

THE 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 **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** ❷, 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** ❸ 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** ❹. 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** ❺ 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** ❻. 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** ❷. Stop for yum cha or dumplings in the **Midcity** and **Village Centre** arcades. Then see the winding 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** ❸. Glamorous department stores **Myer** and **David Jones** have been keeping Melbourne stylish for more than 100 years.





MELBOURNE WALKS

Bourke Street Mall

Chinatown

Princess Theatre

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.

120 Collins Street

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 Sener Besim, three levels of Gippsland farm-to-table dining at Farmer's Daughters and decadent champagne bar Nick and Nora's.

20 Spring Street

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.

252 Swanston Street

Curtin House has six 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 and Metropolis Bookshop. The Rooftop Bar hosts an outdoor cinema in the summer.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For opening hours contact City of Melbourne on 03 9658 9658 between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.

For more information head to whatson.melbourne.vic.gov.au

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Melbourne Visitor Booth in Bourke Street Mall

Queen Victoria Market Visitor Hub

Fitzroy Gardens Visitor Centre

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What's On Melbourne

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS

The City of Melbourne respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land, the Bunurong Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung peoples of the Eastern Kulin Nation and pays respect to their Elders past, present and emerging. We are committed to our reconciliation journey, because at its heart, reconciliation is about strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples, for the benefit of all Victorians.

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COVID-19 restrictions might affect opening hours for all attractions and venues, including our visitor centres. Please check with the venue before arriving.

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



1.5 HOURS



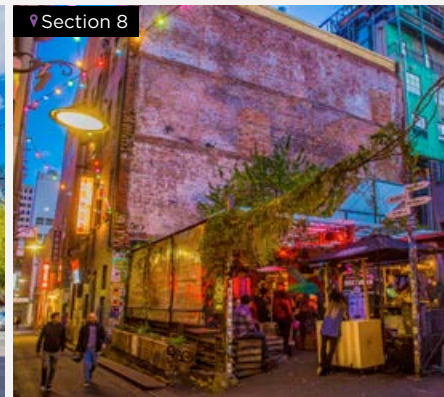
2.5 KILOMETERS



Fed Square



Melbourne Town Hall



Section 8

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