper.

3 Albert Coates Lane

03 9658 0100

Monday-Wednesday 10am-6pm,
Thursday 10am-7pm, Friday 10am-9pm,
Saturday 10am-6pm, Sunday 10am-5pm

Lonsdale and Swanston streets

Little Collins

Running parallel to the majestic tree-lined promenade of Collins Street is the edgier fashion corridor of Little Collins. This stylish street plays host to many high-end boutiques, including elegant feminine fashion label Scanlan & Theodore, stylish men's basement boudoir Chiodo, and Ted Baker's first Australian store. Gentlemen take note: the stretch between Swanston and Russell offers some of the best menswear in the city. Try Arthur Galan and Assin to whet your wallet.

Little Collins Street,
between Elizabeth and Exhibition

Tram 112

DFO South Wharf

At premium DFO, savvy shoppers can fill their wardrobes with cut-price Armani, Burberry, Calvin Klein and over 100 other leading Australian and international brands. Dressed to the nines in all your high-end finds, then drop in to the Homemaker Hub to pick up anything you might need in the way of big brand furniture, electrical, lighting and bedding. It's Melbourne's first inner-city precinct for homewares!

20 Convention Centre Place
(next to the Melbourne Convention and
Exhibition Centre)

03 9099 1111

Monday-Thursday 10am-6pm,
Friday 10am-9pm, Saturday-Sunday 10am-6pm

Tram 112 or 96 to Crown Entertainment
Complex and Clarendon Street

Captains of Industry Gentleman's Outfitter

On the first floor of an old watch factory is the ultimate mixed business for gents. Home to a tailor, a shoemaker, and a barber, it's head-to-toe men's retail, unmatched in quality and attention. The space also functions as a popular café featuring a simple and elegant lunch served by the immaculately dressed Captains themselves.

Level 1, 2 Somerset Place

03 9642 5013

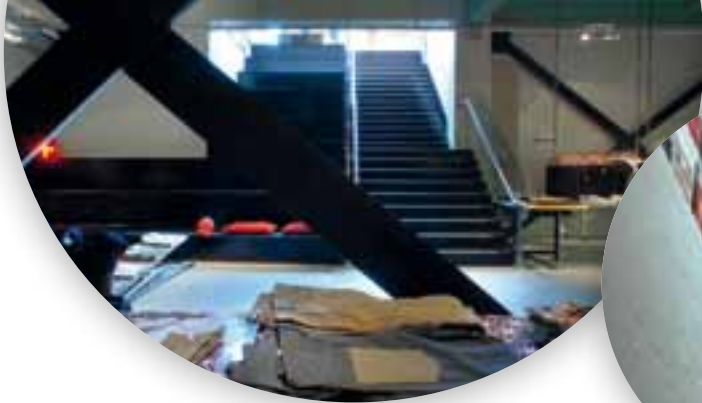
Monday-Thursday 8am-5pm,
Saturday 10am-5pm

Tram 96 to Bourke and Swanston streets



LOCAL DESIGNERS

Throw a rock in Melbourne and you'll hit a designer. There's **Lisa Gorman** (Ground Level, GPO) with her small empire of sustainable womenswear, and **Alpha 60** (201 Flinders Lane and Ground Level, GPO), which has pioneered Melbourne's love of greyscale and free-form fashion. **Jack London** has been keeping men out of scruffy jeans since 2008, and quirky artistic duo Perks and Mini peddle their conceptual creations out of **Someday** (Level 3, Curtin House). **Lenko Boutique** (Cathedral Arcade, Nicholas Building) sells great locally designed tees, toys, sweats and totes and **Claude Maus** showcases all shades of Melbourne's favourite colour (black) at its flagship store (19 Manchester Lane). Find other locally designed fashion in city emporia such as **Alice Euphemia** (Cathedral Arcade, Nicholas Building), **Fat** (Ground Level, GPO) and **Douglas & Hope** (Shop 14, The Block Arcade).



INSIGHT

HIDDEN SHOPPING GEMS

Melbourne has a rich tradition of locating cool shops several floors up as well as beneath the earth. Here's a quick list of the best places to look up and down.

- Look down: Degraes Street subway Campbell Arcade (off Flinders Lane between Elizabeth and Swanston streets) will take you underneath Flinders Street Station to discover designer **Corky Saint Clair**'s quirky fashions and the handmade zine store **Sticky**.
- Look up: the exquisite boutique **Marais** and a little Nordic simplicity at Swedish stockist **Somewhere** (both on the upper levels of the Royal Arcade).
- Look down: if you've got discerning music tastes then head underground, literally, to the cavernous **Basement Discs** (24 Block Place).
- Look up: bespoke outfitters **Captains of Industry** (see page 17)
- Look down: Even if you're just 'window shopping' it's worth a trip down the stairs into the forward-thinking **Chiodo** boutique (Basement, 114 Russell Street) and high-end **Assin** (Basement, 138 Little Collins Street).
- Look up: on the upper levels of the Nicholas Building (corner of Flinders Lane and Swanston Streets) you'll find **Retrostar** vintage clothing, jewellers, button shops and milliner **Serena Lindeman**. Joan and Dimitri, the only lift operators left in Melbourne, will ferry those with tired legs to the top floors whilst telling stories of their families and pets.

FASHION INCUBATOR

Tucked away inside style-laden Melbourne Central (Level 3, 203 La Trobe Street) you'll find a hive of sartorial activity. Fashion Incubator is a unique, not-for-profit initiative that houses more than 25 emerging designers, providing them with the means to create, manufacture, exhibit and sell their wares without the overheads of opening their own stores. It's well worth a peek, with everything from athletic gear and modern menswear to evening gowns and reworked wedding dresses.

SHOPPING

INSIDER

Cathy Hope – Douglas & Hope

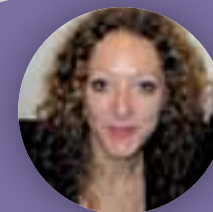
Cathy Hope was at the forefront of Melbourne's now cultish obsession with 'craft' when she opened Douglas & Hope as a way to sell her handmade quilts and cushions. Eleven years on, with stores in the city's Block Arcade and Fitzroy, Douglas & Hope has become one of Melbourne's most coveted emporiums for craftwork, objects d'art and Australian / NZ fashion.

Styled like the set of a modern fairytale, Cathy Hope's shops are stocked with a tempting range of designer cuts from brands including Ginger and Smart, Fleur Wood, Something Else and Hope's own label Immune. The racks sit alongside an ever-changing range of unusual gift ideas, Beci Orpin accessories, hip babywear and the striking fabrics of Hope's flagship patchworks.

Douglas & Hope, Shop 14, The Block Arcade

03 9650 0585

Monday-Friday 10am-5.30pm,
Saturday 10am-5pm



CATHY'S TOP FIVE SHOPPING SPOTS IN MELBOURNE

1. I'm a big chair lover and the Barcelona chairs at high-end object store dedece (33 Russell Street) are amazing. The ceramics and Japanese paper and accessories make great gifts. It's worth looking around just for the experience, even if you're not buying.
2. Mecca Cosmetics (150 Little Collins Street) is my go-to shop for cosmetics. My indulgences are the Comme des Garçons perfume and NARS lip gloss.
3. Melbourne designers Alpha 60 (Ground Floor, GPO) make fantastic menswear. I love their dresses too but there's not that much out there for men that's as good as this.
4. If there's one shop heralding the craft movement in Melbourne, it's Craft Victoria (31 Flinders Lane), a mecca for all kinds of locally made craftwork and designs. This is a great place to go if you want handmade jewellery, scarves or ceramics.
5. I'm of course a big fan of the babywear at my own shop Douglas & Hope. The Little Horn range has really cute grow-suits for 0-2 years and I'm now making my quilts for cots and single beds too.

Art, & design architecture

Calling all art lovers and design fiends: Melbourne is spilling over with all manner of artefacts and world-class design. If you're looking to get a bit arty during your visit, walk out the door and you'll soon discover the city's decorated laneways, award-winning architecture and network of galleries. Whatever your personal taste, there's something for everyone amongst the city's many cultural highlights.



ARTY HIT LIST

If you've only got a couple of hours and want to nurture your creative side, here's a shortcut to the best of Melbourne art and culture.

- Flinders Lane is a terrific hub for commercial galleries if you're looking to survey Melbourne's contemporary art scene. Wander down the lane and you'll encounter **Arc One** (45 Flinders Lane), **Anna Schwartz Gallery** (185 Flinders Lane) and **Lindberg Galleries** (2 / 289 Flinders Lane) amongst others.
- Discover what the city's emerging artists are creating at an Artist Run Initiative (ARIs) such as **West Space** (L1, 15-19 Anthony Street) or **Blindside** (L7, Room 14, Nicholas Building, 37 Swanston Street). **Kings** (L1, 171 King Street) and **TCB art inc.** (L1, 12 Waratah Place).
- If you're intrigued about Melbourne's diverse migrant population, explore their histories at the **Immigration Museum** (400 Flinders Street).
- If modern art is your thing, make a beeline to the **Australian Centre for Contemporary Art** (ACCA, 111 Sturt Street, Southbank), the only major public gallery in Australia focused on commissioning new work.
- Film buffs should make a trip to the **Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI)** at Federation Square, where you'll be glued to exhibitions on the moving image in all its forms - film, television and digital screen culture.

NGV International and The Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia

Since 1861 the National Gallery of Victoria has amassed a stunningly large collection. International works live in an architecturally spectacular basalt building with iconic water-wall at the NGV International, while Australian works are a stroll away, at The Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia. Look out for spectacular blockbuster shows such as the Winter Masterpieces series (International) as well as permanent exhibitions such as The Indigenous Collection (Australia).

The Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia

Federation Square

03 8620 2222

Daily 10am-5pm except Mondays

NGV International

180 St Kilda Road

03 8620 2222

Daily 10am-5pm except Tuesdays

Walking distance from NGV Australia



ARCHITECTURAL HIT LIST

Host to an internationally acclaimed design culture, Melbourne's architecture offers more than just a face to the city. Wander these streets and you'll discover award-winning contemporary designs right next to the city's most historic buildings.

- For something strange, wonderful and colourful, visit **RMIT Building 8** (368 Swanston Street) by Melbourne's Peter Corrigan.
- Give a nod to Melbourne's architectural history by stepping inside the majestic **Capitol Theatre** (113 Swanston Street), designed by renowned architect Walter Burley Griffin in 1924.
- Ever wondered what foam might look like as a façade? Check out the **Melbourne Recital Centre** (31 Sturt Street) by Ashton Raggart McDougall.
- Be stunned by the shining steel exterior of Minifie Nixon's **The Centre for Ideas** (234 St Kilda Road) at the Victorian College of the Arts.
- The **Australian Centre for Contemporary Art** (111 Sturt Street, Southbank) by Wood / Marsh is a must-see for the way it evocatively translates the Australian landscape with its vast rusted exterior.
- Notice some of the more zany design features on **Council House 2** (240 Little Collins Street) by DesignInc. As a leading example of sustainable architecture, CH2 offers a more human touch than a typical city office building.
- Designed by Woods Bagot and NH Architecture, the **Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre** deserves a good stroll around. As the world's first and still the only '6 Star Green Star' environmentally rated convention centre, it has won swags of awards for its distinctive design features.



Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre

Located inside the Melbourne Museum complex, this collection of Aboriginal storytelling, artwork and history houses several stunning permanent exhibitions and a few temporary ones too. The depth and vibrancy of Australia's contemporary Indigenous culture is celebrated through video, theatre and performance, while historical exhibits pay respect to Elders from the past.

Melbourne Museum,
11 Nicholson Street, Carlton Gardens
13 11 02
Daily 10am-5pm
Tram 96 to Nicholson and Gertrude streets

Chinese Museum

As one of the city's top culinary destinations, Chinatown is also the vibrant cultural centre for Melbourne's Chinese community. The Chinese Museum has an extensive list of exhibits presenting the history of Australians of Chinese descent. Peruse artefacts dug from the goldfields, images from the 1930s Young Chinese League and the Millennium dragon - the largest Chinese dragon in the world. The guided Chinatown Heritage Walk - including a banquet lunch if you so desire - is also a great way to take in the sights and smells of Chinatown.

22 Cohen Place
03 9662 2888
Daily 10am-5pm
Tram 96 to Bourke and Exhibition streets



DESIGN EVENTS

One of Melbourne's defining characteristics is good design. You can see it all over the city: in the striking architecture, the beautifully integrated public spaces and the locals' distinctive style. The city offers an extensive calendar of conferences, forums and festivals catering to the design community. The **State of Design** Festival offers design-oriented events and exhibits all over the city during July. Then there are the annual **AgIdeas** (April) and **Semi-Permanent** (September) events. Don't miss the **Melbourne Design Market** at Federation Square Carpark (July and December): one of the best places to see Melbourne's hottest up-and-comers and perhaps pick up a uniquely 'Melbourne' gift or two.

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Street art

Melbourne's reputation for great street art stretches all around the world and is one of the city's biggest urban attractions. Vibrant paste-ups, murals and stencils line many of the city's walls, giving life to otherwise dingy laneways and a democratic voice to the city's artists. The best way to survey the scene is to go on a self-guided walking tour. The most colourful corners of the city can be found in Hosier Lane, Caledonian Lane, Union Lane, Centre Place, Cocker Alley and Finlay Avenue.

City sculptures

Look in front of the steps of the State Library of Victoria at what appears to be a broken piece of the ornate building lying discarded on the ground. It's not lazy architecture but one of the city's many public art installations: a piece called *Architectural Fragment* by Petrus Spronk. Melbourne is filled with quirky public artworks that add another dimension to the city's streetscapes. Look for the *Three Businessmen carrying their lunch* at Bourke and Swanston Streets, the discarded *Public Purse* in Bourke Street Mall, and the two-headed Angel at Birrarung Marr.

Laneway Commissions

The city's laneways have always reflected an intimate part of Melbourne's history. Every year the City of Melbourne engages local artists in temporary commissions that explore the narrowest corridors of the city in uniquely exciting ways. Now in its eighth year, the three projects exhibiting through 2010–2011 use new and portable technologies to tell the various stories that make up the city. Visit Lingham Lane to see Anthony McInnery's hybrid typewriter in *Public Writing*. Troy Innocent takes a playful look at how urban space is constructed in his Guildford Lane piece *Urban Codemakers*, and *My Story* is a storytelling project happening in various city laneways. Ask the Melbourne Visitor Centre (page 44) for details.

Docklands Public Art

With 30 different pieces of sculpture contained within short walking distance of each other, the public art in Docklands offers an unparalleled insight into the creative identity of this vibrant area. The cow up a tree, the giant eagle, the blowhole and a dazzling array of modern installations from Australia's finest artists offer a glimpse into the past and future of this historic cultural hub. Take an art journey from Waterfront City to Yarra's Edge and soak up the many wonders along the way.

Mark Healy – Six Degrees Architects

Six Degrees Architects formed in 1991 and has played a fundamental role in shaping the contemporary identity of Melbourne. Six Degrees' projects include the City Square precinct and Riverland Bar and Café: designs characterised by a refined use of materials and a strong relationship to the urban context.

Co-founder Mark Healy and his cohorts recognised the potential in the 'left-over' spaces of the city during the early 1990s, and they became central in developing a culture that still encourages people to take their own journey through the city. 'We can be more understated,' he says, and emphasise the 'cool' rather than the 'grand', and that allows a highly personal interaction with the city. Melbourne is a place that 'keeps unfolding' and there's a sense of discovery as layers of the city's life slowly reveal. As a place that tells of its rich heritage through architecture, Melbourne's secrets can be found all over if you look closely.

MARK HEALY'S TOP FIVE ARCHITECTURAL HIGHLIGHTS IN MELBOURNE

1. The National Gallery of Victoria (180 St Kilda Road) (see page 18) is essentially a big block of basalt, albeit a really nice one, where the simple geometry of the building speaks to Melbourne's understated beauty.
2. In Melbourne we value the things that become an institution, like Pellegrini's Espresso Bar building and laneway (66 Bourke Street). You can appreciate the building as something that is ahead of its time, one that hasn't seen a need to 'modernise'.
3. With its gothic towers reaching skywards, the Manchester Unity Building (220 Collins Street) was a sign of economic confidence when it was built in the 1930s, but it also has more comic-book qualities...you can imagine the apartments being a bit like Batman's apartment. There's also Switchboard, the tiniest café in the world in the foyer.
4. The bold exuberance of the Melbourne Terrace Apartments (corner Franklin and Queen streets) signalled the return of residential living in the city when it was built in 1994. There's a lot going on in the street, yet the building creates a real neighbourhood feel.
5. The Capitol Theatre (113 Swanston Street) was built in 1924 and since its refurbishment is now used by RMIT and the public for lectures, festivals and events. However it most is famously known for its amazing crystalline ceiling.

BUYING ART IN MELBOURNE

If you're the kind of art buyer who likes to pick up something memorable when on foreign soil, the commercial galleries and Artist Run Initiatives mentioned on these pages are a good place to survey the city's contemporary collections. There are also several galleries and shops where you can buy ethically produced and sold Indigenous art. Galleries and shops that follow the Indigenous Art Code of Practice include [Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi](#) (L3, 75–77 Flinders Lane), [Flinders Lane Gallery](#) (137–139 Flinders Lane), [Koorie Heritage Trust](#) (295 King Street) and [Craft Victoria](#) (31 Flinders Lane). For art books, uniquely Australian design objects or an offbeat gift idea, try the gift shops at [The Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia](#) (Federation Square), [NGV International](#) (180 St Kilda Road) and [ACCA](#) (111 Sturt Street, Southbank).

Events, entertainment & sport

Some people attribute Melbourne's spectacular indoor cultural life to the colder weather, but the truth is this city doesn't only have great film culture, a non-stop calendar of festivals and a thriving performing arts scene. It also has a dedicated sporting life. We've handpicked a selection of things to keep you entertained while you're here, and dished out some suggestions about how city folk like to stay fit and healthy.

Event information:
melbourne.vic.gov.au/whatson

The Arts Centre

Sitting under a giant spire that marks this spot as the city's cultural centre, The Arts Centre plays host to an invigorating program of performing arts amongst its theatres and halls. As well as a rotating program of international artists, the grandiose **Hamer Hall** is the home to the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, the more intimate **Fairfax Studio** features dramatic seasons from the likes of the Melbourne Theatre Company, the **BlackBox** is for more experimental and avant-garde players, while the **State Theatre** hosts musicals, grand operas and seasons from The Australian Ballet. There are several bars, cafés and restaurants in the centre that cater for pre- or post-performance dinner, drinks and snacks.

100 St Kilda Road

Tickets: 1300 182 183

Tram 1 to Arts Centre and
St Kilda Road

Melbourne Recital Centre

With its award-winning architecture and state-of-the-art acoustics, the newly built Melbourne Recital Centre plays home to ensemble music in Melbourne. The thousand-seat Elisabeth Murdoch Hall hosts performances from Orchestra Victoria and larger ensembles, while more contemporary and intimate performances play in the smaller hall known as The Salon.

31 Sturt Street, Southbank

Tickets: 03 9699 3333

Tram 1 to Sturt Street

Theatres

Often overlooked in favour of popcorn cinema, live theatre provides 3D entertainment of much higher quality than your average Hollywood blockbuster. Melbourne is blessed with a bouquet of theatre venues that showcase innovative playwrights, performers and directors. Set among Carlton's cafés, tiny, bohemian **La Mama** nurtures emerging and fringe artists. A converted brewery, the **Malthouse** presents larger-scale, cutting-edge Australian drama. Meanwhile in the Flinders Lane gallery district, **fortyfivedownstairs** productions mingle visual art, music and dance.

Malthouse Theatre,
113 Sturt Street Southbank

Tickets: 03 9685 5100

Tram 1 to Sturt Street

fortyfivedownstairs,
45 Flinders Lane

Tickets: 03 9662 9966

Tram 75 to Spring and
Flinders streets

La Mama,
205 Faraday Street, Carlton

Tickets: 03 9347 6948

Tram 1 or 8 to Elgin and
Lygon streets





MCG and Etihad Stadium

Sports nuts looking for a truly 'Melbourne' experience must visit the Melbourne Cricket Ground, the city's most iconic sporting venue. It's home to both the Australian Football League (AFL) during winter (March–September) and Cricket Australia throughout summer (November–February). And with a capacity of 100,000, you haven't experienced the passion of Aussie sport until you've seen a game at the 'G. Settle back with a meat pie and catch the action.

If you can't stay for the sport take one of the MCG's daily guided tours or dedicate a day and explore the wonders of the **National Sports Museum**. Relive some of Australia's most exciting sporting moments by choosing from an array of exhibitions housed within the museum. Top picks include the Australian Cricket and Australian Football Halls of Fame, and the Australian Gallery of Sport and Olympic Museum.

Over in Docklands, the spectacular **Etihad Stadium** also plays host to AFL games during the winter season, along with an exciting program of rock concerts and events.

Melbourne Cricket Ground

Yarra Park, Jolimont

03 9657 8888

Tram 75 to Clarendon Street and Wellington Parade

MCG Tours depart regularly from Gate 3 on all non-event days from 10am–3pm

Etihad Stadium

740 Bourke Street, Docklands

136 100

Tram 86 to Etihad Stadium at La Trobe Street

AAMI Park

Melbourne's newest sports stadium is also its only rectangular one. With soccer's rise in popularity in Australia, both Melbourne's teams, Victory Heart, now have a stadium to call their own. AAMI Park's striking design also opens its arms to rugby league and rugby union as the home ground for Melbourne Storm and host to international matches. Melbourne Victory and new team Heart play weekly from August to February, with Storm's season running from March to September.

Batman Avenue

13 28 49

Train at Richmond Railway Station

Tram 70 to Rod Laver Arena

Tram 48 or 75 to Wellington Parade / MCG

Melbourne Park

Melbourne Park is best known as the venue for the Australian Open tennis Grand Slam tournament, held here since its construction in 1988. The area incorporates Rod Laver Arena, Hisense Arena, Margaret Court Arena, over 20 outside courts and the Melbourne Park Function Centre. Melbourne Park's venues host all manner of sport and entertainment, functions and exhibitions.

Tours of Rod Laver Arena operate daily and the outside courts are available for hire.

Batman Avenue

03 9286 1600

Train at Richmond Railway Station

Tram 70 to Rod Laver Arena

Tram 48 or 75 to Wellington Parade / MCG



FITNESS HIT LIST

- Explore the city like a true local and pedal up a bit of a sweat by hiring a bike from the city's public bike share program, **Melbourne Bike Share** (see page 41) or vintage bike hire company **The Humble Vintage** (call 0432 032 450).
- Get your heart racing at the **City Baths**, a one-stop fitness shop with swimming pools, saunas, squash courts, cardio studio and a state-of-the-art gymnasium (420 Swanston Street).
- Step up the pace on foot, walk or run around the picturesque **Fitzroy Gardens** (enter corner Spring and Collins streets), **Exhibition Gardens** (enter corner Victoria and Exhibition streets) or the iconic **Tan** track.
- Find some zen at the free **Tai Chi** class at Federation Square every Tuesday morning.
- Stretch your body and mind at one of the city's yoga studios. Try **Studio Cirq** (L1, 19 Meyers Place) and **Breathe Yoga & Pilates** (289 Little Collins Street).

INSIGHT

THE TAN: MELBOURNE'S RUNNING TRACK

One of the biggest headaches for newcomers to a city is working out the best place to go for a run. For those short on time but wanting to stay in shape, The Tan offers the perfect opportunity to get the heart pumping whilst taking in the sights, sounds and smells of the **Royal Botanic Gardens**. Starting from the Pillars of Wisdom near the corner of Swan Street Bridge and Alexandra Avenue, this 3.8km running track follows the perimeter of the gardens and is frequented by Olympic athletes and AFL footballers in training, though the record time of 10 minutes 8 seconds will be hard to beat. If necessary, refreshments and a coffee boost for that tough final stretch can be obtained from the **Observatory Café** in the heart of the gardens. The track is well lit for those who like running at dawn and on winter evenings.



EVENTS, ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORT

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Brett Sheehy – Melbourne International Arts Festival

Brett Sheehy is one of Australia's most accomplished and acclaimed directors, producers and curators. Previously the artistic director of the Adelaide Festival and festival director and chief executive of Sydney Festival, he is currently artistic director of the Melbourne International Arts Festival (MIAF). As one of Australia's flagship international arts festivals, the program presents a range of cutting-edge events from renowned and upcoming Australian and international artists in venues across the city. Past programs have included the London Philharmonic Orchestra, an Andy Warhol film retrospective and a collaboration between Philip Glass and Leonard Cohen. Encompassing dance, theatre, music, opera, visual arts and multimedia, MIAF captures the essence of Melbourne's art scene.

Melbourne International Arts Festival

8-23 October 2010

Various venues



Brett Sheehy's Top 5 art and entertainment picks in Melbourne

1. Melbourne's live music pub-and-club scene is legendary – the best in the country – and a scan of the free street publications will guide you to discover what's on at various venues in the city such as **Bennetts Lane** (25 Bennetts Lane) and the **Forum Theatre** (154 Flinders Street).
2. In visual arts, the current national and international artistic zeitgeist is reflected in the exhibitions at **Australian Centre for Contemporary Art** (111 Sturt Street, Southbank), while **The Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia** in Federation Square is a must for Australian art.
3. If local dance company **Chunky Move** has a show happening, check it out before it inevitably takes the world by storm. Theatre offerings at the **Malthouse** (113 Sturt Street, Southbank) are simultaneously progressive and professional, but don't expect a traditional three-act 'well-made' play!
4. If it's philosophical and literary Melbourne you want to explore, visit one of the day or night-time events at **The Wheeler Centre for Books, Writing and Ideas** (176 Little Lonsdale Street).
5. If you're lucky enough to be in Melbourne in October, **Melbourne International Arts Festival** is one of the nation's flagship international arts festivals. Every art form is presented, and productions from every corner of the globe rub shoulders with the best Australian performing and visual arts.

One-hour trip

Walking east along the river from Southbank towards the city reveals a surprising amount of history and entertainment packed into one attractive, bustling area. Begin at the fountains outside **Crown Entertainment Complex**, with its wide range of dining and retail options (watch out for fire displays on the columns in the evenings). There are four bridges crossing the Yarra River. **Kings Way** leads to the **Melbourne Aquarium**, whereas historic **Queensbridge Street** overlooks the **Immigration Museum**, marking the site where settlement began. Refurbished **Sandridge Bridge** offers a fascinating glimpse of Australian history. Looming over everything is **Eureka Skydeck 88**, the highest building in the southern hemisphere.

The final footbridge leading to Flinders Street emerges from **Southgate Food Court**, which houses famed café **Blue Train**, **Tutto Benne** restaurant, known for its risotto, and **BearBrass** bar. Cruises along the Yarra River depart from the wharf here, stopping at **Birrarung Marr** and **Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre**.

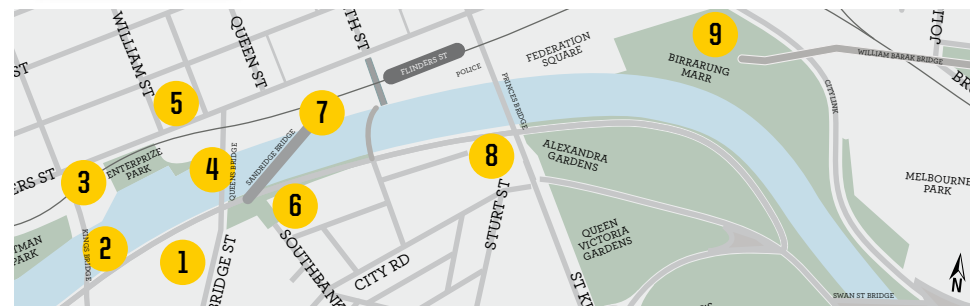
Walking west towards the **Hilton South Wharf** affords a glimpse of sailing ship **Polly Woodside** and access to the **DFO** shopping complex. Cross the new **Seafarers Bridge** to visit the **Victoria Police Museum** (637 Flinders Street) and head onwards to **Southern Cross Station**, keeping an eye open for the huge fish sculptures on the way. Alternatively, walk a little further along **Yarra's Edge** to the marina and cross the sculptural masterpiece that is **Webb Bridge** to reach **Docklands Park**. Stop and marvel at the futuristic children's playground before continuing on to the relaxed shopping strip at **Victoria Harbour**. Spend some time exploring the historic boatsheds of **Central Pier** on the way to the stylish marina cafés of **NewQuay**, all watched over by stunning **Etihad Stadium**. Complete your journey in bustling **Waterfront City** with a well-earned meal at one of the many restaurants. Or go ice-skating any time of the year.

SPARE TIME

If you have time for a short break, there are plenty of great cafés within walking distance. If you're in the city, check page 6 for inspiration. South of the river, the Hilton South Wharf's **Caffe Cino** (2 Convention Centre Place) serves local baked goods and coffee in slick surroundings. Or walk a little further to the riverfront and relax at **Yarra's Edge Bar & Café** (70 Lorimer Street) overlooking the marina. Easy-to-find coffee spots in the **Crown Entertainment Complex** (8 Whiteman Street) include Italian style **Cervo** (Ground level) next to the river, **Café Greco** (Ground level) with its Mediterranean food, comfy booths and terrace. Or one level up on the Clarendon Street side is **Caffe Corso** (Level 3, West End) where you'll find great cakes and coffee.

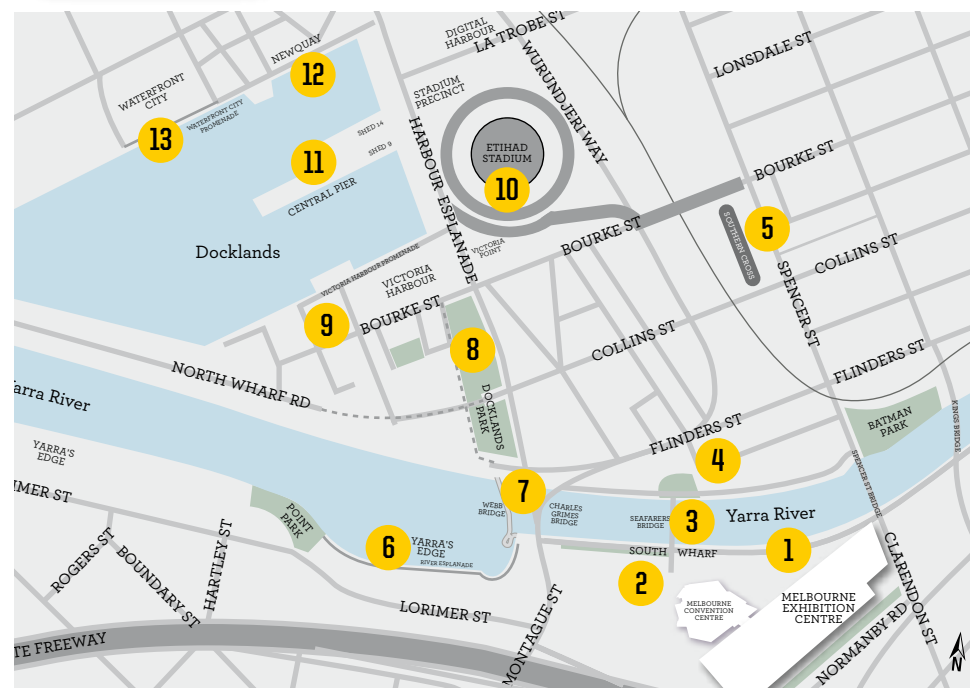


EASTBOUND



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| 1 Crown Entertainment Complex | 4 Queen's Bridge | 7 Sandridge Bridge |
| 2 King's Bridge | 5 Immigration Museum | 8 Southgate Food Court |
| 3 Melbourne Aquarium | 6 Eureka Skydeck 88 | 9 Birrarung Marr |

WESTBOUND



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| 1 Polly Woodside – Tall ship and Maritime Museum | 5 Southern Cross Station | 10 Etihad Stadium |
| 2 DFO | 6 Yarra's Edge | 11 Central Pier |
| 3 Seafarers Bridge | 7 Webb Bridge | 12 NewQuay |
| 4 Victoria Police Museum | 8 Docklands Park | 13 Waterfront City |
| | 9 Victoria Harbour | |

Two-hour trip

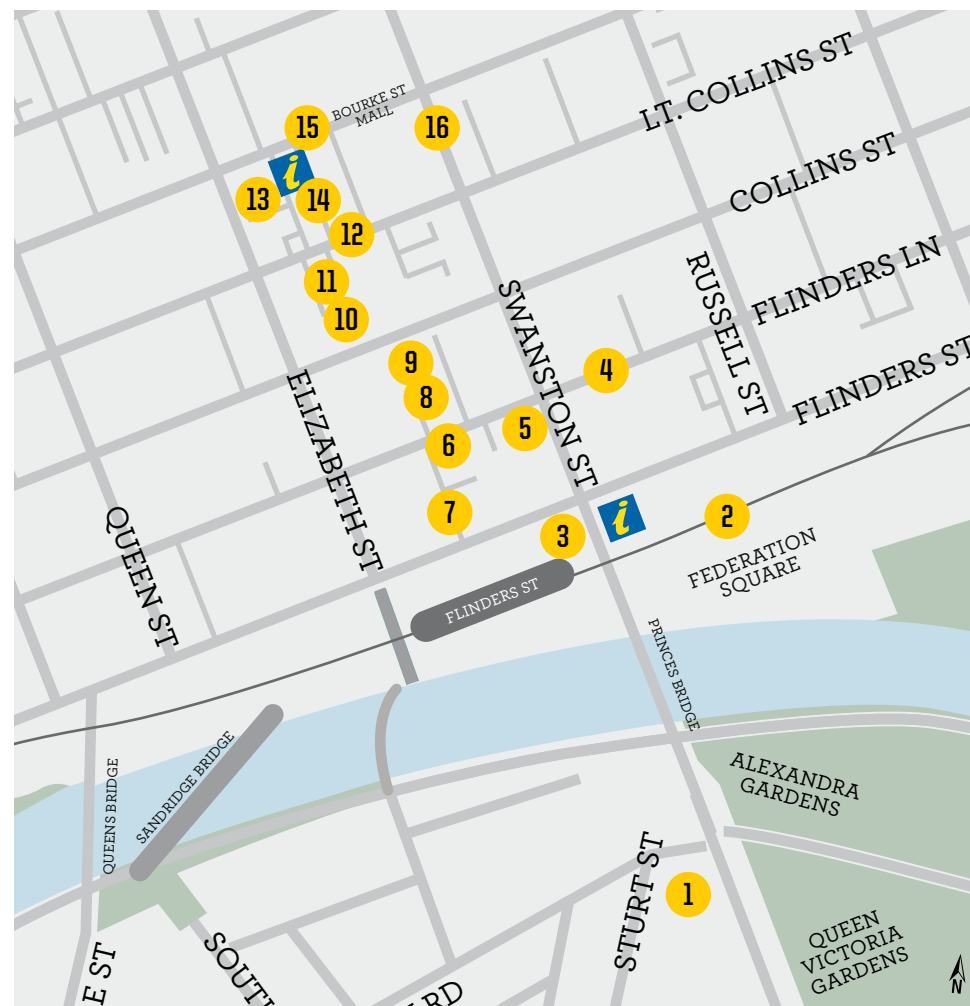
Double the fun of the One-Hour Trip by travelling into the city along St Kilda Road. Begin at **The Arts Centre** and amble north. **Federation Square** will be on your right, and look left for **Flinders Street Station**. Cross Flinders Street and take the next left into **Flinders Lane**, one of the city's quintessential laneway districts. Off this little stretch you'll find a rabbit warren of alleys, arcades and stairways leading to...more laneways, making this the best place to meander around and get lost for a couple of hours.

Duck into the ground floor of the historic deco-era **Nicholas Building** and glance up at the glass ceiling of its Cathedral Arcade. A few steps further along Flinders Lane and the coffee aromas will hit. Upstairs from the **City Library** is the den-like **Journal Café** (253 Flinders Lane). Or take a few more steps until your eye catches the throngs coming out of **Degraves Street** to your left and **Centre Place** to your right, where you can take your pick of the cafés.

Pause to admire the street art at the end of Centre Place. Then, leaving the fever of the non-stop lunch-hour behind, continue through **Centre Way**, over Collins Street and into the more refined setting of **The Block Arcade** with its intricate Victorian details. Peruse the boutiques or visit the historic **Hopetoun Tea Rooms** (282 Collins Street), then squeeze through the cafés at Block Place until you hit **Little Collins Street**. If you go straight you'll find the posh **Royal Arcade**, or steer right along Little Collins until you see the burst of colour that is **Union Lane**, one of the city's most renowned canvases for street art. Take either route through to **Bourke Street Mall**, where lunchtime shoppers and street buskers will carry you through Melbourne's main retail strip, past big-name brands and department stores **Myer** and **David Jones**. Finish off by wandering back down bustling **Swanston Street** towards Federation Square.

FEDERATION SQUARE

Built to reflect Australia's 'spirit of federation' by bringing different cultural elements together, Federation Square has become one of the city's most popular hubs for locals and visitors alike. After exploring the uniquely shaped buildings, be sure to see what's screening at the **Australian Centre for the Moving Image**, wander the galleries of the **Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia**, or sit down to people-watch in the massive public square. Federation Square is also home to your one-stop tourist info-spot, the **Melbourne Visitor Centre**. When evening strikes, have a beer at **Transport Hotel**, sip a cocktail at **Transit lounge** or request a table with water views at fine-dining restaurant **Taxi**.



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| 1 The Arts Centre | 9 Centre Way |
| 2 Federation Square | 10 Block Arcade |
| 3 Flinders Street Station | 11 Block Place |
| 4 Flinders Lane | 12 Little Collins Street |
| 5 Nicholas Building | 13 Royal Arcade |
| 6 City Library | 14 Union Lane |
| 7 Degraves Street | 15 Bourke Street Mall |
| 8 Centre Place | 16 Swanston Street |



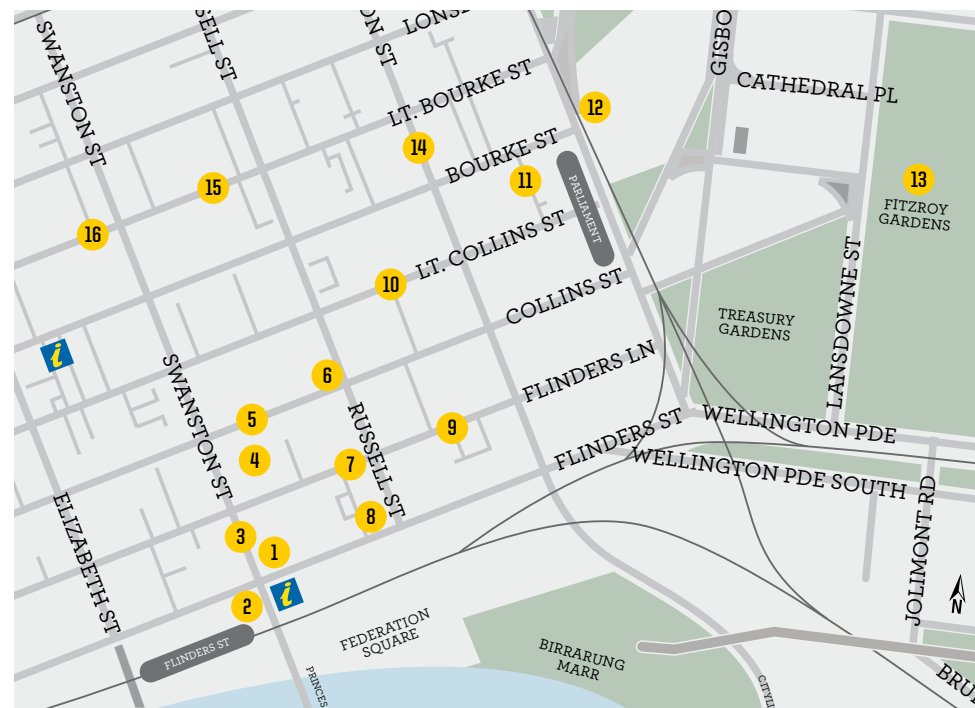
Half-day trip

Begin at the historic **St Paul's Cathedral** (Corner Swanston and Flinders Streets), diagonally opposite **Flinders Street Station**. Head up **Swanston Street**, one of the city's main arteries, and you'll soon find yourself in **City Square**, where many city workers like to take their lunch. You might catch an installation during events such as the Melbourne Food and Wine Festival too!

Turn right into **Collins Street** and you'll be amidst boutique brands such as **Chanel** (209 Collins Street), **Ralph Lauren** (181 Collins Street) and Australian favourites **RM Williams** (180 Collins Street). Continue up past the grand sight of **Scots Church** (Corner Collins and Russell Streets) or turn right and you'll soon hit **Flinders Lane**. Wander in either direction and you'll encounter the full spectrum of Melbourne's art scene. Renowned commercial galleries including **Anna Schwartz Gallery** (185 Flinders Lane) and **Flinders Lane Gallery** (137 Flinders Lane) are just a stone's throw from **Hosier Lane**, where you'll see more art right on the city's walls. Look out for **ACDC Lane**, named after the famous Australian rock band.

Window-shop along the fashion mecca of **Little Collins Street**, passing the playful machine-like sculpture by Chris Reynolds. Further up, look out for **Meyers Place** the bar (20 Meyers Place), in **Meyers Place** the lane, or continue walking up to Victoria's historic **Parliament House** (Spring and Bourke streets), a great spot for a photo shoot. If there's time, wander into the beautiful **Fitzroy Gardens**, a tranquil spot to wind down from the city buzz.

Heading back down Bourke Street, turn into **Exhibition Street** until the red gates of **Chinatown** greet you at **Little Bourke Street**. Lined with bustling restaurants, Asian grocers and specialty stores, these laneways are the heart of Melbourne's Chinese community and a great spot to end your day.



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| 1 St Paul's Cathedral | 13 Fitzroy Gardens |
| 2 Flinders Street Station | 14 Exhibition Street |
| 3 Swanston Street | 15 Chinatown |
| 4 City Square | 16 Little Bourke Street |
| 5 Collins Street | |
| 6 Scots Church | |
| 7 Flinders Lane | |
| 8 Hosier Lane | |
| 9 ACDC Lane | |
| 10 Little Collins Street | |
| 11 Meyers Place | |
| 12 Parliament House | |



After-hours trip

With your delegate duties over for the day, perhaps an evening stroll is on the cards. You only need to follow the Yarra River into the city and you'll find a league of rooftop haunts with after-work drinks and dining at the ready.

Beginning at **Southern Cross Station**, head down **Bourke Street** and discover the lovingly restored rooftop courtyard at **Campari House** (23–35 Hardware Lane), a tropical balcony at the opulent **Carlton Hotel** (193 Bourke Street), or the astroturf terrace at **Madame Brussels** (Level 3, 59–63 Bourke Street), a bar named after an infamous 1900s Melbourne madam. There, waiters in tennis whites will serve you pitchers of Pimms.

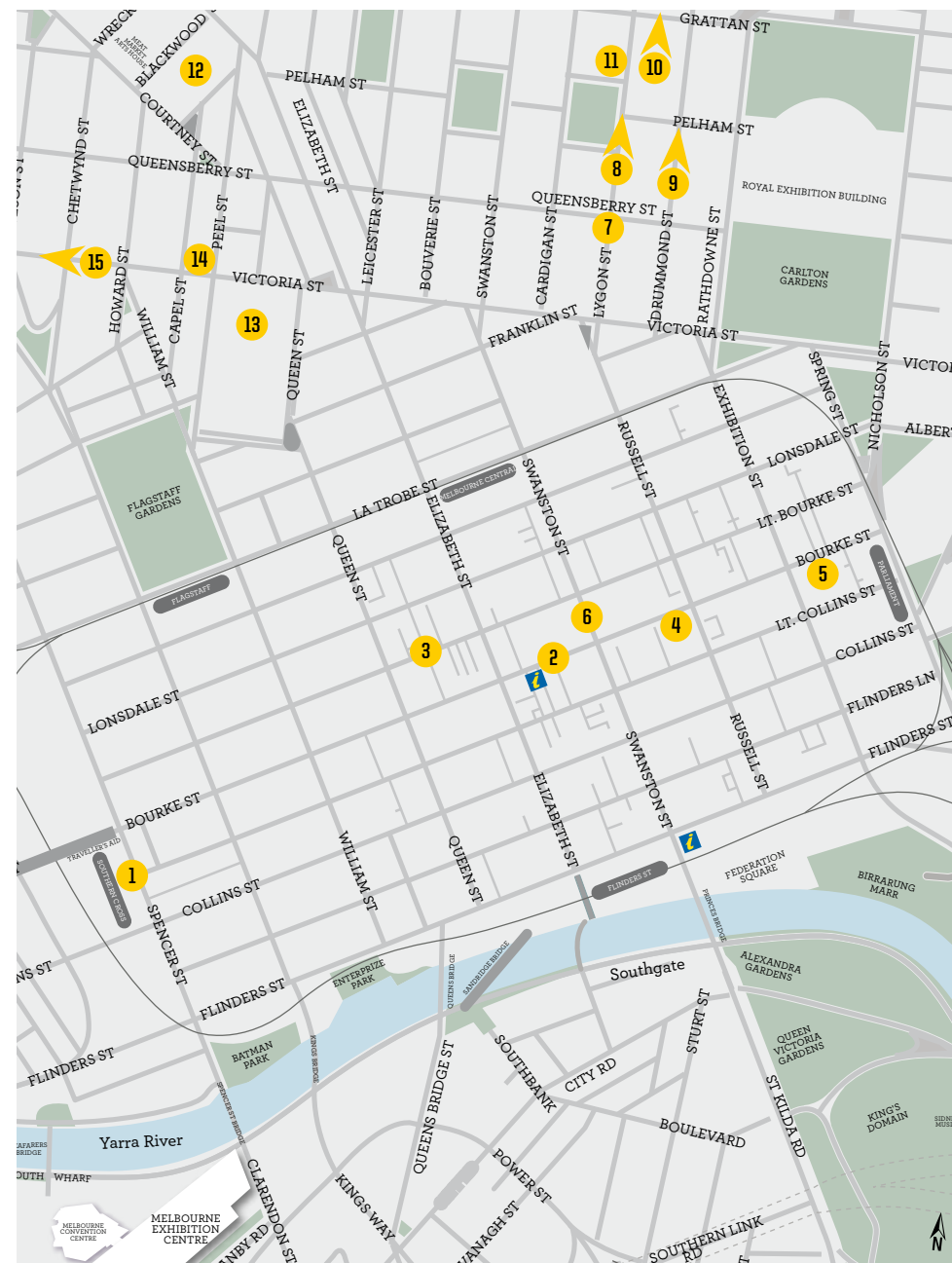
Once you've quenched your thirst, why not take a horse-drawn carriage tour from any of the vendors on **Swanston Street Central**? There's an old law in Melbourne that still holds today, which means that any horse-drawn vehicle is permitted to enter the city centre!

If you're looking to get out of the city centre for dinner, **Lygon Street's** Italian precinct is just a short walk north, or you can take any University-bound tram up Swanston Street. Depending on what you feel like, choose from huge bowls of steaming pasta from traditional trattoria **Tiamo** (303 Lygon Street, Carlton), a tasting plate at Australia's first buffalo mozzarella bar **D.O.C** (295 Drummond Street, Carlton), or some modern Italian fare at **Café Italia** (56–66 University Street, Carlton), which has a roaring fire in winter. Follow your meal with a gelato from **Casa Del Gelato** (163 Lygon Street, Carlton).

North Melbourne is another great evening destination within walking distance from the city. From 17 November 2010 until the end of March 2011, between 5.30pm and 10pm every Wednesday evening, the **Queen Victoria Night Market** (Corner Queen and Elizabeth Streets) acts as a huge culinary drawcard. After-work diners can choose from Spanish, Indian, Italian and Chinese delicacies while listening to live music and browsing the arts and crafts stalls. Before you hit the hay, pop in to **Prudence** (368 Victoria Street, North Melbourne) or the homely **Rose Bar** (7 Errol Street, North Melbourne) for a cheeky nightcap.

BEFORE HOURS

Early birds who want to stretch their legs before breakfast can run the **Tan track** (see page 23), or take a riverside stroll along Southbank Promenade or Victoria Harbour. If you'd rather make a beeline for breakfast, head to the **Mad Duck Café** (92 River Esplanade, Docklands) if you like your breakfast with river views. Try one of the cafés on **Degraves Street** and **Centre Place** for a truly 'Melbourne' laneway café experience. Or pick **Cervo Café** at Crown Entertainment Complex (8 Whiteman Street, Southbank) if your business takes you south of the river.



- 1 Southern Cross Station
- 2 Bourke Street
- 3 Campari House
- 4 Carlton Hotel
- 5 Madame Brussels

- 6 Swanston Street
- 7 Lygon Street
- 8 Tiamo
- 9 D.O.C
- 10 Café Italia

- 11 Casa Del Gelato
- 12 North Melbourne
- 13 Queen Victoria Night Market
- 14 Prudence
- 15 Rose Bar

Getting around



Trams

Melbourne's trams have been ringing their bells through the city since 1885. Not only are they a distinctive part of the city's character, they're also easy to use and very convenient.

'Zone 1' tickets will cover you for the entire city for two-hourly or daily time periods. You can buy one on board the trams (these machines only take coins), from vending machines at train stations, the Melbourne Visitor Centre or from a Metcard outlet (look for the blue 'Metcard' sign at newsagents and convenience stores). Remember to validate your ticket every time you board a tram by time-stamping it at one of the green validation machines. A Metcard is valid for travel on buses and trains too.

Look out for the free *City Circle* trams (number 35) that travel around the city in a circular route passing many major tourist attractions. Trams run every 12 minutes between 10am and 6pm from Sunday to Wednesday and until 9pm from Thursday to Saturday. The route runs along Flinders Street, Harbour Esplanade, Docklands Drive, La Trobe Street, Victoria Street, Nicholson Street, Spring Street and back to Flinders Street.

Get more public transport information at melbourne.vic.gov.au/whatson or call 131 638.

Melbourne City Tourist Shuttle

With 13 key city attractions on its route, you can hop on and off this free shuttle bus

whenever the mood strikes. The shuttle runs every 30 minutes between 9.30am and 4.30pm daily and a round trip takes roughly 90 minutes. The route encompasses **Docklands, Melbourne Museum** and **Carlton Gardens, Queen Victoria Market, The Shrine of Remembrance** and **Chinatown**. Or start from the **Melbourne Visitor Centre** at Federation Square.

Taxis

Melbourne taxis are yellow and are vacant when their rooftop sign is illuminated. Catch one at one of the city's many signposted taxi ranks, hail one from the kerb or to book ahead, call one of these operators: **Arrow** (132 211), **Black Cabs** (132 227), **Embassy** (131 755), **Silver Top** (131 008).

Bicycles

With its extensive network of dedicated bike lanes, Melbourne is one of the easiest cities to cycle around. You can easily rent a bike for daily or weekly use through **Melbourne Bike Share** (1300 711 590), a facility that allows you to 'hop on' and 'hop off' a rented bike at your convenience. Docks are located at various locations around the city, including the Seafarers Bridge at Southwharf, along Southbank Promenade and at Federation Square, and passes can be purchased on-site. By law, cyclists in Melbourne are required to wear a helmet.

Other bike rentals are available through **Rentabike** at Federation Square (Tel. 03 9654 2762), which offers hourly, daily and weekly bike hire as

well as guided bike tours. Or try the quirkier vintage bike hire company, **The Humble Vintage** (various locations, details pg 34). Cycling maps are available from the Melbourne Visitor Centre.

Water Taxis and River Cruises

A number of water taxi and river cruise operators dock under Princes Bridge (connecting Swanston Street and St Kilda Road). Boat charters and ferries are also available from the Docklands precinct at Victoria Harbour and NewQuay.

Regional and Interstate Connections

If you're travelling interstate or to regional Victoria, **Southern Cross Station** at Spencer Street is the city's main hub for train

and bus services out of the city. Call 131 638 for information about metropolitan and regional train, tram, bus and coach services and bookings.

Airport Connections

The **Skybus** runs between Melbourne airport and Southern Cross Station 24 hours a day. Tickets are \$16 (single) / \$24 (return). The service includes free transfers to and from city hotels. Call 03 9335 3066 for timetable information and 03 9600 1711 to book a hotel pick-up.

Traveller's tool kit

If you find yourself in need of a haircut, wi-fi, a clean shirt or something you've forgotten to bring, head to one of these city businesses.

Adaptors, photography and electrical equipment

Plug adaptors, phone chargers, photography equipment, cables and other electrical equipment you may need for presentations is available to buy at **JB Hi Fi** (206 Bourke Street and 239 Elizabeth Street) or **The Good Guys** at **Homemaker Hub** (20 Convention Centre Place, South Wharf).

Banking and currency exchange

Banks including Westpac, Commonwealth Bank, ANZ and NAB are open Monday to Thursday from 9.30am to 4pm and Friday 9.30am to 5pm, although some branches in the city have extended hours, including weekends. Automatic Teller Machines (ATM) are found throughout the city. Foreign currency and traveller's cheques can be exchanged at banks or dedicated exchanges including Thomas Cook, American Express, Travelex, The Change Group and other outlets.

Gyms

There are several fitness centres in the city that will let you drop in for a daily workout. Try **Melbourne City Baths** (420 Swanston Street), **YMCA Docklands** (Level 4, 100 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands), **Virgin Active** (138 Bourke Street) and **Fitness First** (L2, 341-345 Bourke Street).

Hairdresser

South of the river, try **MH Hair** at the World Trade Centre (9621 2705). For other quick trims and beauty treatments try **Emersion Hair and Beauty** at 5 Freshwater Place, Southbank (9682 7786) or **Heading Out Hair and Beauty** at GPO Melbourne (mezzanine level, Elizabeth and Bourke streets).

Internet access and WiFi hotspots

There are a number of internet cafés in the city centre. Try **eLounge** (149 Swanston Street or 9 Elizabeth Street), **Global Chat** (228 Flinders Street), **netPlease** (209 Swanston Street) or at the Melbourne Visitor Centre at Federation Square. WiFi hotspots can also be found in various locations including **Federation Square**, **Collins Place** (45 Collins Street), **Melbourne Central** (Level 3) and the **State Library of Victoria** (328 Swanston Street) as well as many cafés in the city. For a full list of locations, visit the Melbourne Visitor Centre at Federation Square.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Directory assistance 1223
Emergency services 000
Reverse charge calls 12 550

Laundry

Southside services include **Brown Gouge** (corner Bourke and Merchant Streets, Victoria Harbour Docklands) and **Top Alterations & Dry Cleaning** at 3/99 Spencer Street, Docklands (9642 0099). In the city, try **Rose Garden Valet Dry Cleaning & Laundry** (1/120 Collins Street) or **Deluxe Dry Cleaning** (24 Hardware Street).

Medical services

Southgate Medical Centre is at 3 Southgate Avenue, Southbank (9690 1433), open from 8.30am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday. Nearby is **Twenty-Four Hour Pharmacy** at 8 Whiteman Street, Southbank (9686 6522). In the city, **Mid-Town Medical Clinic** is on Level 4, 250 Collins Street (03 9650 4284), open from 7.30am to 6pm. Nearby is **Mulqueeney's Pharmacy** at 99 Swanston Street (03 9654 8569). The nearest hospital is **St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne** at 41 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy (9288 2211 or 000 for emergencies).

Melbourne souvenirs

The best place to get last-minute Australian souvenirs and gift ideas is at **Best of Souvenirs**, located at the Melbourne Visitor Centre at Federation Square.

Newspapers

Daily newspapers including *The Age*, *The Australian*, *The Financial Review* and the *Herald Sun* are available in weekday and weekend editions. *MX*, a free commuter newspaper, is available weekdays at most train stations.

Post

The city's main post office is located on the corner of Little Bourke and Elizabeth Streets (open weekdays 8.30am-5.30pm, Saturday 9am-4pm). Other Australia Post outlets are located at 246 Flinders Lane, 837 Bourke Street (corner Seafarer Lane), Docklands and 440 Collins Street (corner William Street). They are open on weekdays from 9am to 5pm.

Supermarkets and bottle-shops

Groceries can be bought from **IGA** (90-96 Spencer Street and 54 River Esplanade, Docklands), **Coles** (201 Spencer Street) and **Safeway** (Merchant Street, Victoria Harbour) supermarkets while beer, wine and liquor are available from **Cellarbrations** at 447 Little Collins Street or **The City Wine Shop** at 159 Spring Street.

Travel agents and tour bookings

Travel arrangements can be made through a number of agents in the city. Try **Flight Centre** in the Southgate Centre at Brown Street, Southgate (133 133) or **Travelscene** at 7a Freshwater Place, Southbank (8677 7747). **Best of Victoria** (9928 000) offers a comprehensive booking service for tours within Melbourne and beyond.

Ties, shirts and pantyhose

Ties, shirts, pantyhose and other 'emergency' clothing items can be found at department stores **Myer** and **David Jones** in the Bourke Street Mall, or at **DFO South Wharf** (20 Convention Centre Place). **Essential Man**, **Glowlave**, **Politix** and **Marcs** may be helpful to men looking for corporate shirts and ties, while **Country Road**, **Cue**, **David Lawrence** and **Witchery** are good places to find ladies' business shirts and pantyhose. The ground floors of the Crown complex also offer mid- to high-end retail options for men and women, including **Harrolds**, **Politix**, **Saba** and **Witchery**.

Useful information

GST Refund

The Tourist Refund Scheme enables overseas visitors and Australian residents to claim a refund for the goods and services tax (GST) and wine equalisation tax (WET) paid on goods bought in Australia. To claim a refund you must spend \$300 (GST inclusive) or more in the one store and get a single tax invoice, have purchased the goods no more than 30 days before departure, wear or carry the goods as hand luggage, and present them along with your original tax invoice, passport and international boarding pass to a Customs Officer at a TRS facility at the airport or seaport. For more information call customs on 1300 363 263.

Melbourne Visitor Centre and Melbourne Visitor Booth

The City of Melbourne operates a comprehensive information service for visitors to the city. The Melbourne Visitor Centre at Federation Square is located on the corner of Flinders and Swanston Streets and is open every day from 9am to 6pm (closed Christmas Day). The Melbourne Visitor Booth is located in the Bourke Street Mall and is open Monday to Saturday 9am to 5pm and Sunday 10am to 5pm (closed Good Friday and Christmas Day). Phone 9658 9658.

City Ambassadors

Dressed in their distinctive red uniforms, the City Ambassadors provide a roving information service in the city centre. Monday to Saturday 10am to 4pm and Sunday 11am to 3pm (excluding Good Friday and Christmas Day).

Shopping hours

Shops are generally open from Monday to Saturday from 10am to 6pm, extending to 9pm on Fridays and 10am to 5pm on Sundays.

Telephones

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 and Telstra pre-paid phone cards, which can be purchased in post offices, newsagents, gift shops and other outlets in denominations from \$5 to \$20. They can be used for local, interstate and international calls. Pre-paid cards are also produced by a range of other companies, offering competitive rates within Australia and overseas. Pre-paid SIM cards and pre-paid mobile phones can be purchased from most mobile phone dealers and convenience stores.

Dialling codes for international calls

To phone out of Australia, dial the International Access Code 0011 and then the country code (Japan's, for example, is 81), followed by the relevant area code and the local number.

Tipping

Tipping is not a custom in Australia and is not expected. However if you receive good service you may choose to tip 10 per cent of the bill at cafés or restaurants. In taxis you may also choose to round up the payment.

Weather Forecasts

For daily forecasts contact the Bureau of Meteorology on 03 9669 4000 or www.bom.gov.au.



Events calendar

MORE INFORMATION

Here's a selection of the exciting events you'll find in the city.
For more ideas and information please visit melbourne.vic.gov.au/whatson
or the Melbourne Visitor Centre at Federation Square.



January

Australian Open Tennis Championships

Audi Victoria Week yacht race

Midsumma

February

Chinese New Year Festival

Docklands International Boat and Lifestyle Show

Melbourne Vixens (netball) 2011 ANZ Championship Season runs until May

Tropfest

Twenty20 International Cricket

March

Antipodes Festival

Formula 1 Australian Grand Prix

L'Oreal Melbourne Fashion Festival

Melbourne Food and Wine Festival

Melbourne International Comedy Festival

Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show

Melbourne Queer Film Festival

Moomba Festival

NRL Telstra Premiership (rugby league) Season runs until October

Toyota AFL Premiership (Australian rules football) Season runs until September

April

Art Melbourne

Melbourne International Comedy Festival

May

Docklands Classic Film Festival

Melbourne International Jazz Festival

June

Docklands Classic Film Festival

Good Food and Wine Show

Melbourne International Animation Festival

Winter Masterpieces June onwards

July

Docklands Classic Film Festival

Melbourne International Film Festival

Melbourne Open House State of Design

August

Melbourne International Film Festival

Melbourne Writers Festival

Hyundai A-League season (soccer/football) Season runs until February

September

Toyota AFL Grand Final

Melbourne Fringe Festival

Melbourne Spring Fashion Week

Melbourne Writers Festival

October

Melbourne Fringe Festival

Melbourne International Arts Festival

Melbourne Music

November

Commonwealth Bank Series (Cricket)

Melbourne Cup Carnival

Night Market at Queen Victoria Market Until March

Rooftop Cinema Season runs until March

December

Carols by Candlelight

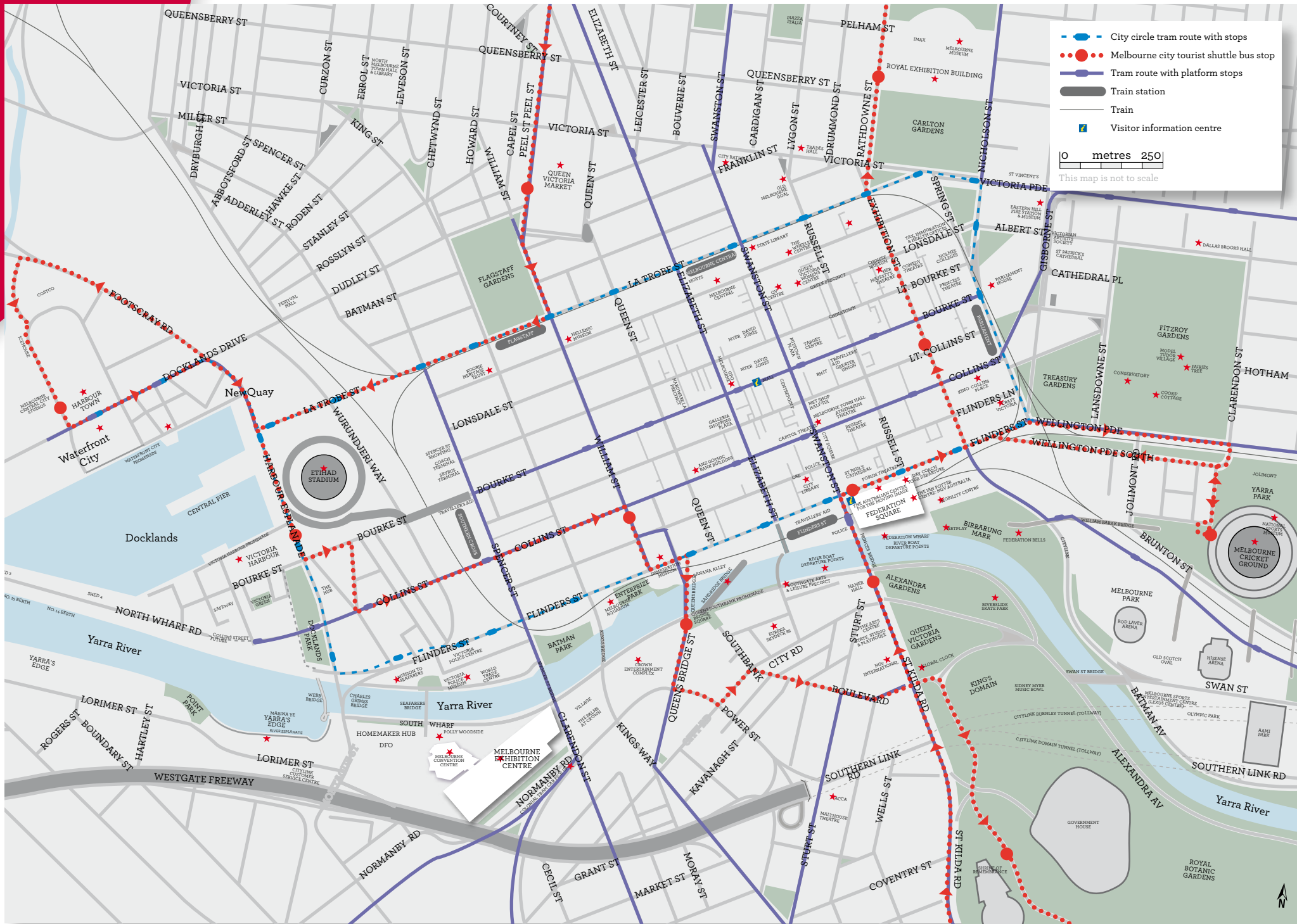
Christmas in the City

Melbourne Boxing Day Test (Cricket)

Moonlight Cinema Season runs until March

New Year's Eve in the City





For more information:
melbourne.vic.gov.au/whatson

