

MELBOURNE

Melbourne is the second-largest city in **Australia** and the capital of the south-eastern **state of Victoria**, located at the head of **Port Phillip Bay**. Melbourne is generally regarded as Australia's cultural capital. The city's features include Victorian-era architecture, extensive shopping, many cultural institutions such as museums, galleries and theatres, and large parks and gardens.

Melbourne's population is both multicultural (with large Greek, Italian, Jewish, Vietnamese and other immigrant communities) and sports-mad. Reasons for tourists to visit Melbourne are to attend major sporting events, to use it as a base for exploring surrounding regions such as **Grampians National Park**, The **Great Ocean Road**, and to visit **Phillip Island** to view the penguin parade.



Queen Victoria Market— Huge and colorful, with an assortment of fresh and dry produce and tonnes of souvenirs and other interesting things.

Southgate— Pretty promenade on the south bank of the Yarra, with lively restaurants, bars and a Sunday art & craft market.

Carlton. The attractions in Carlton are mostly historical as it houses the Melbourne museum, and cultural with its strong Italian heritage.

Melbourne Musuem— It is the largest museum in the Southern Hemisphere and home to seven main galleries, a children's gallery and a temporary exhibit gallery on three levels, Upper, Ground and Lower Level.

Melbourne Zoo— Usual assortment of zoo animals in a natural-like setting with lots of Australian native species too. Jazz at the Zoo is a popular weekend evening function over the summer months for a picnic, music and evening stroll around the animal enclosures.

St Kilda is Melbourne's beachside suburb and is tremendously popular area for beachcombers and those looking to grab a bite or sip on a latte by the sea.

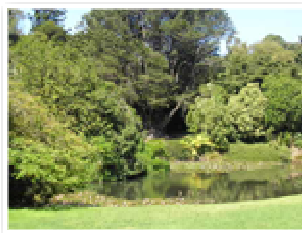
Royal Botanic Gardens— Water restrictions limit traditional floral gardens. It does have nice old trees, drought tolerant displays, a cafe and grassy places to loll about. In summer you can see outdoor movies and Shakespeare plays.

Chapel Street— Famous for its street cafes and designer fashion boutiques. Cheaper stores are found at its southern end.

Woodlands Historic Park— Immediately north of Melbourne Airport, contains an 1840s homestead and a nature reserve.

Brighton Beach— One of Melbourne's favoured beaches, be sure to check out the infamous 'bathing boxes', brightly coloured boxes that are dotted along the sand.

Fitzroy - Trendy 'bohemian' area north of the CBD, filled with eclectic, edgy cafes and stores.



AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX MELBOURNE

Each spring runs the **Australian Formula One Grand Prix** on the Albert Park circuit near Melbourne.

For more information: [Grand Prix in Melbourne](#)

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