

HEART OF THE CITY

Wander Melbourne's famous symmetrical city grid. Find legendary landmarks, iconic malls, hidden little streets and art-filled alleys. Crammed with historical facades, beautiful boutiques and world-class dining, this is the locals' guide to the heart of the city.

Start out at Melbourne's iconic meeting place **Fed Square** ❶. Snap a photo with the odd angles and drop by the **Australian Centre for the Moving Image** (ACMI) film and TV museum for digital exhibitions. Check out the **Koorie Heritage Trust** gallery for local Aboriginal history and explore contemporary art in the **Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia**.

Across Flinders Street is the gothic revival designed **St Paul's Cathedral** ❷, the site of the first public Christian services in Melbourne. Take a shortcut through Chapter House Lane and grab a cuppa at **Chapter House Coffee**. Find yourself in **Flinders Lane's** ❸ fashion heaven and make sure to try something on in **Alpha 60**. Local foodie favourites **Chin Chin** and **Supernormal** are worth queuing for. And check out **AC/DC Lane** and **Hosier Lane** for a selfie with the street art.

Wander through Regent Place, past five-star hotel **The Westin**, glamorous shoe emporium **Miss Louise** and the **Dior** boutique, to Collins Street. To your right is the roaring 1920s era **Regent Theatre** and **Plaza Ballroom** ❹, the spot to catch touring musicals.

Head left and cross Collins Street for the grand old **Melbourne Town Hall** ❺. Completed in 1870, it's built from bluestone and Tasmanian freestone. Delve deeper with a Town Hall tour to see the enormous **Grand Organ** and native flora-carved ceilings.

Return to Collins Street and head uphill. The **Athenaeum Theatre** ❻

is Melbourne's oldest, originally an 1839 Mechanics Institute complete with reading room and museum.

The imposing Gothic Revival facade is **Assembly Hall** ❼, which dates back to 1914. You can't miss the quirky window displays of **Kay Craddock Antiquarian Bookseller**, a Melbourne institution stocking rare titles since 1965.

The luxury shopping strip at the top of **Collins Street** ❽ is affectionately known as the 'Paris end'. Find **Hermes**, **Prada** and **Louis Vuitton** alongside heritage churches and the five star **Sofitel Melbourne** hotel.

Turn left at Spring Street to spy **The Hotel Windsor** ❾. Established in 1883, it predates London's Savoy and The Ritz in Paris. Book a famous high tea and check out the iconic bats on display at the Cricketers Bar.

Climb the steps at **Parliament House** ❿ for a view of the city. This site was a traditional meeting place for the East Kulin Nation, favoured for inter-clan gatherings and ceremonies. The Aboriginal flag has flown here since 2015.

Facing Parliament is the haunted **Princess Theatre** ❾. Federici the opera singing ghost brings good luck on opening nights – a seat is always left empty for him.

Stroll down Little Bourke Street and find yourself in the Southern Hemisphere's oldest **Chinatown** ❻. Stop for yum cha or dumplings in the **Midcity** and **Village Centre arcades**. Then see the Chinese dragons at the **Chinese Museum**. Locals love a hidden bar and Little Bourke Street has plenty, like the alfresco **Section 8** and the German-themed **Berlin Bar**.

Exit via the golden gateway at Swanston Street, and head left to shopping mecca **Bourke Street Mall** ⓫. Glamorous department stores **Myer** and **David Jones** have been keeping Melbourne stylish for more than 100 years.





📍 Bourke Street Mall

MORE CENTRAL SITES TO SEE

Want to see more of Melbourne's central sites? Find church turrets, stop by a slick new skyscraper and watch the sun sink behind the skyline from a favourite rooftop bar.

★ St Michael's Uniting Church

St Michael's Uniting Church is notable for its Romanesque arches, a turreted spire and multi-coloured brickwork, designed in the 1860s by Joseph Reed, who also designed the Melbourne Town Hall and Royal Exhibition Building. Find a moment of repose in Mingary – the Quiet Place, the church's peaceful sanctuary for people of all religions and cultures.

★ 80 Collins Street

In this sparkling new office tower complex you'll find luxury shopping from **Georg Jensen** and **\$ener Besim**, three levels of Gippsland farm-to-table dining at **Farmer's Daughters** and decadent champagne bar **Nick and Nora's**.

★ Old Treasury Building

Old Treasury Building was built in the Renaissance Revival style in the early 1860s to store gold bullion in vaults during the gold rush. Explore the vaults and visit exhibitions in the museum with a focus on unique aspects of Melbourne's heritage.

★ Curtin House

Curtin House has seven floors of bars, restaurants and independent retail including the high-octane Thai flavours of **Cookie** and quirky music venue and bar, **The Toff in Town**. There's also offbeat fashion, **Metropolis Bookshop** and the **Rooftop Bar**.



📍 Chinatown

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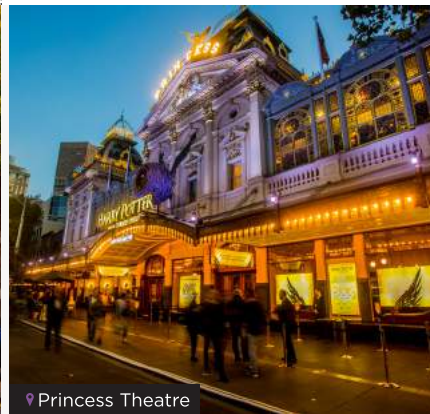
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To discover more about the Melbourne Town Hall, take a free guided tour of the historic building and the Art and Heritage Collection Tour. More information, visit the Melbourne Visitor Hub.



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📍 Princess Theatre

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The City of Melbourne respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land we govern, the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung and Bunurong / Boon Wurrung peoples of the Kulin Nation and pays respect to their Elders past and present.

We acknowledge and honour the unbroken spiritual, cultural and political connection they have maintained to this unique place for more than 2000 generations.

We accept the invitation in the Uluru Statement from the Heart and are committed to walking together to build a better future.

📍 MELBOURNE WALKS



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CITY OF MELBOURNE

From iconic corners to secret shortcuts, see the city centre like a local.



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HOURS



2.5
KILOMETRES

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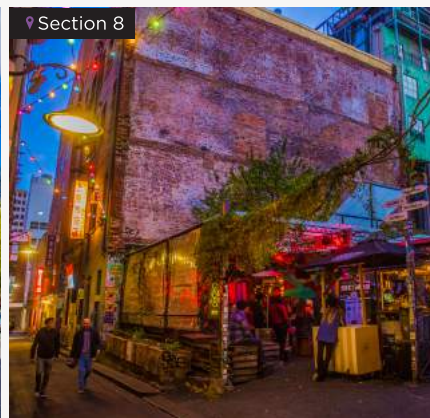
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📍 Fed Square



📍 Melbourne Town Hall



📍 Section 8