

WELCOME TO MELBOURNE AUSTRALIA



MELBOURNE

Melbourne is a stable, prosperous city and a gateway to the Asia-Pacific region named the 'World's Most Liveable City' as named by the Economist Intelligence Unit for the seventh consecutive year in 2017. With its ease of navigation and temperate climate, visitors are drawn to Melbourne to explore its labyrinth of laneways and experience its innovative food and wine scene, thriving culture and year-round calendar of major events.

Melbourne offers excellent air access with 33 leading carriers flying to the city from 39 International destinations, 484 times per week. Melbourne's comprehensive transport network and touring companies will also enable delegates to travel to other parts of Victoria and Australia for pre and post touring.

For many delegates, this could be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit the 'Land Down Under' and have access to uniquely Australian experiences. An exciting and engaging social program can bring to life Australia's diverse culture and extensive array of natural attractions.

Around Melbourne itself are inspiring day trips to the [Yarra Valley](#) and [Mornington Peninsula](#) wine regions, the [Great Ocean Road](#), the Penguin Parade at [Phillip Island](#), historic [Sovereign Hill](#) and [Healesville Sanctuary](#).

Further afield, Melbourne's airport offers easy access to attractions, including [Sydney](#), [Uluru](#) (Ayer's Rock) in the outback, the [Great Barrier Reef](#) and the wonderful beach resorts of the [Whitsunday Islands](#).

FAST FACTS

- > Australia's multicultural hub, representing over 230 ethnic communities with more than 180 languages spoken
- > UNESCO City of Literature
- > A 'Safe City' as classified by the World Health Organisation
- > More than 6,500 restaurants, cafes, bistros and bars within 15 minutes of the city centre
- > Home to Australia's major sporting and cultural events, including:
 - > [Spring Racing Carnival, featuring the Melbourne Cup](#)
 - > [Australian Open Tennis](#)
 - > [Australian Formula 1 Grand Prix](#)
 - > [Melbourne Food and Wine Festival](#)
 - > [Melbourne International Comedy Festival](#)

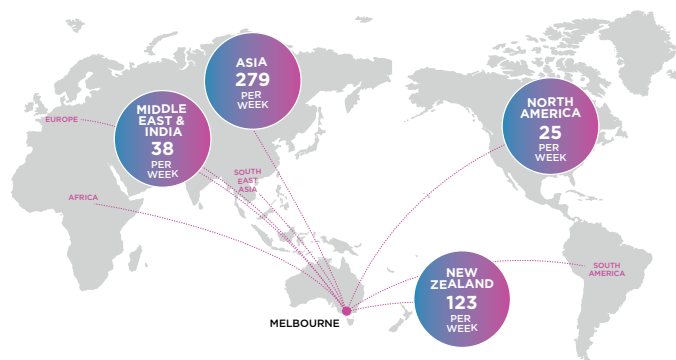
VISAS

Australia's Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) is the world's most advanced and streamlined travel authorisation system.

ETA allows citizens from 30+ countries to access an instant online application. If your country is not listed under ETA, your visa will be processed by the nearest Australian visa processing office. If your country does not have a visa office, VFS Global can process your application. For more information, <http://www.border.gov.au/>

FLYING TO MELBOURNE

Melbourne Airport is open 24 hours, is curfew free and just a 20 minute drive from the city centre. Getting to Melbourne may be less expensive and easier than you think!



ACCOMMODATION

A wide range of accommodation options are available in the city centre; from budget to self-contained apartments and world-class hotels.

Most major hotel chains are represented in Melbourne, including Hyatt, Marriott, Sheraton, Sofitel, Novotel, Travelodge, Holiday Inn, Hilton, InterContinental, The Langham and Westin.

WEATHER (Average daily temperatures):

			
25°C/78°F	21°C/69°F	16°C/58°F	20°C/67°F
Summer	Autumn	Winter	Spring
December - February	March - May	June - August	September - November

GETTING AROUND MELBOURNE

- > Great walking and wheelchair accessible city
- > Tourist Shuttle Bus
- > Free Public transport in the city centre
- > Free City Circle Tourist Tram
- > Free 15 language Melbourne greeter service

EASY AIRPORT AND CITY ACCESS

- Taxis** AU\$45 approximately
- Skybus** AU\$18 - Every 10-15 minutes direct to the city centre

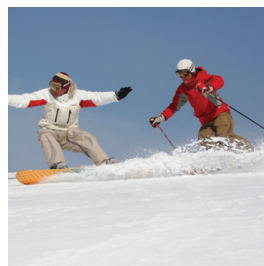
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EXPLORATION STARTS HERE



MURRAY REGION

The world's third longest navigable river, the Murray River, forms the border between New South Wales and Victoria before heading south through South Australia to the ocean. The Murray River region is the state's very own Australian outback, blessed with a mild Mediterranean climate and a range of outdoor activities.



VICTORIA'S HIGH COUNTRY

Head for the spectacular scenery and high altitude of Victoria's high country. The region is renowned for its welcoming villages, long traditions of wine making, fine local produce, adventure and outdoor activities in the breathtaking alpine scenery. Take to the slopes for skiing in winter, or in the warmer months explore the mountains on horseback or bike.



YARRA VALLEY

Less than one hour's drive from Melbourne, the picturesque Yarra Valley is famous for its vineyards, rolling green hills and the pleasures of locally produced food and wine. The Dandenong Ranges is a popular escape for its mountain scenery, forests and fern gullies. Drive, walk, wander or float through in a hot air balloon.



PHILLIP ISLAND

Phillip Island is a popular destination for its nature and wildlife, as well as its international motor racing events. Just 90 minutes from Melbourne, experience the famous Penguin Parade, Australia's most popular wildlife event, where every day at dusk a parade of little penguins emerge from the sea and make their way to their burrows in the sand dunes.



GREAT OCEAN ROAD

One of the world's most scenic drives, the Great Ocean Road follows Victoria's stunning south-western coastline past the famous Twelve Apostles. From Torquay, south of Geelong, to Peterborough, east of Warrnambool, the 243-kilometre road winds along cliff tops, moves under the canopies of lush rainforests and cruises down to the shoreline.



DAYLESFORD AND MACEDON RANGES

Daylesford and Macedon Ranges is the state's capital of indulgence, offering spa retreats and natural springs, great cafés and fine dining just over an hour from Melbourne. More than 80 per cent of Australia's naturally occurring mineral springs are found in the region.



GRAMPIANS

The Grampians region, with its expansive landscapes, has stunning national and state parks, indigenous history and breathtaking scenery. The Grampians National Park features spectacular rocky outcrops, 200 bird species, Aboriginal heritage trails and Victoria's largest collection of rock art. Survey its beauty by following one of the region's 40 walking tracks.



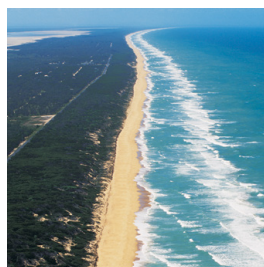
GOLDFIELDS

When gold was discovered in Victoria over 150 years ago it left a lasting legacy within the towns of Ballarat, Bendigo, Castlemaine and Maryborough. Pan for gold at Sovereign Hill and explore the region's beautiful architecture, grand public buildings, statues, fountains and exquisite gardens - all reminders of that rich bygone era.



MORNINGTON PENINSULA

From mushroom foraging walks in winter, to strawberry picking in summer, Mornington Peninsula is awash with outstanding local produce that is found in the many award-winning restaurants in the region. While in the area be sure to get lost in Ashcombe Maze or soak any worries away at the Peninsula Hot Springs.



GIPPSLAND

Escape to the eastern corner of Victoria and be rewarded with natural landscapes of unparalleled beauty. Visit quaint seaside villages and alpine towns; fill up on farm-fresh produce; get active on the region's lakes, rivers and mountain ranges; or simply relax on the pristine beaches.