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1. Geographical location

Melbourne is the second largest city in Australia. It is the capital of Victoria and stands at its south-eastern edge, on the head of Port Phillip Bay . It's north-western side bends along the Maribyrnong river, while the north-eastern border extends to the Yarra River Valley. To the east of the city are the Dandenong mountains . Located at a distance of 35 kms from Melbourne, they serve as a stunning getaway for recreation and leisure.



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2. Neighbouring cities/countries

The Major Cities Close To Melbourne Include Canberra 466 Km, Wollongong 652 Km Adelaide 653 Km And Sydney 713 Km. The Relatively Smaller Urban Centers Are In Closer Proximity Than The Major Cities Of Australia. Some Of These Areas Are Melton 40 Km, Geelong 75 Km Ballarat 115 Km, , Bendigo 153 Km.



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3. Significance

Melbourne, Euphemized As The Garden State, Has Earned This Badge For All The Right Reasons. The Gorgeous Boulevards On Every Road You Go Are Sure To Take You Back In Time. More Than One Fourth Area Of The City Comprises Of Public Parks And Reserves. Royal Botanic Gardens (RBG), The Most Eminent Park Here, Abodes A Number Of Lakes, Lawns And Countless Of Named Shrubs And Trees. Other Than That, Melbourne Is Home To Hundreds Of Sports Fields For Cricket, Swimming, Tennis And Golf. Popular Water Activities Include Sailing And Fishing On Port Phillip Bay And Surfing On The Ocean. Skiing On The Mount Buller Slopes Is Another Adventurous Activity For The Daredevils. Exploring The City On Foot Is An Enchanting Experience In Itself. Melbourne Hosts A Labyrinth Of Alleys And Pathways. The Areas Around The Bourke, Flinders And Collins Streets Introduce You To The Quirky, Yet Elegant, Side Of The City. All In All, A River Boat Cruise On The Yarra River Is Perfect To Visit All The Sights In A Day. The Offbeat Expressions Of Art Displayed On The Approved Outdoor Locations Sprawled Across The City Make It One Of The Best Street Art Capitals Across The Globe.

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4. History

Port Phillip Was Discovered In 1803 By The Europeans. However Melbourne City Was Founded In 1835 By The Same Community. Prior To That, The Land Was Occupied By Humans For Supposedly 31,000 To 40,000 Years. The Central And Northern Part Of The City Was Established By John Batman, While The Southern Bank Of The Yarra River Was Ensconced By A Man Named John Fawkner. Richard Bourke, The Then Governor Of New South Wales Named The Place After The British Prime Minister William Lamb, Lord Melbourne. Melbourne Had A Substantial Population Of 29,000 In 1851 Itself. In The Same Year, Victoria Became A Separate Colony From New South Wales, With Melbourne As Its Capital. Also, It Was The Year When A Gold Rush Began In Victoria (Gold Was Discovered). So The Development Of Melbourne Became Inevitable. With This Mushroomed Many Important Buildings And Centers Here. The Princess Bridge Was Erected In 1850, Melbourne University In 1853, The State Library In 1856 And Government House In 1876. Several Eminent Museums Were Erected In The Later Half Of 20th Century.

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5. Cultural identity

Melbourne is home to people from more than 200 countries. So the cultural diversity here is without recourse, not to mention the huge list of festivals celebrated here like the Chinese New Year, Hispanic Latin American Fiesta, Diwali and many more. With umpteen cultural endeavors as music and drama, art and architecture, film and television, Melbourne bequeaths the charm of an international cultural center. In fact, Melbourne was recognized as the UNESCO City of Literature in 2008.



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6. Natural resources

Melbourne, in its own territory, doesn't 'mine' anything. The Gold mining is, however, carried on in and around its north-western areas like Bendigo. Brown Coal is mined in the Latrobe Valley, which lies to the east of the city, and is used to power Melbourne's electrical grid. Also, the quarries stationed in the South-west mine Basalt (Bluestone or Streetscape).



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

7.1. Paid

7.1.1. Melbourne Cricket Ground

Better known as 'The G', MCG qualifies as much more than a mere sporting venue. Established in 1853, this iconic ground can righteously be called as the heart and soul of the city. An interesting fact for the cricket lovers is that ODI and Test Cricket were invented in this very stadium. Do not confuse it as just a Cricket Ground. This place hosts multiple other sports events like Football, Olympics, Commonwealth Games and Rugby.

Address : Yarra Park, Jolimont, Melbourne, Victoria, 8002, Australia

Zipcode : 8002

Location : -37.8199669, 144.98344929999996

Contact : +61 3 9657 8888

Website : <http://www.mcg.org.au/>

Nearest Public Transport : Jolimont MCG Railway Station, East Melbourne

Entry Fee : AUD30.72 to MCG and National Sports Museum each, AUD42.07 for a combined ticket

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 10:00hrs to 15:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.2. Eureka Skydeck 88

This world's tallest residential monument undoubtedly qualifies to be the gem of Melbourne's skyline. This 975-feet tall gold-plated building stands dignified along the Yarra riverbank. On its 88th floor, you get to experience the most magnificent panorama of Melbourne. The Skydeck also has a glass ramp which protrudes outside, giving you a phenomenal eyeshot of the city from one of the tallest buildings in the Southern Hemisphere. You can grab a drink or a quick bite here, as you marvel at the ginormous cityscape of Melbourne.

Address : 7 Riverside Quay, South Bank VIC 3006, Australia

Zipcode : 3006

Location : -37.8213666, 144.96470109999996

Contact : +61 3 9693 8888

Website : <https://www.eurekaskydeck.com.au/see-do/>

Nearest Public Transport : Casino East Tram station

Entry Fee : AUD26.7 for adults, AUD20.7 for kids (You can save on combo packs)

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 10:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.3. Melbourne Museum

The high-flown Melbourne Museum unmask the epitome of culture, history and natural environment. From riveting permanent collections to enthralling occasional exhibitions, the displays of the museum are sure to leave you spellbound. Some of its key sites are The Forest Gallery, The Science and Life Gallery and the Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Center to name a few.

Address : 11 Nicholson Street, Carlton VIC 3053, Australia

Zipcode : 3053

Location : -37.803273, 144.97174080000002

Contact : +61 3 8341 7777

Website : <https://museumvictoria.com.au/melbournemuseum/about-us/>

Nearest Public Transport : Melbourne museum: Bus

Entry Fee : AUD18.7 for adults, FREE for children below 16 years of age

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.4. Melbourne Zoo

The panoramic vistas of the Melbourne Zoo combined with over 250 species of fauna stand out to be a perfect getaway for you and your family. Rare species like the Australian Fur Seal, Sumatran Orangutan, Tree Kangaroo, Gorilla, Red Panda, Phillipinian Crocodile, and many more can be explored in abundance here.

Address : Elliot Avenue, Parkville VIC 3052, Australia

Zipcode : 3052

Location : -37.783573, 144.95494940000003

Contact : +61 3 9285 9300

Website : <http://www.zoo.org.au/melbourne>

Nearest Public Transport : Melbourne Zoo/ Royal Park: Tram; Melbourne Zoo: Bus

Entry Fee : AUD32.32 for adults, AUD21.1 for kids between 4-15 years (except on Weekends and holidays), FREE for children between 0-3 years of age

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hrs–17:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.5. Old Melbourne Gaol

The old Melbourne Gaol attracts close to 130,000 visitors every year. This prison has housed many infamous criminal such as Fredrick Bailey Deming. Today this place functions as a museum attracting people who have a fascination for the morbid.

Address : 377 Russell St, Melbourne VIC 3000, Australia

Zipcode : 3000

Location : -37.8072083, 144.96572400000002

Contact : +61 3 8663 7228

Nearest Public Transport : Russell Street: Tram, Melbourne Central Station: Train

Entry Fee : Concession: 20 Australian Dollars Child (5 to 15 years): 13.50 Australian Dollars Family (2 adults + 2 children): 55 Australian Dollars

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:30hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.6. Great Ocean Road

The Great Ocean Road is one of the most spectacular and naturally stunning coastal drives. The 1-Day Great Ocean Road tour from Melbourne provides you with an unforgettable experience. Witness all the famous sights of the Great Ocean Road as you drive along some of the world's most scenic coastlines. Visit the popular surf beaches, shipwreck sites, Lochard Gorge and London Bridge, explore ancient rainforests, see koalas in the wild, marvel at the world-renowned 12 Apostles. You can also take a helicopter ride over the apostles and experience

the magnanimity of this transfixing location.

Address : 2 Queen St, Melbourne VIC 3000, Australia

Zipcode : 3000

Location : -37.8186296, 144.9627484

Contact : +61 1300 661 225

Website : <http://greatoceanroadmelbournetours.com.au/>

Nearest Public Transport : Flinders St Tram Station

Entry Fee : AUD 96

Time Required : 12

Buy Ticket : Yes



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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Royal Botanic Gardens

Founded in 1846, this emerald-green picturesque place spread across 96 acres of land is a haven for conservation, education and science. There are about 50,000 diverse species of plants from across the globe. The garden houses many other significant monuments like the National Herbarium, Tropical Hothouse, Guilfoyle's Volcano Water Reservoir and Plant Craft Cottage. You can even book the place for private events like weddings, picnics and tours.

Address : Birdwood Avenue, South Yarra VIC 3141, Australia

Zipcode : 3141

Location : -37.8303689, 144.9796056

Contact : +61 3 9252 2300

Website : <https://www.rbg.vic.gov.au/>

Nearest Public Transport : Birdwood Avenue: Tram

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Shrine of Remembrance

This shrine holds the memories of Australia's many men and women who gave up their lives for the nation in the times of resurgence. It signifies loyalty and sacrifice in its paramount spire.

Address : Birdwood Avenue, Melbourne VIC 3001, Australia

Zipcode : 3001

Location : -37.8305164, 144.97343190000004

Contact : +61 3 9661 8100

Website : <http://www.shrine.org.au/>

Nearest Public Transport : Shrine of Remembrance/ St. Kilda Road- Tram

Open & Close Timing : Daily- 10:00hrs–17:00hrs, except on Good Friday and Christmas

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. National Gallery of Victoria

This Gallery holds an impressive collection of big shots like Constable, Degas, Drysdale and Rodin. The premier gallery very close to the iconic Flinders Station is a masterpiece in itself. The soaring stained glass atrium of this spire will leave all the art aficionados jaw-slacked. Even for those who aren't very interested in art, the captivating charm of this place will surely draw you towards it.

Address : 180, St. Kilda Road, Melbourne VIC 3006, Australia

Zipcode : 3006

Location : -37.8225942, 144.96892779999996

Contact : +61 3 8620 2222

Website : <http://www.ngv.vic.gov.au/>

Nearest Public Transport : Flinders Street Railway Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 10:00hrs–17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. Block Arcade

The quaint and cozy elegance of ancient Melbourne is beautifully restored in the Block Arcade. Unconventional shops with quirky window displays are sure to leave you impressed. The intricate mosaic floors are probably the best restoration of old times. You can purchase some affordable exquisite chocolates here, not to mention the offbeat food varieties to try out in the quaint restaurants.

Address : 282, Collins Street, Melbourne VIC, Australia

Zipcode : 3000

Location : -37.8157853, 144.9645372

Contact : +61 3 9654 5244

Website : <http://theblock.com.au/>

Nearest Public Transport : Collins Street: Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Thursday: 08:00hrs–18:00hrs Friday: 08:00hrs-20:00hrs Saturday: 08:00hrs-17:00hrs Sunday: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. State Library of Victoria

One of the most eminent landmarks of Melbourne, The State Library is also a

cultural and historic icon. The traditional interiors are restored in a manner that they behold their original grandeur. The majestic domed ceiling, La Trobe Reading Room and millions of books, pictures, maps, manuscripts, newspapers, all are worth your time. Don't miss out the 2 free exhibitions – Ned Kelly's Armour in the Changing Face of Victoria, and the Mirror of the World.

Address : 328, Swanston St. Street, Melbourne VIC 3000, Australia

Zipcode : 3000

Location : -37.8098087, 144.9651897

Contact : +61 3 8664 7000

Website : <http://www.slv.vic.gov.au/>

Nearest Public Transport : Little Lonsdale Street: Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Thursday: 10:00hrs-21:00hrs Friday to Sunday: 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. St Kilda Beach

Your summer vacation is incomplete if you don't hit the balmy shores of the St. Kilda Beach. Make your way to this spotless coast through a short tram ride from the CBD. The foreshore is always abuzz with walkers, joggers and rollerbladers, while the waters are explored by kite surfers, windsurfers and swimmers. Besides, there are plenteous bars and restaurants on the deck, so that you can grab a beer and spend your day sunbathing.

Address : St. Kilda Foreshore, St. Kilda, VIC 3182, Australia

Zipcode : 3182

Location : -37.8678765, 144.97400489999995

Website : <http://stkildamelbourne.com.au/about-st-kilda/>

Nearest Public Transport : Victoria Street: Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Collins Street

Collins Street is one of the premier streets in Melbourne which is home to some

of the most influential people of the city. The eastern end of the street was known as Paris End because of a plethora of shops and outlets of various high-street brands which are located here.

Address : Collins St Melbourne VIC Australia

Zipcode : 3000

Location : -37.8162175, 144.96406820000004

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Le Louvre

Le Louvre is your go-to destination for an exclusive collection of international brands sourced from different parts of the globe. Here, you can shop for brands like Victoria Beckham, Gucci, Valentino and much more.

Address : 2 Daly St, South Yarra VIC 3141, Australia

Zipcode : 3141

Location : -37.8378911, 144.99524180000003

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. Bourke Street

Bourke Street, today, is known as one of the major retail precincts. Bourke Street is always crowded and lively because of its large number of malls and street shops. This place is also popular for housing a variety of restaurants and nightclubs.

Address : Bourke Street

Zipcode : 3000

Location : -37.8143363, 144.9628507

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. Central Business District

Zipcode : 0

Location : -37.815181, 144.95948599999997

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.11. Docklands

Zipcode : 0

Location : -37.81699999999999, 144.94600000000003

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.12. Melbourne Central

Zipcode : 0

Location : -37.8108298, 144.96313350000003

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.13. Queen Victoria Market

Located in the heart of the city, Queen Victoria Market is a very famous market in Melbourne. This enormous bazaar is a one-stop-destination to satisfy all your shopping needs, from souvenirs to fresh farm produce.

Address : 513 Elizabeth St, Melbourne VIC 3000, Australia

Zipcode : 3000

Location : -37.8075798, 144.95678499999997

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.14. Harbour Town

This mall has everything from apparels to footwear, accessories to cosmetics. There also a number of restaurants where you can gorge on some delicious food after a fulfilling shopping experience.

Address : 440 Docklands Dr, Docklands VIC 3008, Australia

Zipcode : 3008

Location : -37.812425, 144.93929479999997

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.15. The Night Market

The Night Market is an amazing place to spend an evening with you friends and family. Here you can enjoy your time feasting on different cuisines, and groove to the lively music. This place is also known to serve the cheesiest pasta in the world at That's Amore Cheese.

Address : Corner Queen Street and Therry Street, Melbourne VIC 3000, Australia

Zipcode : 3000

Location : -37.8072741, 144.956993499999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No



8. Key sites sports & adventure

- **Sky diving -**

Address : 1071, Lake Mountain Rd, Marysville, VIC 3779, Australia

Location : -37.495222,145.877795

Contact No : +61 3 5957 7222

Website : <http://lakemountainresort.com.au/>

Nearest Public Transport : Falls rd/ Pack rd: Bus

Entry Fees : AUD93.5 for Adults, AUD87 for kids

Open / Close Time : Daily- 24 hours

Time Required : 12

- **Global Ballooning Melbourne -**

Address : 173-175 Swan St, Richmond VIC 3121, Australia

Location : -37.8255263,144.997425799999

Contact No : +61 3 9428 5703

Website : <https://www.globalballooning.com.au/>

Nearest Public Transport : Jolimont Station: Railway

Entry Fees : AUD 630-700

Open / Close Time : 08:30hrs-17:00hrs, Closed on Saturday

Time Required : 5.00

- **Shark diving -**

Address : King St. And Flinders St., Melbourne VIC 3000, Australia

Location : -37.8207115,144.9581931

Contact No : +61 3 9923 5925

Website : <https://www.melbourneaquarium.com.au/>

Nearest Public Transport : Melbourne Aquarium- Tram

Entry Fees : AUD400

Open / Close Time : 08:30hrs–14:00hrs, excluding weekends and holidays

Time Required : 2

- **Cross country Skiing -**

Address : 436 Maroondah Hwy, VIC, Australia

Location : -37.504444399999,145.8822222

Contact No : +61 3 5963 3444

Website : <http://lakemountainskihire.com/>

Entry Fees : AUD75 per car per day, charges applicable on equipment

Open / Close Time : Daily 07:00hrs–19:00hrs

Time Required : 3.00

- **Cycling -**

Address : Melbourne Bike share, RACV, 550 Princess Highway, Noble Park North, VIC 3174, Australia

Location : -37.952763,145.1797764

Contact No : 1300 711 590

Website : <http://www.melbournebikeshare.com.au/>

Nearest Public Transport : Flinders Street: Railway Station; Bowmore road: Bus

Entry Fees : AUD3

Time Required : 3.00

Wait Time : 5 minutes

- **Formula one racing -**

Address : Calder Park Raceway, 377 Calder Fwy, VIC 3037, Australia

Location : -37.6729174,144.75813389999996

Contact No : +61 3 9091 0777

Website : <http://www.calderpark.com.au/>

Entry Fees : AUD45-60

Open / Close Time : Organ Pipe National Park: Bus

Time Required : 2

- **Kite Surfing and Wind Surfing -**

Address : 330 Beaconsfield Pde St Kilda VIC 3182

Location : -37.858371,144.968698

Entry Fees : Ranges between 59AUD-429AUD

Open / Close Time : Daily 10:00hrs – 18:00hrs

Time Required : 5

- **Canoeing And Kayaking -**

Address : Community Boating Hub at The Dock 912 Collins St,
Docklands VIC 3008, Australia

Location : -37.820096099999,144.939871499999

Contact No : +61 418 106 427

Website : <http://www.kayakmelbourne.com.au/>

Nearest Public Transport : Victoria harbour dockland: tram station

Entry Fees : Ranges between 82AUD-110AUD

Open / Close Time : Daily 09:00hrs–16:00hrs

Time Required : 3.00

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9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Melbourne Is Recognized As The Sporting Capital Of The World With Football, Cricket, Soccer And Basketball. The Local Passion For Sports, Versatility And Stadia In Hosting Sporting Events, And The Overall Atmosphere Regarding Sports Is Simply Magical. The City Is Home To The Australian Tennis Open, Melbourne Cup, The Ashes, Formula 1 Grand Prix, Australian Rules Football And Australian Moto GP. Besides, It Also Houses World Class Sporting Venues Like The MCG And Rod Laver Arena.



10. Spas and relaxation

- **Chuan Spa:**

Address : The Langham, 1 Southgate Ave, Melbourne VIC, Australia

Location : -37.8209798,144.96530770000004

Contact No : +61 3 8696 8111

Website : <http://www.chuanspa.com/en/Melbourne/>

- **ISIKA Spa Melbourne:**

Address : Level 27, 8 Whiteman St., Melbourne VIC 3000, Australia

Location : -37.8257853,144.95764350000002

Contact No : +61 3 9292 8327

Website : <http://www.crownhotels.com.au/isika-spa-melbourne/default-en.html>

- **IZUMI Japanese Massage:**

Address : Level 1/115 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne VIC 3000, Australia

Location : -37.8155848,144.96350830000006

Contact No : +61 3 9044 9230

Website : <http://izumimassage.com.au/>

11. Events calendar

Month

Events

Australian Tennis Open

Tennis event

**Melbourne Bridal and
Honeymoon Expo**

Fashion Expo

Chinese New Year

Chinese new year

Twenty-20 International Cricket

Cricketing event

Lonsdale Street Festival

Local street fest

Melbourne Boat Show

**Display of amazing boats and
various other events**

Moomba Festival

**Australia's largest free
community festival**

Formula 1 Australian Grand Prix

Racing event

**Melbourne Food and Wine
Festival**

Melbourne Food and Wine Festival is one of the hallmark events in Australia.

Virgin Australia Melbourne Fashion Festival

Fashion event

Melbourne International Comedy Festival

Comedy festival

Buddha's Day and Multicultural Festival

Cultural festival

Melbourne International Jazz Festival

International Dance event

Open House Melbourne

Open House Melbourne connects people with good design and architecture in the city

Melbourne International Film Festival

Melbourne International Film Festival is an annual film festival held over three weeks in Melbourne.

Melbourne Spring Fashion Week

Melbourne Spring Fashion Week

is a annual fashion event
Melbourne Day

Melbourne Day is an annual
event which marks the
foundation of Melbourne in
Victoria

Royal Melbourne Day

Royal Melbourne Day is annual
event held to promote
agriculture.

AFL Grand Final

AFL Grand Final is an annual
Australian football event
Melbourne Festival

Melbourne Festival is a
celebration of dance, art, music
spread over 17 days

Melbourne Marathon

Melbourne Marathon is a
marathon event

Melbourne Cup Carnival

Melbourne Cup Carnival is a
prestigious event.

Melbourne Awards

Melbourne Awards is one of the
city's most prestigious award.

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is a memorial day observed throughout the city.

Christmas

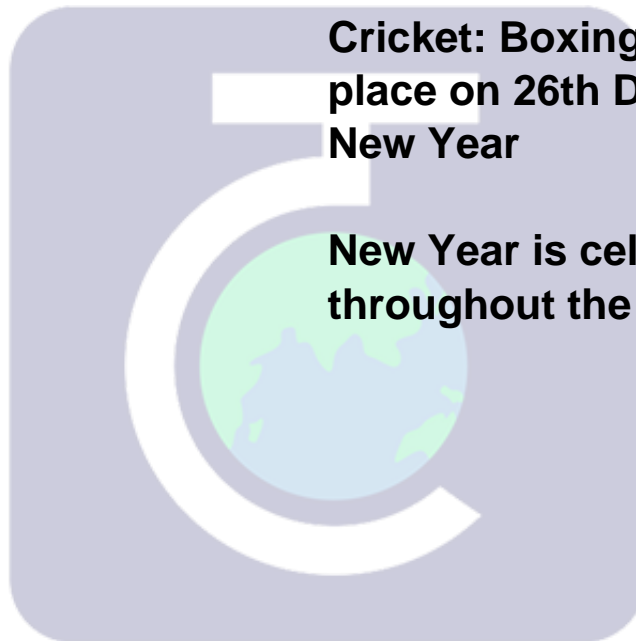
Christmas is celebrated throughout the city.

Cricket: Boxing Day Test

Cricket: Boxing Day Test takes place on 26th December.

New Year

New Year is celebrated throughout the city.



Index**12. Key local guides and tours**

Melbourne is brimmed with agencies offering excellent Day tours. There are a number of Day Ocean Road Trips, Melbourne Sightseeing Tours, Phillip Island and Penguin Parade Tours, Yarra Valley Wine Tours and many more. The amicable and enthusiastic guides are the perfect company to make your vacatio



13. Transportation hubs

Melbourne Governs Two Main Airports- Melbourne/ Tullamarine Airport And Avalon Airport . The Former Is The Main International And Domestic Airport, And The Latter Is Used Mostly For Cheap Domestic Flights. Tullamarine Lies In The North-western Side, While Avalon Is Situated On The South-west Of Melbourne, On The Road To Geelong. Melbourne Is A Giant City. However, All The Major Touristy Spots Are In Close Proximity To Each Other Within The City Center. The Public Transit System Known As Metlink Is The Fireball Of Melbourne's Transportation Network. Metlink Circumscribes Bus, Train And Tram Facilities That Will Most Likely Get You Anywhere You Need To Go. Melbourne Has One Of The Biggest Tram Networks Across The Globe. You Can Explore The Inner, More Intricate Suburb Of The City In Trams. There's Also A Free City Circle Tram That Takes You To The Central Business District And Docklands Area. Suburban Trains Depart From The Flinders Street Station And Go Through The City Loop, Connecting To The South Cross Station. The Frequency Of Trains Is Sufficient, But They Tend To Get Jammed During Peak Hours. Buses Are More Popular In Areas Where Trains And Trams Are Inaccessible. They Are A More Favored Option Of Transit If You Are Going Out For Shopping In The Middle And Outer Suburbs. Here Is A List Of The Various Transit Options To Get To Melbourne Airport, Along With An Estimated Time Duration And Charges .

- Public Transport: AUD5.3 + AUD8 For Myki Owners, 70-90 Minutes
- Starbus Or Airport Shuttle: AUD25-33, 30-40 Minutes
- Taxi- AUD75-90 (4 Pax), 30-40

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14. Transportation cost

Melbourne is giantly a metropolitan city and most of its tourist spots are within the city centre area. The public transport system is adequately established too. But mostly, Melbourne is a walking city. It has been designed like a grid, so it gets easier for you to get from A to B on foot. Other than that, the cheapest way to travel around the city is with public trams, trains and buses, costing you around AUD8-9 for a day. Myki is a re-usable smart card that works as plastic money to pay for your public transport fare. This pass flexes down your budget to a large extent and can be issued from any retailer store showing a Myki sign, as well as all the train, tram and bus stations. From January 2016, Melbourne has introduced a free tram zone in CBD and Docklands area. However, you need to carry your Myki along while on the free ride. Apart from these, you can rent bikes from countless bike rental stations fringed across the city. You can rent a bike for 3.3 AUD per day, as long as you return the bike every 30 minutes. The Melbourne Visitor Shuttle is a bus service that links the Docklands to CBD every 15 minutes for a rate of flat AUD6.7 per day. Also, cars can be rented at AUD15 per day. The authentic yellow taxis are omnipresent, costing you around AUD2/km. The big brands in these are 13 Cabs and Silver Top.

Index**15. Baggage allowance**

Local Trains In Melbourne Are Spacious Enough To Carry Standard Sized Luggages. Although While Traveling, You Must Always Keep Light Baggages. Backpacks Can Be Carried Around The City.



16. Restaurant & Nightlife

Food -

- **Chokolait Hub:**

Address : Shop 8, Hub Arcade, 318 Lt. Collins Street/ Emporium Shop 342, 287 Lonsdale St., Melbourne VIC 3000, Australia

Location : -37.812304,144.963697

Contact No : +61 3 9639 6188

Website : <http://www.chokolait.com.au/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 10:00hrs – 17:00hrs

- **Industry Beans:**

Address : 3/62 Rose Street, Fitzroy, VIC 3065, Australia

Location : -37.7961281,144.9774754

Contact No : +61 3 9417 1034

Website : <http://industrybeans.com/>

Open / Close Time : 07:00hrs – 16:00hrs on weekdays, 08:00hrs – 16:00hrs on weekends

- **CUMULUS INC.:**

Address : 45 Flinders Ln, Melbourne VIC 3000, Australia

Location : -37.8149202,144.9731286

Contact No : +61 3 9650 1445

Website : <https://cumulusinc.com.au/up/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 08:00hrs – 23:00hrs

- **GAZI Restaurant:**

Address : 2 Exhibition Street, Melbourne VIC 3000, Australia

Location : -37.81567500,144.97246719

Contact No : +61 3 9207 7444

Website : <http://www.gazirestaurant.com.au/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:30hrs – 23:00hrs

- **Pei Modern:**

Address : Sofitel Forecourt, 45 Collins St., Melbourne VIC 3000, Australia

Location : -37.813952,144.973207

Contact No : +61 3 9654 8545

Website : <https://www.peimodern.com.au/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 07:00hrs – 23:00hrs

- **Tonka:**

Address : 20 Duckboard Pl, Melbourne VIC 3000, Australia

Location : -37.815699,144.971411

Contact No : +61 3 9650 3155

Website : <https://www.tonkarestaurant.com.au/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 12:00hrs – 15:00hrs, 18:00hrs – 22:30hrs

- **Dainty Sichuan Food:**

Address : 149 Lonsdale St., Melbourne VIC 3000, Australia

Location : -37.810911,144.96800699

Contact No : +61 3 9622 2019

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:30hrs – 15:00hrs, 17:00hrs – 22:00hrs

- **The Emerson:**

Address : 143/145 Commercial Road, South Yarra VIC 3141, Australia

Location : -37.8463072,144.99120779

Contact No : +61 3 9825 0900

Website : <http://www.theemerson.com.au/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 00:00hrs – 03:30hrs

- **Bar Americano:**

Address : 20 Pressgrave Pl, Melbourne VIC 3000, Australia

Location : -37.81487000,144.96562599

Contact No : +61 3 9939 1997

Website : <http://www.baramericano.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 17:00hrs – 01:00hrs

- **The Tote:**

Address : 67-71 Johnston Street, Melbourne VIC 3066, Australia

Location : -37.799486,144.98701099

Contact No : +61 3 9419 5320

Website : <http://thetotehotel.com/>

Index**17. Average meal cost**

An Average Three-course Meal Per Head Costs: • Asian Eating Joints In Mall Food Courts: AUD10 • Inexpensive Restaurant: AUD15-18 • An Average Pub/cafe: AUD30 • Mc Donalds Or Similar: AUD4



18. Shopping

Melbourne Has Gracefully Scored The Reputation Of Australia's First-rate Shopping Destination. There Are Umpteen A-la-mode Fashion Boutiques, Mystic Arcades And Bustling Shopping Centres. If You Are Looking For A Place To Splurge Out, Collins St Is The Best Pick. Luxury Brands As Ralph Lauren, Hermes, Gucci, Chanel, LV, Salvatore Ferragamo, Etc., High End Jewellery Brands Like Bvlgari, Tiffany And Co., And The Epic Appointment Only Boutique Le Louvre , All Can Be Found In This Vicinity. Other Than These, There Are Many Shopping Complexes Too, Offering Home Ware And Gift Stores. Bourke Street Is Another Primary Shopping Hub In Melbourne. This Swarming Precinct Between Swanston And Elizabeth St Encompasses Multiple Affordable Designer Etc. The Central Business District And Docklands Also Circumscribe A Large Number Of Shopping Malls Such As Melbourne Central , Queen Victoria , Harbour Town And Many More. please Name A Few Shopping Malls And Streets

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19. Tourist benefits

You Can Get Thorough Information About The Duty-free Concessions Available For Travelers In Australia On [Http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Ente/Duty-Free-concessions](http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Ente/Duty-Free-concessions). The Tourist Refund Scheme Is A Latest Measure Undertaken By The Govt., That Enables Them To Avail GST And WET Concessions. As Far As Shopping Is Concerned, There Are Multiple Websites Offering VIP Passes To Access Stores, Eateries And Entertainment Spots In A Pocket-friendly Manner. Besides, The Victorian Govt. Offers VIP Passes To Visit The Major Tourist Attractions In The City At Concessional Rates.



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20. Essential local apps

Check Out Our List Of Travel Smart Apps With Your iPhone And Android To Make Your Vacation Easier And Better. • Melbourne City Guide (free) : Sightseeing, Things To See • Melbourne Bars And Pubs (paid) : Nightlife • Public Transport Victoria (free) : Schedule Planner For Trains, Trams And Buses Throughout Victoria • i3 Cabs/ Silver Top (free) : Cab Booking



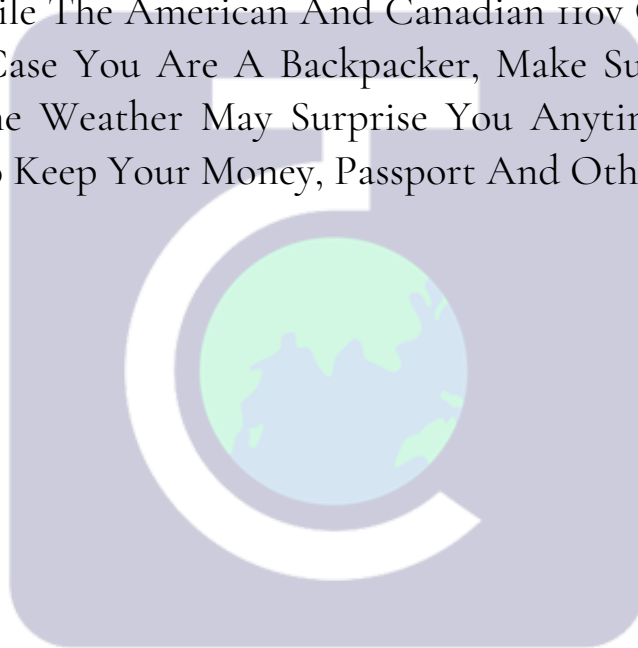
Index**21. Driving**

It Is Not Mandatory To Have A State Driving License To Drive In Melbourne. If You Have An Active DL Of Your Resident Country, That's Valid Too. It Must Be Written In English And If Not, You Must Have A Copy Of Its English Translation.



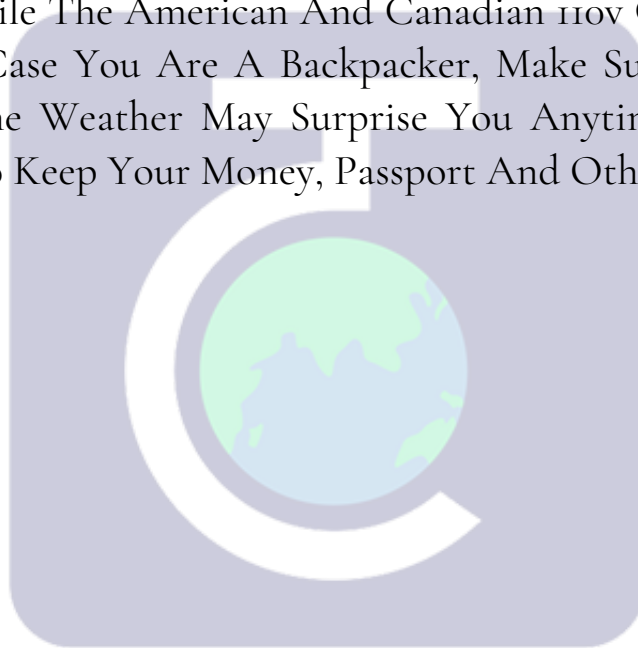
22. Travel essentials

If You Are An Ardent Traveler, You Must Be Well Aware Of The Things You Need To Carry While Holidaying. Aside From The Obvious Requirements As Travel Insurance, A Local Language Dictionary, Local Currency, Etc., There Are A Few Other Needs To Be Taken Care Of. Melbourne's Electrical Current Is 240v, 50Hz AC. Hence, If You Are Using A British Appliance, You May Require A Plug Adaptor, While The American And Canadian 110v Gadgets Would Need A Transformer. In Case You Are A Backpacker, Make Sure You Carry A Bag Cover Along, As The Weather May Surprise You Anytime. Safety Wallets Is Another Mandate To Keep Your Money, Passport And Other Id's Safe.



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Index**24. Local currency**

The Official Australian Currency Is AUD Or Australian Dollar. The Waterproof Notes Come In 1,2,5,10,20,50 And 100 Denominations, With Coins Worth 5,10,20,50 Cents. Its Exchange Rate Values Around 0.76 USD.



Index**25. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges**

ATM charges may vary between AUD1.50-AUD2. As regards to Vendors' commission, all the required information can be accessed on <https://www.ato.gov.au/Business/GST/In-detail/Your-industry/Travel-and-tourism/GST---travel-agents-and-commissions/>



Index**26. Staying connected**

Melbourne Is An Extensive Metropolitan Area. Hence, Internet Connectivity Is Up For Grabs Almost Every Where You Go. Most Of The Hotels, Cafes And Restros Offer Wifi Connectivity For Free, Or After Purchasing A Drink Or A Dish. Then There's Free Internet At The Metro Stations, Public Libraries And Museums. You Simply Need To Go To Your Wifi Settings, Locate Your Nearest Wifi Hotspot And Select VicGovFreeWifi; Follow The Prompts On The Screen To Connect, And You Are Good To Go! If You Are Planning To Purchase A Local Sim Card In Melbourne, There Are Three Networks Functional In Melbourne- Vodafone, Telstra And Optus. You Can Easily Purchase A Sim Card From The Airport. Prefer Taking A Pre-paid Plan, As Your Stay Will Be Limited.



27. Time Zone

Melbourne observes AEST (Australian Eastern Standard Time). It is UTC+10 hours.



Index**28. Languages**

English Is The De Facto National Language, With A Touch Of Australian Accent To It. Other Widely Spoken Languages Are Mandarin, Greek, Italian, Cantonese And Arabic.



Index**29. Political Scenario**

Victoria Is A Member Of The Federation Called Commonwealth Of Australia. The Structure Of Politics Is Established On The Premises Of Constitutional Monarchy Along With A Bicameral Parliamentary System (Upper And Lower House). The Queen Of Australia Is Its Nominal Head, Represented In The State By The Governor.



30. Economic Scenario

Melbourne Holds A Prominent Position In The Economic Profile Of Victoria And Australia By Being The Second Largest Industrial Centre Of The Continent, After Sydney. It Accounts For 6% Of Australia's GDP. The City's Multifaceted Economy Is Strengthened By Pillars Of Finance, IT, Research, Education, Logistics And Tourism. Australia's Many Large Co-operations Have Their Headquarters Stationed In Melbourne. In 2013, It Was Ranked As The Fourth Most Expensive City To Live In, Across The Globe.



Index**31. Religious belief**

Christianity Is The Most Widely Followed Religion Here In Melbourne. The Largest Population Is Of Roman Catholics, Followed By Anglicans, Buddhists, Muslims And Jews. The City Houses Two Eminent Cathedrals- St. Patrick's And St. Paul's.



Index**32. Visa requirements**

If You Are Planning A Holiday In Australia, You Need To Get Yourself A Tourist Visa Issued, Unless You Are An Australian Or A New Zealander. You Can Avail Your Visa Depending Upon The Length Of Your Vacation (three, Six Or Twelve Months). The Various Visa Options Are Tourist Visa, The Electronic Travel Authority And EVisitor.



Index**33. Essential vaccination**

Make Sure You've Had Your Routine Vaccinations Done Once In A Lifetime. Other Than That, There Are No Specific Vaccinations Required For Australia.



Index**34. Theft and Safety**

Melbourne Is A Law-abiding City By International Standards. Still, Mishaps Are Inevitable If Destined. Due To Its Vibrant Nightlife, Excessive Drinking Could Often Lead To Hazardous Activities. Stay Aware Of The Pickpockets, Especially In The Crowded Areas And Around Festivals. Trams And Buses Are Considered To Be Safer Than Trains, More So During Late Hours. Places Like Frankston And King Street In CBD, Suburbs Like Dandenong, Etc., Have A Dubious Reputation In Term Of Tourists' Safety.



Index**35. Embassy/Consulate**

The Entire List Of Embassies And Consulates Stationed In Melbourne Can Be Found On [Http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/pages/foreign-embassies-and-](http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/pages/foreign-embassies-and-).



36. Accessibility

Melbourne is one of the oldest cities in Australia. So the foundation may not be as updated. However, the Govt is constantly trying to improvise the city for people with special mobility needs. Organizations like Travelers' Aid provide aid and support to the ones in need. Facilities like toilets, changing amenities, etc., are provided on advanced booking. Also, you can locate the info regarding amenities, maps and accessible spots on <http://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/community/health-support>.



Index**37. Emergencies**

Australia Has Signed A Reciprocal Healthcare Agreement With A List Of Countries Around The World. You Can View The List On <https://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/medicare/reciprocal-health-care-agreements>. So If You Are A Resident Of One These Nations, You Could Be Entitled To Subsidized Medical Facilities (conditions Apply). Emergency Facilities Are Hi-tech In Melbourne, But Can Leave A Hole In Your Pocket. You Can Dial 000 To Avail Ambulance Facilities, Which By The Way, Are Not Free.



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38. Do's and Don'ts

Do's • Carry All-weather Clothes With You. Melbourne Is Quite Unpredictable In Terms Of Climate. • Prefer Kite-boarding Over Surfing. Melbourne Experiences Calmer Bays. • Go For A Free Guided Walking Tour Of The City Over A City Circle Tram. You Will Understand Melbourne More Closely. • Try Street Shopping Over Expensive Malls. You Will Get A Taste Of Local Melbourne. • Prefer A Stay In The CBD Or St. Kilda Locality. • Check Out The King's Street For Crazy Nightlife And Strip Joints. Don'ts • Don't Take Public Transport Post 11pm On Weekends. • Don't Carry Any Sharp, Edgy Things Around. Melbourne Has Very Strict Knife Laws. • Drinking While On The Street Is Illegal In Some Areas Of The City Center



Index**39.Tipping basics**

The Best Part- There Are No Hard And Fast Rules Regarding Tipping In Australia (unlike US Or UK). Things Are Pretty Simpler And Laid Back Here. The Usual Tipping Amount In Melbourne Is Around 10% Of The Total Bill, Less Would Do In Cafes.



Index**40.Pet info**

You Need To File A Permit For Your Pet. It Must Be Microchipped And Should Have Undergone All The Mandatory Vaccinations. In Public Areas And On Public Transport, The Rules Are Stricter, Especially With Dogs. They Need To Be Muzzled And Controlled By Their Owners On All Times.



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Conclusion – Why to select this destination

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