Inner Melbourne

Melbourne is a city with distinct enclaves and personality. Whether it’s contemporary designers, retro boutiques, specialty stores, world-class dining or a thriving coffee culture you’re looking for, Melbourne’s laneways and neighbourhoods will leave you wanting more.

The city centre is the heart of Melbourne and its compact size makes it easy to explore. Split into distinct areas, each showcases its own unique flavour: Bourke Street Mall offers entertainment, fashion labels and major department stores. Chinatown is the focus of the city’s Chinese culture, while Collins Street is all about the exclusive designer brands. Flinders Quarter is a design hub, the Greek Precinct celebrates Greek culture, the Docklands, South Wharf and Southbank waterfront areas offer river-side dining with city views, while the Sports Precinct is where all the on-field action takes place.

Just when you think you’ve seen it all, hop on a tram and discover the eclectic neighbourhoods which surround the city centre. Armadale’s sophistication, Carlton is the heartland of Melbourne. Italian community, Collingwood and Abbotsford speak individuality, while Fitzroy is bohemian magic and artistry. Footscray offers up multicultural delights. North Melbourne and Essendon showcase heritage architecture and Prahran, South Yarra and Windsor reveal anything from the one-off design to the luxurious. Savour water’s edge dining in Port Melbourne while you watch the ships come and go. Discover rooftop dining with city views in Richmond or indulge in the opulent residences and shopfronts of Toorak. Shop up a storm in the specialty stores of South Melbourne. Exercise or just relax at Albert Park Lake. Relive in St Kilda’s creativity and buzzing nightlife.

Allow this Inner Melbourne Map to guide you in your discovery of Melbourne.

How to get around

Public Transport Victoria

Your central stop for information on public transport services, fares and tickets. Visit ptv.vic.gov.au, download the PTVCity app or call 1800 800 007, 6am – midnight daily to plan your journey.

myki ticketing

myki is Melbourne’s public transport ticketing system, and uses myki cards - re-loadable smartcards that store credit - for travel on all metropolitan (and selected regional) trains, tram and bus services. You can purchase and top up myki cards at:

- 7-Eleven stores or any retailer where you see the myki sign
- PTV Hubs located in the city centre
- Melbourne Visitor Centre at Federation Square
- myki machines at all train stations and selected accessible tram stops and bus interchanges.

Trains

Flinders Street Station, on the corner of Flinders and Swanston streets, is a major hub for Melbourne's train network. Trains operate daily until midnight, with extended hours to around 1am on Friday and Saturday nights. There are 16 different train lines servicing Melbourne suburbs, many of these lines are linked to tram or bus services.

Trams

Trams travel along many of Melbourne’s major thoroughfares. Services operate daily until midnight with extended hours to around 1am on Friday and Saturday nights. Tram route numbers and destinations are displayed at the front of each tram and timetable information is available at tram stops.

Buses

Melbourne’s bus network has over 300 routes transporting people across Melbourne’s suburbs. Passengers should indicate their intention to board a bus by raising their arm as it approaches the stop. After midnight, NightRider bus services travel from the city centre to Melbourne’s suburbs between 1.30am – 4.30am on Saturdays and 1.30am – 5.30am on Sundays.

Free City Circle Tram

These historic W-class trams (Route 35) travel a circular route around the perimeter of the city centre passing many major attractions, and linking to other tram, train and bus routes across Melbourne. The service runs from Sunday to Wednesday 10am to 6pm, and Thursday to Saturday 10am to 9pm. No services run on Christmas Day or Good Friday.

Melbourne Visitor Shuttle

A great way to see many of Melbourne’s attractions. Board the bus at any one of the 13 stops at key city destinations. The shuttle service runs between 9.30am and 4.30pm daily (except Christmas Day and Good Friday). A round trip takes approximately 90 minutes and includes on-board commentary. Note from 1 October 2013, a daily pass on the shuttle will cost $5, except for children under the age of 10, who will travel free. For more information visit melbourne.vic.gov.au/shuttle or contact the City of Melbourne on (03) 9658 9658.

Walking & Cycling

Throughout Melbourne there are trails specifically designed for walking, running and cycling. Follow a heritage walking trail through the city streets, cycle along the Maribyrnong and Yarra Rivers, use the bike path along the foreshore from St Kilda or experience the cultural and architectural elegance of Albert Park, South Melbourne, Toorak, South Yarra and Richmond. For bike trails across Melbourne visit bicyclenetwork.com.au

Travellers Aid Australia

Provides simple, practical travel-related support and aid to people who experience difficulties with transport. Services are available from three outlets located in the city centre. For information on services available and operating hours visit travelaid.org.au or call Travellers Aid at:

- City Village on 9654 2600
- Finder's Station on 9650 2030
- Southern Cross on 9670 1702.

CityLink

CityLink Tollway

CityLink is a 22 kilometre automated tollway which connects the Tullamarine, West Gate and Monash freeways.

EastLink Tollway

EastLink is a 39 kilometre automated tollway which connects the Eastern, Monash, Frankston and Peninsula Link freeways.

Useful Numbers

Avalon Airport Transfers .......................... 9689 7999
Best of Victoria Travel
Booking Service .................................. 9628 0000
Directory Assistance .............................. 1223
Emergency Services
Police, Fire, Ambulance .......................... 000
Skybus
(Melbourne Airport Transfers) ................. 9600 1711

Taxis: 13 Cab .......................... 132 227
Arco Taxi .................................................. 132 211
Embassy Taxis ............................................. 131 755
Silver Top .................................................. 131 008
Wheelchair Taxi Bookings .................... 9277 3877
Victorian Tourism Information .............. 132 842
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