SO MUCH TO SEE AND DO: EVENTS AND ATTRACTIONS

Events
Melbourne Docklands is a year round visitor destination with exciting events including Christmas festivities, New Year’s Eve, the Slam Dunk Docklands - invertebrate yachting racing, Australia Day celebrations, Melbourne International Boat and Lifestyle Show, Lyrebird festival of sound and light, as well as food, wine, art, fashions and sporting events. Waterfront City Piazza and Harbour Town offer a busy calendar of events including: 

- Slam Dunk Docklands - invertebrate yachting racing, Australia Day celebrations, Melbourne International Boat and Lifestyle Show, Lyrebird festival of sound and light, as well as food, wine, art, fashions and sporting events.
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Retail therapy
Docklands offers three major retail destinations, IPSO at Southern Cross Station has a range of board retail, direct costs and Waterfront City is home to Harbour Town and Cozi. At Harbour Town you’ll find specialty stores, entertainment and attractions, as well as board direct costs, in two levels of unique lane-way shopping. Cozi stocks everything from groceries to diamonds, rings, tins and white goods, at a fraction of the standard retail cost (membership fees apply). Catch the free Melbourne City Tourist Shuttle to City Circle train at Waterfront City and step “at your drop.”

Etihad Stadium
The multi purpose stadium has one hundred and seventy thousand seats that allow the playing field to change to suit different sporting codes. Tours run all year.

Icehouse
The National Ice Sports Centre (Icehouse) will be Australia’s world class ice and leisure centre that allow the playing field to change to suit different sporting codes. Tours run all year.

Innovative architecture
Each Docklands precinct presents showcase innovative design features, whether through structure, sustainability or commanding visual facades. Some highlights include:

- National Australia Bank Headquarters (Bligh Voller Nondel, 2004).
- Dock 5 (Ashton Raggett McDougall, 2006).
- 2030 La Trobe Street (Oscar Raygent McGaughey, 2006).

Spectacular urban art
More than 25 large scale public artworks are scattered throughout Docklands, including:

- Variety Australian Entertainers of the Century and Walk of Stars (Peter Corlett): 100 plaques, a mosaic wall and bronze figures commemorating Australia’s formal entertainers.
- Sillione (Urban Wasteland): a series of large playful sculptures.
- Cow Up a Tree (John Kelly): a large sculpture inspired by a violent flood which swept cattle into town in 1890 Victoria.
- Anchor (Neil Dawson): Routing near the entrance of Victoria Drive, discover a tribute to the maritime crafts of the past.
- Blowhole (Duncan Stewell): a mesmerising 20 meter high wind powered sculpture.

GETTING TO DOWNTOWN
Melbourne Docklands is only minutes from the city and has excellent public and private transport and bicycle and pedestrian connections.

Tram: TrabiJax and Waterfront City - catch the free City Circle train or tram 38 via La Trobe Street, 70 via Flinders Street or the Bourke Street Bridge. Victoria Harbour - catch tram 48 via Collins Street.

Truck: take the tram to Southern Cross Station and walk over the Brunswick Street pedestrian Bridge via Etihad Stadium to Harbour Esplanade.

Melbourne City Tourist Shuttle: catch the free bus from any of the stops in and around the city. The Tourist Shuttle stops at Harbour Town shopping centre, Water: catch a water taxi or boat, from many landings along the Yarra River, including Federation Square, Southgate and Crown Entertainment Complex.

Car: parking facilities are available at Etihad Stadium, Docklands Drive via MidLevel and Waterfront City, along Docklands Bridge and North West Road.

Bike: the Yarra Trail, the Capital City Trail, Williamstown Road and affordable entertainment Complex.

Sun: the Yarra Trail, the Capital City Trail, Williamstown Road and affordable entertainment Complex.

Sea: the Yarra Trail, the Capital City Trail, Williamstown Road and affordable entertainment Complex.

For more information:
- visit thats melbourne.com.au
- visit the Melbourne Visitor Centre at Federation Square, located on the corner of Swanston and Flinders streets
- visit the Melbourne Visitor Booth in the Bourke Street Mall
- call City of Melbourne on 9658 9658

Docklands
Come and explore the attractions at Melbourne Docklands. By the scenic Yarra River and Victoria Harbour, Docklands is fast becoming one of Australia’s most striking urban domains. Only minutes from the city centre, Docklands offers a dynamic mix of residential, retail, restaurants, bars, commercial and leisure activities.

EXPLORE THE PRECINCTS

- **Waterfront City**: enjoy entertainment, retail and superb dining at Waterfront City, as well as publics and charter boat berthing at the attached marina. Waterfront City is home to one of Melbourne’s most popular attractions, the landmark Southern Star observation wheel. Stop for pints and pescatarian food at great prices at Yarra’s Edge Harbour Bar or take in a live event at the plaza.

- **NewQuay**: a selection of stylish restaurants, cafes and bars line a picturesque waterfront promenade at NewQuay. By day, take in some boats of canoeing in and out of the nearby marina as you sip on your latte. By night, enjoy the movement of the moonlit water and savour your meal with a backdrop of sparkling city lights.

- **Digital Harbour**: marvel at award-winning architecture at Digital Harbour, a thinking technology hub modelled on some of the world’s most successful technology precincts.

- **Central Pier**: Central Pier’s heritage listed boat sheds now house a range of spectacular furniture venues as well as an elegant bar and friendly dining, right on the water. Central Pier is also the drop off point for many charter boats, and is home to Melbourne’s Supreme Mariner.

- **Stadium Precinct**: home to Etihad Stadium, Channon Street and plenty of cafes. Stroll from Southern Cross Station along the Bourke Street pedestrian bridge to Etihad Stadium for many of the city’s biggest sporting and music events.

- **Victoria Harbour**: a distinctive promenade in the heart of Docklands. Victoria Harbour features waterfront promenades, relaxed cafes and restaurants and a marina. Pick up some essentials at the adjacent-riffle Melbourne Street shopping strip or ran the kids sugared at the innovative Docklands Park children’s playground.

- **Yarra’s Edge**: a natural extension of the Southbank promenade, Yarra’s Edge offers riverside dining, a laudatory day spa, art galleries and a marina. The superb Webb Bridge provides a pedestrian and cycle link across the Yarra River to Victoria Harbour and Docklands Park.

- **Batman’s Hill**: boasts innovative architecture, new retail and public spaces, along with the walkable revitalised historic Goods Shed No. 1. If nothing, starts your engine more than a classic car collection, explore the Yarra Foo Classic Car Museum (open Tuesday and by appointment).

**HARBOURSIDE DINING**

With breathtaking views and more than 40 restaurants, cafes and bars to choose from, dining at Docklands is a memorable experience, catering for all tastes and budgets. Head to Waterfront City and find your way for an abundance of dining options. Other great spots for dining are at Central Pier, Yarra’s Edge and Victoria Harbour Esplanade.

Here’s just a sample of what’s on offer at Docklands.

**Mediterranean**

- Sagana Greek Grill & Bar 9611 0000
- Liquid 9642 1242
- Mucca Bah 9640 1200
- Salt 9640 7666
- Yumi Eats 8625 9900

**Asian**

- Kube Jones Japanese Restaurant 9629 6073
- Yum Cha Dragon Chinese BBQ Restaurant 9629 6069
- Bihg 9640 0884
- Max Mo 9642 1997
- The Imlyn 9664 2402

**Contemporary/seafood**

- Fish seafood Grill & Rotisserie 9642 0848
- Melbourne Yacht Club Hotel 9670 0660
- Linbali 9642 1000
- The Lounge Room 9640 0565
- Harbour Kitchen 9670 0662

**Bars and pubs**

- BCM Bar and Balcony 9629 2393
- Foo 9629 0001
- James Square Brewhouse 9640 0700
- Alkemis 9622 1606
- Watermark Bar 9642 1883

**Casual eating and fast food**

- Cafes, ice cream and juice bars and takeaway outlets are dotted throughout the Docklands precincts. You’ll also find many eating options at Waterfront City Festival Food Court, Harbour Town and in and around Etihad Stadium.