

YARRA RIVER DISCOVERY

Known by the Bunurong and Wurundjeri people as the Birrarung, 'river of mists'. The river was once a cultural meeting place for the Eastern Kulin, Melbourne and its waterfront is a vibrant mix of hospitality, the arts and recreation.

You can't miss the striking visage of Deborah Halpern's mosaic sculpture, **Ophelia** 91 (1992). Inspired by the character from Shakespeare's Hamlet, it is a cousin to Halpern's two-headed Angel at Birrarung Marr. Continue West on Southbank Promenade. On your left is **Southgate** 92, three levels of restaurants and boutique shopping.

Take **Evan Walker Bridge** 93 and cross over the river. It's named after Professor Walker, Melbourne's former planning minister and architect, who drove the transformation of the Southbank precinct. Keep your eyes peeled to your left for a gate, leading to a hidden stairway down to **Ponyfish Island** 94. A tiny nautical bar that floats on the Yarra. On the other side of the bridge is outdoor bar and restaurant **Arbory** 95. It spans the length of Flinders Street station, with uninterrupted riverfrontage. Sister venue Arbory Afloat is Melbourne's largest seasonal outdoor floating cocktail bar.

Head west away from the station, past the **Sandridge Railway Bridge** 96 on your left find the **Travellers** sculptures across the bridge celebrates Indigenous presence and the meeting of cultures through migration. On your ride site, you will find **Signal**, a creative studio for 14- to 25-year-olds, that offers young people creative workshops and mentorship with artists.

Dating back to 1891-92, the **Banana Alley Vaults** 97 earned

their enduring moniker from these early decades as a warehouse for wholesale fruit and produce.

Immigration Museum 98, housed in the historic **Customs House**, where you can delve into Australia's migration history. From there, head to **Enterprise Park** 99, named after the ship Enterprise. Led by John Pascoe Fawkner, his syndicate of Van Diemen's Land (now Tasmania) sheep farmers, which first moored here in 1835.

Cross Queens Bridge and descend the steps or ramp to Enterprise Wharf, where you'll find **The Falls** 100 — once a natural barrier between the freshwater Yarra River and the saltwater bay. Nearby, admire **Constellation** 11 (1996), The five stainless-steel, copper and Cyprus-pine figureheads on Enterprise Wharf depict a dragon, a woman, a bird, a man and a lion. Their forms reference the history of figurehead carving and suggest maritime sails and instruments.

Yarra Turning Basin 12, a historic port area that was crucial during the gold rush. The shipping trade grew quickly, making this an increasingly busy port. Ships unloaded at Customs House and could then turn around.

Explore **Scar - A Stolen Vision** 13, an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artwork in Enterprise Park. Made from wharf poles recycled from Queens Bridge, the sculptures evoke the Aboriginal cultural tradition of scarred or culturally modified trees. Next, visit **Sea Life Melbourne Aquarium** 14 for up-close encounters with marine life.

Cross at Kings Way over to the shady eucalypts of **Batman Park** 15 and Rebecca Walk. It was established in 1982 and named after pioneer of Melbourne, John Batman.





📍Ponyfish Island



📍Southgate



📍Evan Walker Bridge



📍MELBOURNE WALKS

EXPLORE MORE ALONG THE YARRA RIVER

You've walked along the Yarra, now try sailing up it. On A Boat at WTC Wharf offers easy to use (and quiet) electric boats for hire. Or jump on Yarra River Cruises from Federation Wharf for a guided tour of Melbourne's waterways. If harbour views of picturesque luxury yachts, ferries and pleasure boats is more your speed, head for Melbourne City Marina in Docklands.

Enjoy riverfront views and a whiff of the sea along South Wharf Promenade at restaurants and bars with outdoor seating. Choose from a Mediterranean menu at Boat Builders Yard, spicy Thai flavours at BangPop and gastro-pub fare at Common Man.

For more unique views of Melbourne's riverfront, head to the deckchairs by Library at the Dock at the end of Victoria Harbour Promenade.

Interested in more Aboriginal history?

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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 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.

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Discover Melbourne's historic waterfront, blending cultural heritage, art, and natural beauty.



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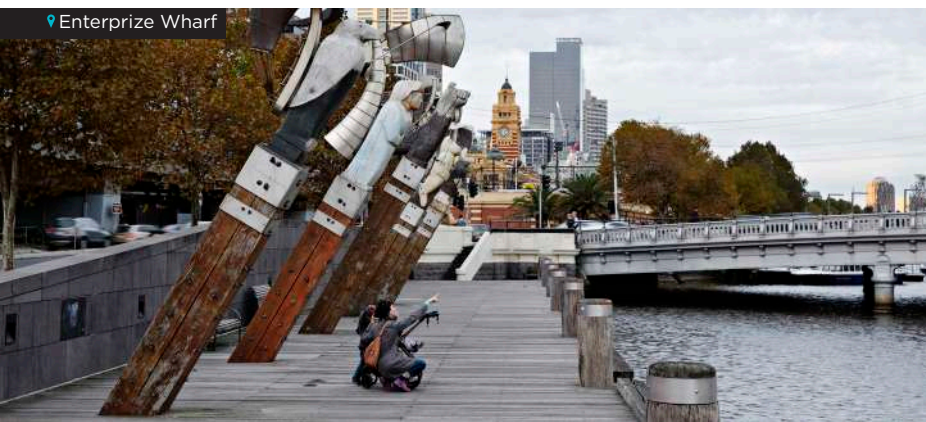


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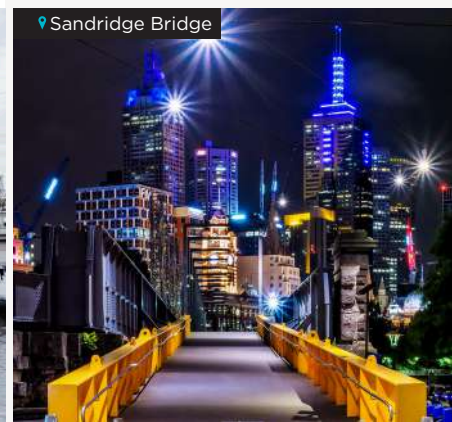
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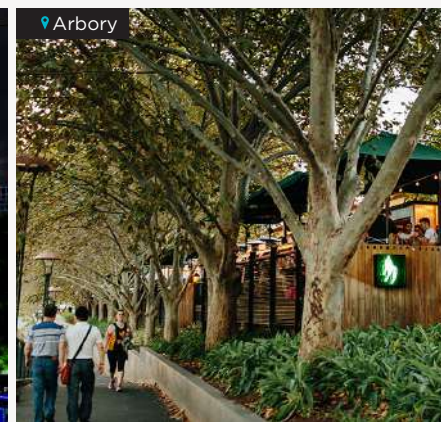
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📍Enterprize Wharf



📍Sandridge Bridge



📍Arbory