

Melbourne City Guide

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Melbourne is a cosmopolitan city, widely considered a culture and arts hub, and a must-see destination for foodies. There is always something to see or do, with a wide range of Australian and international shows and exhibits year-round.

Melbourne is serviced by two airports, Melbourne Airport and Avalon Airport. While you are more likely to arrive at Melbourne Airport, many carriers offer flights to Avalon and it's important to double-check your booking as it can catch some travellers out.

Hughes offers transfers from both airports.

Climate

Melbourne has a temperate oceanic climate, and weather conditions can be variable even on the same day, leading Australians to say that Melbourne experiences 'four seasons in one day'. So it's best to pack for changing conditions, even on short getaways. Winters tend to be crisper and cooler than its northern neighbours, but summers can still be dry and hot.

Month	Low	High	Rainfall
Jan	16°C/60.8°F	26°C/78.8°F	5 days
Feb	16°C/60.8°F	27°C/80.6°F	4 days
Mar	15°C/59°F	24°C/75.2°F	5 days
Apr	12°C/53.6°F	21°C/69.8°F	7 days
May	10°C/50°F	17°C/62.6°F	8 days
Jun	8°C/46.4°F	15°C/59°F	7 days
Jul	7°C/44.6°F	14°C/57.2°F	8 days
Aug	8°C/46.4°F	16°C/60.8°F	9 days
Sept	9°C/48.2°F	18°C/64.4°F	9 days
Oct	11°C/51.8°F	20°C/68°F	8 days
Nov	12°C/53.6°F	20°C/71.6°F	7 days
Dec	14°C/57.2°F	24°C/75.2°F	6 days





What to Do

Melbourne offers a variety of cultural and food experiences, from international gallery exhibitions and touring shows to fresh produce markets and fine dining. It is also a sporting hub, with the world-famous MCG hosting domestic and international cricket in the summer and local favourite AFL Football in the autumn and winter. In addition, it's the home of the Australian Open tennis tournament, held at Rod Laver Arena in January each year.

It's about more than just the CBD too. Just outside the city, you'll find diverse neighbourhoods that are well worth a visit, including St Kilda, Collingwood, Footscray, Fitzroy, South Yarra and Carlton.



Take a tram trip through the city

No visit to Melbourne is complete without a tram ride. The historic tram network will take you all over the city. It can be great for getting from A to B in the city centre and is an experience in its own right.



Visit St Kilda

An idyllic beach location close to the city, St Kilda always has something to see or do. A walk along the esplanade to the pier and lunch at Hotel Esplanade is a popular way to spend a sunny morning. For those seeking more of an adrenalin rush, nearby Luna Park has you covered with 20 rides and amusements.



Take a street art tour

Melbourne is known for quirky and striking street art, and you'll find it all over the place, hidden in the myriad of laneways that crisscross the city. Hosier Lane, AC/DC Lane and Meyers Place are among those worth a visit. Your Hughes driver can take you on a personalised tour so you can see all the hotspots in comfort.



Get arty at the National Gallery of Victoria (NGV)

A Melbourne icon, the NGV boasts one of the most impressive collections of Asian, Oceanic and American art and hosts many international exhibitions throughout the year. It's Australia's



oldest public museum and boasts some fantastic architecture too. Entry is free, but some exhibitions may require a separate paid ticket.



Visit the inner city suburbs

The inner city suburbs of Melbourne offer diverse scenes, from culture and food to arts and architecture. Check out Brunswick for some great eats, South Yarra for shopping, Abbotsford for art, Collingwood or Carlton for incredible cafes and Fitzroy for a vibrant, bohemian vibe.



Get some retail therapy

Melbourne is a hotspot for local and international designer and artisan shopping. Key places to check out include Bourke Street Mall, Queen Victoria Markets and Chapel Street. For high-end shopping, you can't go past Toorak Road, with its numerous luxury stores.



Reflect with a view at the Shrine of Remembrance

A national memorial paying tribute to the service and sacrifice of Australian servicemen and women, the Shrine of Remembrance offers a chance to reflect and remember. Built in the 1920s, the Shrine also offers stunning city skyline and memorial garden vistas.

Melbourne is truly an international city, with something for everyone. Ask your Hughes driver what you should see based on the time of year and your interests.

Where to Eat

Melbourne truly is a foodie's paradise. From laneway eateries to celebrated restaurants, there are so many fantastic options that it's nearly impossible to make a definitive list of must-visits. We've collated some of our favourites here, but it's just the tip of the iceberg. Planning ahead for your meals and booking where possible is recommended, as it's a vibrant and popular dining scene.

Cafes and casual dining

Melbourne is Australia's home of coffee, and you'll find cafes and casual eateries at every turn, but some hotspots to consider for breakfast, brunch or just a brew include:

- Brick Lane in Guilford Lane for a bakery-café experience
- Brother Bada Budan in Little Bourke Street for single-origin coffee and pastries
- Little Rogue in Drewery Lane for incredible small-batch coffee
- Higher Ground in Little Bourke Street for an inventive menu in a heritage building
- Saint Dreux in St Collins Lane for coffee and must-try katsu sandwiches

Restaurants and fine dining

Melbourne is home to more than 4,500 restaurants, so there really is something for every taste and budget. Here are some of our top picks for visitors:

- CODA in Flinders Lane for high-end Vietnamese in an industrial-chic setting
- Treviso Bar, Osteria and Wine Store in Bank Place for a bustling Italian experience
- Il Solido Posto in Collins Street offering both casual and fine dining Italian meals
- Chin Chin in Flinders Lane for an upscale South East Asian menu (if you been in Sydney, it's still worth visiting the original)
- Kisume in Flinders Lane for sophisticated Japanese in a sleek setting
- Vue De Monde in Collins Street for fine dining with a view
- Phillippe in Collins Street for an elegant French dining experience
- Bodega Underground for tacos in a dark, moody tequila bar
- Donovan's in Jacka Boulevard (St Kilda) for Modern Australian in a waterside setting
- Hell's Kitchen in Flinders Lane for a true Melbourne late-night dining experience



Getting Around

Hughes drivers have an unmatched passion for and understanding of Melbourne's landmark attractions and can take you there in style and comfort. We can build a personalised tour that takes in all you want to see. Popular tour options include:

- World-class sporting facilities that have become synonymous with Melbourne
- Melbourne's historic city attractions, such as Federation Square, The Melbourne Museum and Queen Victoria Market
- Shopping, theatre and/or art galleries for a day to remember
- Wildlife experiences with a trip to the Werribee Wildlife Park or the world-renowned Melbourne Zoo
- Visiting the amazing coastline, traveling along The Great Ocean Road and seeing the sights, including the world-famous Twelve Apostles
- The Yarra Valley for winery tours in beautiful countryside settings
- Historic Daylesford and the Macedon Ranges to experience luxurious spas and relax the day away
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner transfers

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