

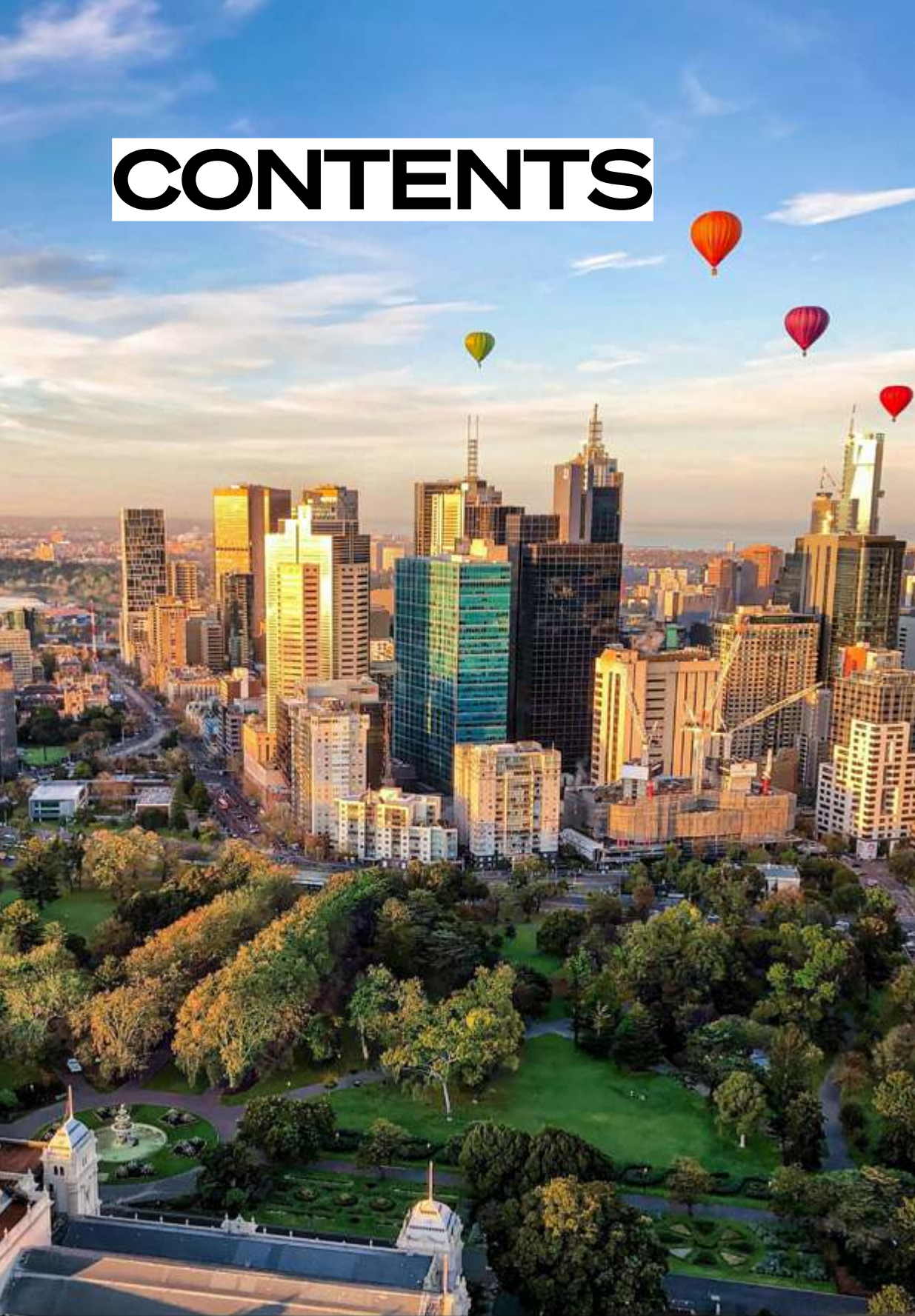


MELBOURNE 2026 EXPERIENCE PLAYBOOK

A SELECTION OF MELBOURNE'S BEST PLACES, SPACES
AND THINGS TO DO, SEE, EAT AND DRINK.

MELBOURNE EVERY BIT
DIFFERENT

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FLIGHT RECOVERY

Melbourne is basically your post-flight reset button, packed with feel-good rituals that coax your body back to life after a long haul from the States. You can soak, stretch, cycle, float, or even pick up a paddle or basketball—whatever gets the blood moving and the fog lifting. It's the kind of city that hands you your energy back with a wink and a warm welcome.



SPA DAY!

Sense of Self (SOS) offers a grounding escape where slow rituals, warm bathing, and thoughtful design help you reconnect with your body after long travel. It's a restorative pause that melts away jetlag and invites you back into your natural rhythm with calm, contemporary ease.

30-32 Easey St, Collingwood

FLEX THOSE YOGA SKILLS

Head to South Yarra's **One Hot Yoga** studio is like walking into a luxury spa with a calm and elegant design. Classes range from meditation to Power Flow yoga. One Hot Yoga's signature class, Slow Hot Flow, is held in a sizzling 99-degree Fahrenheit room for one hour, which is slightly cooler than Bikram or other hot yoga classes, making it perfect for targeting your core and improving balance

36 River St, South Yarra



CYCLING BY THE YARRA RIVER

Get out and about with a ride along the Yarra River by bicycle! Along the River you will have sweeping views of leafy banks, Melbourne's iconic skyline, and calm water that instantly slows your breathing. A refreshing way to shake off the heaviness of travel and get your bearings of this beautiful city.

THE JAR (PICKLEBALL)

Melbourne's newest social pickleball hub, a bright and energetic indoor space designed for easy rallies and low-pressure play. A quick game gets your body moving, boost your mood, and ease back into your natural rhythm.

29 White St, South Melbourne

COURTSIDE BASKETBALL

Wake up your muscles and reset the internal clock with a few easy shots, a little movement, and the buzz of this brand new space in Melbourne to help you shake off that foggy post-flight feeling.

552 Graham St, Port Melbourne

MELBOURNE AND VICTORIA'S 'HALL OF FAME' EXPERIENCES

The key to discovering Melbourne and regional Victoria is to look beyond the surface. What makes this state truly memorable is found in the richness of the experiences, creativity and unexpected moments that await around every corner.



1 ORDER A CLASSIC MELBOURNE COFFEE

Order a 'Magic', rarely found on a menu but a popular coffee order available at most Melbourne cafes - **Market Lane**, **Patricia** and **St. ALi** are safe bets. For those with a sweet tooth, head to **Good Measure** in Carlton for their insta-famous 'Mont Blanc' (cold brew with sugar syrup, topped with cream, orange zest and nutmeg).

2 SEE A PARADE OF LITTLE PENGUINS AT SUNSET

Watch penguins dash across the sand to their burrows each evening at **Phillip Island Penguin Parade**, 90 minutes from Melbourne. Keep an eye out for other resident wildlife, including swamp wallabies, Eastern barred bandicoots and Cape Barren geese.





3 LOOK FOR A HIDDEN BAR OR RESTAURANT

You can't say you've experienced Melbourne without getting lost. Go on a journey to find the elevator to **Goldilocks Rooftop Bar**, the hidden laneway that houses modern Asian restaurant **Lucy Liu** or the bookcase that leads to **State of Grace's** hidden cellar bar (just to name a few).



4 POSE WITH THE NGV WATERWALL

Take a moment with the **National Gallery of Victoria's** Waterwall feature at the entrance, in addition to their exclusive exhibitions. Water constantly cascades down glass to create a natural filter between the calm of the gallery and the hustle and bustle of the city.



5 LEARN ABOUT INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIAN CULTURE

Take an Aboriginal walking tour with **Koorie Heritage Trust**, located across the road from **Flinders Street Station**, and learn about the world's oldest continuous living culture. See art installations and learn about the significance of **Birrarung Marr**, on the banks of the **Yarra River**. At the end of tour, explore Koorie Heritage Trust's public gallery and their cultural shop.

6 EXPLORE THE ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS

The **Royal Botanic Gardens** are Melbourne's green heart, spanning 38 hectares of beautifully landscaped gardens filled with native and exotic plants. Visitors can unwind among abundant wildlife, enjoy picnics and walking trails, experience a serene cruise with Punting on the Lake or gain a deeper understanding of Country through the popular **Aboriginal Heritage Walk**.

*Due to seasonality, this experience is unavailable June-August



7 DANGLE YOUR LEGS ON THE PUFFING BILLY RAILWAY

Step back in time at Australia's oldest and best preserved heritage steam railway located just outside of the city. Ride through lush fern gullies from **Belgrave** to **Emerald** in the **Dandenong Ranges** and dangle your legs out the open side carriages.

8 TRY CULT-FAVOURITES AT THESE MELBOURNE MARKETS

Visit one of Melbourne's markets (on an empty stomach) and make sure to try some iconic favourites: a borek or jam donut from **Queen Victoria Market**, a dim sim (an Australian snack invention, similar to a dumpling) at **South Melbourne Market** or a cheese toastie from **Maker & Monger** at Prahran Market.



9 WANDER THROUGH LANEWAYS & STREET ART

Stumble upon artworks and leafy laneways at AC/DC Lane, Guildford Place, Hosier Lane, Meyers Place and more. Looking for a guide? Try Localing's walking tour or get them to curate a tour based on your interests.

10 LIVE LIKE A LOCAL IN MELBOURNE'S NEIGHBOURHOODS

Spare some extra time to explore Melbourne's inner neighbourhoods which are often a walk, tram or train ride away from the city. We'll name a few places to start, but take some time to walk around the streets to immerse yourself in the vibe and live like a local.

- + Order unique cheesecake flavours by the weight at **Lulu & me** cheesecakes (Collingwood)
- + Try vegemite and white chocolate ice-cream at **Fluffy Torpedo** (Fitzroy)
- + Dig into the signature steak frites with herb sauce at **Entrecote** (Prahran)
- + Watch the sunset with a cocktail at **Beverly Rooftop** (South Yarra)



PRIVATE TOURING EXPERIENCES

EXPRESS CITY TOURS

These guided city experiences are 2-3 hours in duration and run privately for 2-10 people

MELBOURNE ZOO

Get lost in a world of wildlife just outside Melbourne's city centre. See unique Australian wildlife like koalas and kangaroos. Make sure to book an experience if you want to enter the exhibit accompanied by a zoo keeper. Then look out for animals from across the globe such as giraffes, red pandas and lions.

MELBOURNE BY E-BIKE PRIVATE DAY TOUR

Glide through lanes, parks and river edges on a relaxed private ride that doubles as a smart city orientation. Stop for coffee, detour for views or a hidden building, and let your host tune the pace to your energy and curiosity. See how Melbourne connects when you are moving at human speed.



FOODIE WALKING TOUR

Taste your way through Melbourne's unique and dynamic food scene on a tight, high-hit wander of markets, laneways and small kitchens locals actually use. Follow a host who knows where to duck in, what to try, and how to stitch the city's flavours together with just enough context and a lot of pleasure.

PRIVATE GUIDED CITY TOUR

Get a personal introduction to Melbourne's story, neighbourhoods and character. Explore by car or on foot, with a host curating the route around what you are into, from architecture and gardens to sport culture, immigrant history, design, and the places locals quietly love.



DINNER TALES AND COCKTAILS

Start in a proper Melbourne bar, then move into dinner at a place that fits the mood. Let your host guide the rhythm, share the after-dark story of the city, and open doors to a few favourite corners you would not find alone. A night that feels easy, intimate, and very Melbourne.

GOBOAT MELBOURNE

GoBoat Melbourne offers electric picnic boat hire on Melbourne’s **Yarra River (Birrarung)**. Be your own captain, with up to eight people on board. No boat licence or boating experience is required and the boats are super easy to operate. Explore Melbourne from a whole new perspective, departing from **Banana Alley Wharf** - a five minute walk from **Flinders Street Station**.



STREET ART IMMERSION (PRIVATE)

Step past the postcard lanes and into the living street art culture. Wander alleyways, stairwells and tucked-away walls with a guide who knows the artists, the politics, and what is fresh right now. See pieces that might be gone next week, and hear the stories that make them matter.

ABORIGINAL NARRM TOUR (PRIVATE)

Walk on Country with an Aboriginal guide who has a story to tell. Hear the deep-time history of Naarm, learn how culture is lived today, and see the city through a more truthful lens. Leave with context that changes how Melbourne feels under your feet.

HALF DAY TOURS

These tours run for approximately 5 hours and can be booked privately for 2-10 people



BOROUGHES OF MELBOURNE

Slip out of the CBD and into the neighbourhoods where Melbourne’s real personality lives. Move through different boroughs with a host curating coffee culture, boutique retail, small galleries, bakeries, street life and a few sharp scenic stops. Each area brings its own mood, and the route flexes with your interests.

PRIVATE NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA EXPERIENCE

Explore the NGV with a specialist guide who will shape the visit around what you care about, skipping the obvious and leaning into works that speak to you. Opt into something rarer again with an exclusive out-of-hours visit and/or a behind-the-scenes look at the conservation department, where you will see how priceless works are preserved and restored.



**MELBOURNE’S CREATIVE
ART + DESIGN SCENE**

Step into Melbourne’s creative engine for a half-day of studios, small galleries, showrooms and architecture. Follow a host who knows the people behind the work and will tailor the route to your taste. Contemporary, insider-led, and lightly paced.



**BOUTIQUE GUIDED
SHOPPING EXPERIENCE**

Shop Melbourne the way locals with taste do. Move between designers, concept stores, jewellers, vintage specialists and quiet ateliers, matched to your style and interests. Whether browsing or buying, enjoy a route that feels effortless, genuinely local, and quietly special.

**ULTIMATE WINE AT TEN
MINUTES BY TRACTOR**

Moonlit Sanctuary opens the day with an up-close wildlife encounter. Then it’s on to Mornington for a refined wine tasting, vineyard stories, and a long coastal-leaning lunch. A streamlined half-day for guests who like things done well and without fuss.



**MELBOURNE SPORTS
EXPERIENCE**

Experience Melbourne’s world famous sporting precinct first hand and understand why sport forms the fabric of this vibrant city’s sporting heritage and then walk past some of the most state-of-the-art stadia in the world, including the majestic Melbourne Cricket Ground and Melbourne Park home of the Australian Open.

FULL DAY TOURS

These tours run for approximately 5 hours and can be booked privately for 2-10 people



ICONIC GREAT OCEAN ROAD AND TWELVE APOSTLES (PRIVATE TOUR)

Take on Australia’s iconic coastal drive privately and without the herd. Follow your host along the long way where it matters, with walks, lookouts and wildlife wonders that earn their keep and a rhythm built around your energy. Expect big scenery, clean air, and a string of well-chosen surprises.

SEASIDE SOJOURN ON THE BELLARINE PENINSULA (PRIVATE TOUR)

Spend a sea-air day on the Bellarine tuned for produce, views and a relaxed pace. Begin on the water with a private mussel charter, then drift through a distillery stop and a beautiful lunch at Jack Rabbit with sweeping bay outlooks.



A DAY OUT ON THE MORNINGTON PENINSULA (PRIVATE TOUR)

Set out for a full-day Peninsula sampler with a luxury bias. Soak at Alba Thermal Springs if you are in the mood, take in coastal lookouts, and visit standout wineries like Pt Leo Estate and Polperro Winery. Let your host keep the pacing spacious and the choices mood-led.

ULTIMATE YARRA VALLEY WINERY ESCAPE

Head into the world-renowned Yarra Valley for a day balancing wine, spirits and landscape. Move through private tastings, a Four Pillars distillery stop for the world's best gin, and a touch of Healesville wildlife charm, anchored by a flavorful lunch. Deep but unforced, with room for upgrades if you want extra exclusivity.



OPTION TO ELEVATE TO HELICOPTER TRANSFERS

Elevate any full-day regional experience with helicopter transfers from Melbourne. Let your host handle timing and logistics, and enjoy a dramatic aerial entry that makes the day feel lighter, more exclusive, and more fun.



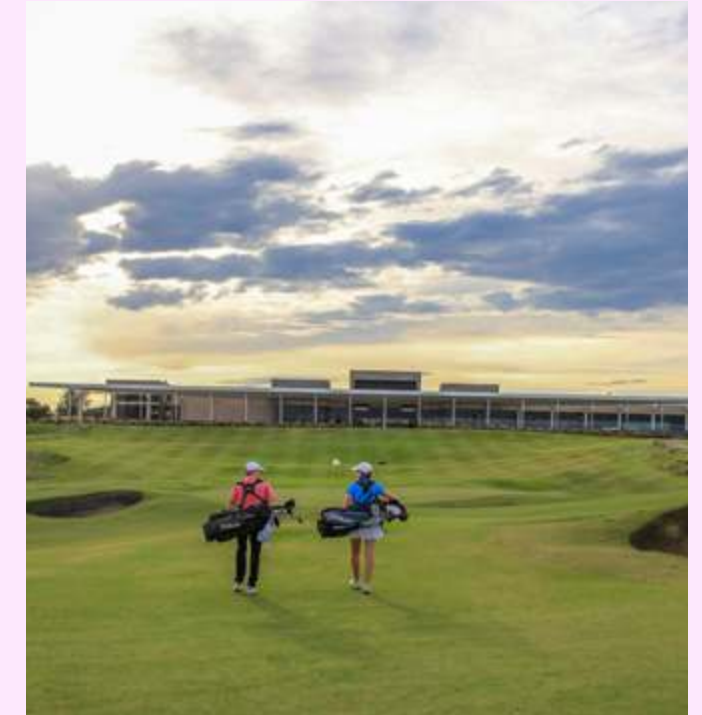
SPECIAL TEAMS EXPERIENCES FOR GROUPS OF 2 - 50+

In between Melbourne's famous coffee, inspired streets and world-class food there is a range of activities for groups to make your stay in Melbourne memorable.



TEE UP AT ICONIC SANDBELT GOLF COURSES

From the city and the bay to the hills and beyond, Victoria offers a wide range of golf experiences. Tailor your trip to take in championship courses designed by award-winning architects. Golf Melbourne's Sandbelt, a quiet heavyweight in global golf. For those in the know, this cluster holds one of the greatest concentrations of world-class courses anywhere on the planet, with Royal Melbourne, Kingston Heath and The Metropolitan among the standouts. Let your host handle tee times, transfers and pacing, while sharing the history, conditions and club culture that make the Sandbelt so revered.



PENINSULA GOLF ADVENTURE BY HELICOPTER

Take off for an exclusive helicopter golf day at Peppers Moonah Links Golf Resort including a scenic helicopter flight over Mornington Peninsula to the Moonah Links Golf Course from Melbourne. Land directly at Moonah Links and spend the day playing golf at one of the top golf courses in Victoria. Enjoy lunch with panoramic views of the golf course at the Spike Bar before taking a return helicopter flight to Melbourne.



CATCH SOME BARRELS AT URBNSURF

URBNSURF Melbourne is Australia’s first urban surfing park, located just minutes from Melbourne’s Airport’s terminals and a short drive from the Melbourne CBD. Within the park’s crystal clear surfing lagoon, there are gentle waves ideal for beginners, through to steep, barrelling waves that will challenge even the most experienced surfers. URBNSURF Melbourne offers a range of surf sessions and lessons. Kick back afterwards at onsite restaurant Three Black Ducks for a casual meal using Victorian produce.

309 Melrose Drive, Melbourne Airport

KICK OFF AT THE ‘G’: PRIVATE AUSSIE RULES FOOTBALL IMMERSION

Step into the heart of Aussie Rules with a private AFL experience at the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground or ‘G’ as it is known to Australians. Guided by a professional player, guests will learn the rules, practice kicking drills, and feel the thrill of the game firsthand. The adventure continues with a premium backstage tour of the MCG, offering exclusive access to hidden corners and stories behind Australia’s most celebrated sporting arenas.

Melbourne Cricket Ground,
120 Brunton Avenue, East Melbourne



GET HANDS ON WITH A STREET ART WORKSHOP

Take inspiration from Melbourne’s vast array of street art pieces, then explore your own talent with a spray can and blank canvas. Melbourne Street Art Tours’ workshops are run by street artists who will provide you with all the tips and tricks to help you find your inner-artist and create something memorable to take with you and leave on the Melbourne streets.

The Blender Studios, 400 Spencer St,
West Melbourne

UP AND AWAY IN A HOT AIR BALLOON OVER MELBOURNE

Did you know that Melbourne is the only major city in the world you can travel over by balloon? Imagine starting the day feeling the warmth of flames gently inflating the balloon, the thrill of seeing the sun rise over legendary city landmarks, floating peacefully above the Yarra River, followed by a sparkling buffet breakfast at the 5 star Pullman Melbourne on the Park hotel.

Meet at Pullman Melbourne on the Park, 192 Wellington
Parade, East Melbourne





KAYAK ALONG THE YARRA RIVER IN MELBOURNE

Kayak Melbourne specializes in guided kayak tours, paddling along the Yarra River between Victoria Harbour and Melbourne Park, passing by historical sites and key landmarks such as the Bolte Bridge, Polly Woodside, Eureka Tower and Crown Casino. Day and evening tours are available, with evening tours including a unique on-water dining experience. Groups of up to 40 can be accommodated on the river.

Community Boating Hub at The Dock,
912 Collins St, Docklands

PRIVATE GROUP DINING

NGV BANQUET OF CLEOPATRA PRIVATE DINNER

Experience an unforgettable evening of music, art, and fine dining at the National Gallery of Victoria (NGV) in Melbourne where all four levels of the gallery will be yours, for the evening. Arrive at the iconic NGV waterfall where you will be escorted on a private tour of the gallery to discover the extraordinary highlights of the acclaimed international collection. Then indulge in dinner, set within the gallery space in front of the revered masterpiece, Giambattista Tiepolo's The Banquet of Cleopatra accompanied by live and intimate music performances.

180 St. Kilda Road, Melbourne



STARWARD DISTILLERY & BAR

Groups of up to 40 guests can immerse themselves in a private cocktail masterclass and barrel tasting experience. Guided by expert bartenders and whiskey makers, participants will learn the art of crafting signature cocktails while discovering the nuances of Starward's award winning whiskey. The experience continues with an exclusive barrel tasting straight from the cask, offering rare insights into the maturation process, all set within the distillery's vibrant space complete with personalized Whiskey bottles.

50 Bertie St, Port Melbourne

FARMER'S DAUGHTERS

Farmer's Daughters is a farm-to-table three-level venue located within the prestigious 80 Collins Precinct. It highlights the abundant food offering of Victoria's Gippsland region, but from the heart of Melbourne's city center. Try their Gippsland set menu and be transported to Gippsland's mountains, rivers and beaches through ingredients such as trout, mussels and venison. Can host up to 48 seated guests.

95 Exhibition St, 80 Collins Precinct, Melbourne



EXPERIENCES

CUMULUS INC.

Cumulus Inc. is located in Melbourne’s famous art and fashion precinct, Flinders Lane. Celebrating the historic turn of the century rag trade building in which it is located, the space is a busy social hub offering a seasonal menu that celebrates the very best in Victorian produce. The menu celebrates local ingredients at the peak of their season and the service is relaxed, approachable and purposeful with dishes intended to share. Exclusive dining is available for 50-70 guests.

45 Flinders Lane, Melbourne



GRILL AMERICANO

An evening of decadent Italian dining awaits at Grill Americano — an iconic Flinders Lane restaurant reminiscent of elegant Melbourne brasseries from the 1960s through to the early ‘80s. The menu has been meticulously designed to hero some of Australia’s finest growers and producers. Think fresh seafood, impeccable cuts of beef, handmade pastas, and decadent tiramisu served tableside with private dining for 50 seated.

112 Flinders Lane, Melbourne



BEYOND THE CITY

PT. LEO ESTATE PRIVATE DINING IN LAURA (MORNINGTON PENINSULA)

A private dining experience at Pt. Leo Estate offers guests an elegant immersion into Mornington Peninsula’s finest food and wine only 90 minutes from Melbourne. Whether in the award winning Laura restaurant or the main Pt. Leo dining space, menus showcase seasonal Victorian produce paired with estate wines, all against the backdrop of sweeping vineyard and sculpture park views. With bespoke service and curated menus, each gathering feels both intimate and indulgent, celebrating the very best of regional craftsmanship. Up to 40 guests in Laura (fine dining), up to 110 in Pt. Leo Restaurant.

3649 Frankston – Flinders Rd, Merricks



LEVANTINE HILL WITH MICROFLITE (YARRA VALLEY)
This helicopter winery tour includes a helicopter tour from Melbourne and private landing at Levantine Hill Winery. Your winery lunch begins with wine tasting and a Mediterranean-inspired snack platter followed by a shared dining experience of three, five or seven courses at the award-winning Levantine Hill restaurant. A wine tour by helicopter to Levantine Hill is guaranteed to be an unforgettable dining experience in the Yarra Valley.

882 Maroondah Hwy, Coldstream

BRAE (GREAT OCEAN ROAD)
Australia’s premier dining destination. Brae offers a unique, nature-based hospitality experience that has earned national and international acclaim for over a decade. Set in Victoria’s Otways, guests are invited to explore the landscape and connect with the source of their food. Chef-owner Dan Hunter creates a seasonal, multi-course menu built around locality. Can host 30-40 guests.

4285 Cape Otway Rd, Birregurra



DOMAINE CHANDON (YARRA VALLEY)
Since 1986, Chandon, a global sparkling-wine Maison born in France has called Victoria’s Yarra Valley home – a place where cool climate and diverse terroir meet to create exceptional sparkling wine with elegance, vibrancy and distinction. Just an hour from Melbourne, visitors can explore the largest collection of méthode traditionnelle sparkling wines in the country. Enjoy guided tastings at the cellar door, dine at the modern restaurant overlooking the vines, or elevate your visit with a hosted wine experience.

727 Maroondah Hwy, Coldstream

ALBA THERMAL SPRINGS WITH LUNCH @ THYME (MORNINGTON PENINSULA)
Alba Thermal Springs and Spa is a world-class luxury wellness sanctuary located in the heart of Victoria’s Mornington Peninsula. Alba’s restaurant Thyme showcases locally-sourced, seasonal produce in an all-day menu created by well-known Melbourne chef, Karen Martini. Combine your dining experience with contemporary bathing including rain, botanical, forest, sunset pools and private pools on the rooftop and The Terrace.

282 Browns Rd, Fingal



PRE-GAME COFFEE, BAKERIES & BRUNCH

You can't leave Australia's coffee capital without a taste of our espresso. Find excellent brews around every corner, as well as some creative spins on the classics. Enjoy your cup in true Melbourne fashion - alongside some brunch or fresh pastries.



CITY (CBD)



CODE BLACK COFFEE

Specialty coffee roastery offering single-origin brews, brunch, and coffee cocktails.

Multiple Locations



MARKET LANE COFFEE

B Corp-certified roaster focused on ethically sourced beans, pour-over coffee, and seasonal blends. The Collins Street café looks out onto the tree-lined boulevard.

8 Collins St, Melbourne
Instagram: @marketlanecoffee



AXIL COFFEE ROASTERS

Melbourne-born roastery known for precision sourcing, award-winning blends, and a strong café presence.

Multiple CBD spots
Instagram: @axilcoffee



HIGHER GROUND

All-day dining in a heritage-listed powerhouse with soaring ceilings, specialty coffee, and curated menus.

650 Little Bourke St, Melbourne
Instagram: @highergroundmelbourne

CITY SURROUNDS



FLORIAN (CARLTON)
A cozy, produce-driven eatery serving breakfast, coffee, and wine in a relaxed, European-inspired setting.

617 Rathdowne St, Carlton North
Instagram: @florian_carlton

CIBI
Japanese-inspired café and design store offering wholesome breakfasts and curated homewares.

33-39 Keele St, Collingwood
Instagram: @cibi_minanoie



LUNE CROISSANTERIE
Melbourne’s cult croissant destination, blending science and art for world-class pastries.

Multiple Locations



HECTOR’S DELI
Iconic sandwich shop serving generous toasties, brekkie muffins, and inventive fillings.

Multiple locations (South Melbourne, Richmond, Fitzroy)
Instagram: @hectorsdeli



INDUSTRY BEANS
Minimalist café and roastery offering precision coffee, tech-driven service, and seasonal brunch.

70-76 Westgarth St, Fitzroy
Instagram: @industrybeans

SANI
Mediterranean-inspired café known for vibrant plates, specialty coffee, and a relaxed vibe.

63-67 Lygon St, Brunswick East
Instagram: @sanimelbourne



ST ALI
Pioneer of Melbourne’s specialty coffee scene, serving bold brews and inventive brunch.

Multiple Locations



PRO BOWLS... & PLATES MELBOURNE'S TOP DINING ESTABLISHMENTS

Gimlet
AT CAVENDISH HOUSE

HIGH END / OCCASION DINING IN THE CITY

GIMLET

European brasserie with wood-fired dishes and classic cocktails. Private Dining: Palm Room seats 8–12 guests.

Instagram: @gimlet.melbourne
Address: 33 Russell St, Melbourne



CUTLER & CO

Contemporary Australian, seasonal produce. Private Dining: Dedicated room seats 40 guests.

Instagram: @cutlerandco
Address: 55–57 Gertrude St, Fitzroy



GRILL AMERICANO

Italian steakhouse with premium Australian beef. Private Dining: Private space approx. 12–16 guests.

Instagram: @grillamericano
Address: 112 Flinders Lane, Melbourne



MAISON BÂTARD

Modern French with Mediterranean influence. Private Dining: Multiple rooms for 10–20 guests.

Instagram: @maisonbatard
Address: 23 Bourke St, Melbourne



FLOWER DRUM

Fine-dining Cantonese cuisine.
Private Dining: Rooms for 10–40 guests.

Instagram: @flowerdrumrestaurant
Address: 17 Market Lane, Melbourne



YIAGA

Modern Australian tasting menu.
Private Dining: Semi-private space for 8 guests.

Instagram: @yiaga.melbourne
Address: The Pavilion, Fitzroy Gardens, East Melbourne

**HIGH END /
OCCASION DINING IN
CITY SURROUNDS:**

STOKEHOUSE (ST KILDA)

Modern Australian with seafood focus
Private Dining | Cellar room seats 9-14 guests

Instagram: @stokehousestkildabeach
Address: 30 Jacka Blvd, St Kilda



ATTICA (RIPPONLEA)

Innovative Australian fine dining.
Private Dining | Private space for 8-12 guests

Instagram: @atticamelbourne
Address: 74 Glen Eira Rd, Ripponlea



AMARU (MALVERN)

Progressive Australian tasting menus.
Private Dining: Intimate space for 6–8 guests.

Instagram: @amarumelbourne
Address: 1121 High St, Armadale

YUGEN (SOUTH MELBOURNE)

Modern Asian with Japanese influence.
Private Dining: Golden Orb seats 8 guests.

Instagram: @yugenrestaurant
Address: 605 Chapel St, South Yarra



ENTRECÔTE (PRAHRAN)

French steakhouse and bistro.
Private Dining: Private space for 10–20 guests.

Instagram: @entrecotemelbourne
Address: 142 Greville St, Prahran

**ENTER VIA LAUNDRY
(CARLTON NORTH)**

Indian-inspired degustation.
Private Dining: Entire venue seats 8–10 guests.

Instagram: @entervialaundry
Address: Carlton North VIC
(exact address provided upon booking)

FUN / GOOD VIBES
IN THE CITY:

DISUKO

Japanese izakaya with omakase and rooftop vibes inspired by 1980s Tokyo. Private Dining: Tokyo Sky Mezzanine seats up to 30 guests.

Instagram: @disuko.melbourne
Address: Level 3, 59–63 Bourke St, Melbourne

BKK / HER BAR

Thai BBQ canteen (BKK) + French-inspired cocktails (HER Bar). Private Dining: Semi-private dining for 10–35 guests; full venue up to 60 seated / 100 standing.

Instagram: @her.melbourne
Address: 270 Lonsdale St, Melbourne



EMBLA

Contemporary Australian wine bar with wood-fired cooking. Private Dining: Spaces for 8–30 guests.

Instagram: @embla_melbourne
Address: 122 Russell St, Melbourne

MARMELO

Portuguese-inspired, wood-fired dishes with Iberian influences. Private Dining: Corvo Room seats up to 14 guests; other spaces up to 38 guests.

Instagram: @marmelo.melbourne
Address: 130 Russell St, Melbourne

SOI 38

Authentic Thai street food and boat noodles. Private Dining: No dedicated private room; casual group dining available.

Instagram: @soi38
Address: 38 Mcllwraith Pl, Melbourne

SUPERNORMAL

Asian-inspired dining with Japanese and Korean influences. Private Dining: Dedicated room seats 40 guests (60 standing); karaoke option.

Instagram: @supernormal_
Address: 180 Flinders Lane, Melbourne



FUN / GOOD VIBES
IN CITY SURROUNDS



DAPHNE (BRUNSWICK)

Italo-European plates with wood-fired cooking and a casual wine bar vibe. Private Dining: Semi-private room for up to 30 guests.

Instagram: @daphne.3057
Address: 52–54 Lygon St, Brunswick East

STUDIO AMARO (PRAHRAN)

Modern Italian with a day-to-night dining and cocktail focus. Private Dining: Basement bar and dining spaces for 10–16 guests.

Instagram: @studio.amaro
Address: 168 Chapel St, Windsor

**GERALD’S BAR
(CARLTON NORTH)**

European-style wine bar with share plates. Private Dining: Back room for 8–12 guests.

Instagram: @geraldsbar
Address: 920 Lygon St, Carlton North



POODLE BAR & BISTRO (FITZROY)

European-inspired bistro with art deco interiors. Private Dining: Upstairs private dining room for 8–12 guests; courtyard and full venue options.

Instagram: @poodleftitzroy
Address: 81–83 Gertrude St, Fitzroy



MARION (FITZROY)

Seasonal modern Australian wine bar with European leanings. Private Dining: Flexible spaces for small groups (approx. 8–12 guests).

Instagram: @marionwine
Address: 53 Gertrude St, Fitzroy

OLD PALM LIQUOR (BRUNSWICK EAST)

A mix of modern, ingredient-focused dishes cooked on a wood-fired grill, with subtle influences from South African cuisine. Private Dining: Flexible spaces for small groups (approx. 10–20 guests).

Instagram: @oldpalmliquor
Address: 133B Lygon St, Brunswick East



ICING THE KICKER COCKTAIL MELBOURNE'S BEST BARS



IN THE CITY



LUI BAR

It makes sense that Melbourne's most sophisticated cocktail bar is also one of the city's highest bars, looming over the city from the 55th floor of the Rialto. Holding the keys to the Vue de monde cellar, the Lui Bar's snacks are almost as good as its drinks, which are probably equal to the expansive views. Jazz on Sundays is the cherry.

Level 55, Rialto Towers, 525 Collins St, Melbourne

THREE HORSES

Step into an enchanting world where sherry takes center stage and every sip feels like a secret shared. Tucked away in Melbourne, this cozy hideaway hums with vinyl tunes, candlelit corners, and a dash of playful charm. Here, cocktails are crafted like little spells—simple, surprising, and brimming with character—making it the perfect spot to let your evening wander into whimsy.

106 Little Lonsdale St, Melbourne



YARRA BOTANICA

A floating botanical garden oasis on the Yarra River offering casual pub-style eating and drinking with stunning views of the city skyline. The outdoor pontoon bar and eatery spans across two levels with Melbourne's cityscape as the backdrop.

Southbank Promenade, Southbank



CARETAKER'S COTTAGE

This small cosy bar located in a former caretaker's quarters punches well above its weight. It's currently ranked in the World's 50 Best Bars and offers craft beers and knock-out cocktails. In the warmer months, enjoy the buzz as the crowd spills out onto the surrounding lawn of Wesley Place.

139-141 Little Lonsdale St, Melbourne

APOLLO INN

Apollo Inn is an intimate, 30-seat cocktail bar tucked behind velvet curtains on Flinders Lane that evokes an elegance of a bygone era. The setting is refined and moody with a timeless atmosphere that celebrates the art of the cocktail. The bar offers a small menu of seasonal plates featuring local produce and European-inspired flavors, making it a sophisticated spot for both nightcaps and indulgent bites.

165 Flinders Lane, Melbourne

CITY SURROUNDS (INNER SUBURBS)



OLIVINE WINE BAR (COBURG)

A wine bar like no other with a cellar hidden away within bluestone walls, the inviting booths of Olivine inside The Interlude Hotel will have you softening into bespoke couches as your host takes you on a journey of wine.

1 Pentridge Boulevard, Coburg

THE MOON (COLLINGWOOD)

The Moon is a stylish, moody, Chinese inspired wine bar with a 400-strong wine list that spans avant garde producers from Europe, Australia, and beyond, with 20 rotating options available by the glass. Guests can enjoy thoughtful seasonal plates designed to complement the wines, making it a perfect spot for both casual drinks and intimate dinners.

26A Stanley St, Collingwood
(Above Belle's Hot Chicken)

BAR BELLAMY (CARLTON)

This warm neighbourhood bistro and cocktail bar is inspired by the French phrase bel ami—"good friend." The venue blends convivial charm with refined style, offering seasonal European inspired plates alongside an ever changing list of cocktails and wines. With its welcoming communal tables and intimate atmosphere, Bar Bellamy feels like dining at a friend's house, only with exceptional food and drinks crafted to perfection.

164 Rathdowne St, Carlton



BAD FRANKIE (FITZROY)

Bad Frankie in Collingwood is a spirited cocktail bar that celebrates Australia's unique drinking culture with a playful twist. Known for its inventive cocktails featuring local spirits, the venue pairs each drink with its signature jaffle menu—comfort food reimaged as the perfect bar snack. With its cozy, laid back vibe and a touch of cheeky charm, Bad Frankie is the go to spot for visitors wanting a distinctly Melbourne night out.

141 Greeves St, Fitzroy

BLACK PEARL (FITZROY)

If bartending was an academic pursuit, Black Pearl would be Harvard, Yale and Oxford combined. The bar staff all have PhDs in cocktails (and at least two Bartender of the Year awards) and the venue itself is relaxed and cosy – except on weekends, when it turns into a drinks-in-the-air house party.

304 Brunswick St, Fitzroy

FAMILY FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES

From interactive to outdoors to plain FUN (with capital letters), Melbourne is a place for the entire family to enjoy thanks to the ease of getting around and the proximity of things to see and do.



MELBOURNE MUSEUM

Located in the picturesque **Carlton Gardens**, next to the historic **Royal Exhibition Building**, **Melbourne Museum** is perfect for all ages. Immerse yourself in pre-historic times or educate yourself on Australia's First Peoples at the **Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre**.

11 Nicholson Street, Carlton, VIC, 3053



MELBOURNE CRICKET GROUND (MCG)

Immerse yourself in the history and world-class facilities of the MCG, as you go behind-the-scenes on a 75 minute guided tour. Gain an insight into Melbourne's sporting culture, walk along the boundary line and experience where legends play. Make sure to visit the **Australian Sports Museum** too, which has interactive exhibits for all ages.



SEA LIFE MELBOURNE AQUARIUM

Take the family into a magical underwater world. Visit viral sensation *Pesto* at the *Penguin Playground*, be mesmerised by the pulsating jellyfish in the *Jelly Lab* or dabble with the digital Interactive *Wonder Room*.

Corner of King Street and Flinders Street, Melbourne VIC, 3000

WATERBIKES AUSTRALIA

Try this unique method of travelling across the water without getting wet. Opt for a morning or twilight tour on Melbourne's Yarra River and catch a glimpse of landmarks like **Flinders Street Station** and more. For beach lovers, head out on the ocean in **Mornington Peninsula** and look out for dolphins.

Boathouse Drive, Melbourne VIC 3004



HELLO KITTY AND FRIENDS CAFE
Welcome to the Hello Kitty and Friends Cafe, Australia’s first dining experience dedicated to Sanrio’s beloved characters. Located at Melbourne Central, this whimsical café offers more than just a place to eat. It is a full Hello Kitty experience.

MELBOURNE ZOO
Get lost in a world of wildlife just outside Melbourne’s city centre. See unique Australian wildlife like koalas and kangaroos. Make sure to book an experience if you want to enter the exhibit accompanied by a zoo keeper. Then look out animals from across the globe such as giraffes, red pandas and lions.

Elliott Avenue, Parkville VIC, 3052



AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE (AFL) & AFLW
AFL – March - September
For a truly Melbourne experience, grab yourself a scarf in tribal colours (pick a team) and see an “Aussie rules” football match at the magnificent **Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG)**. Watch the teams try to kick it through the goal posts and learn what a “mark” or “high tackle” means. Most games are held Thursday-Sunday. In September, knockout finals culminate in a Grand Final.

Check the AFL fixture afl.com.au, venues include Melbourne Cricket Ground & Marvel Stadium

AFLW – August - November
The AFL Women’s (AFLW) began in 2017 and has been growing ever since. The season starts towards the end of the men’s season and games are usually held across venues across Melbourne such as Princes Park, Victoria Park and Whitten Oval.

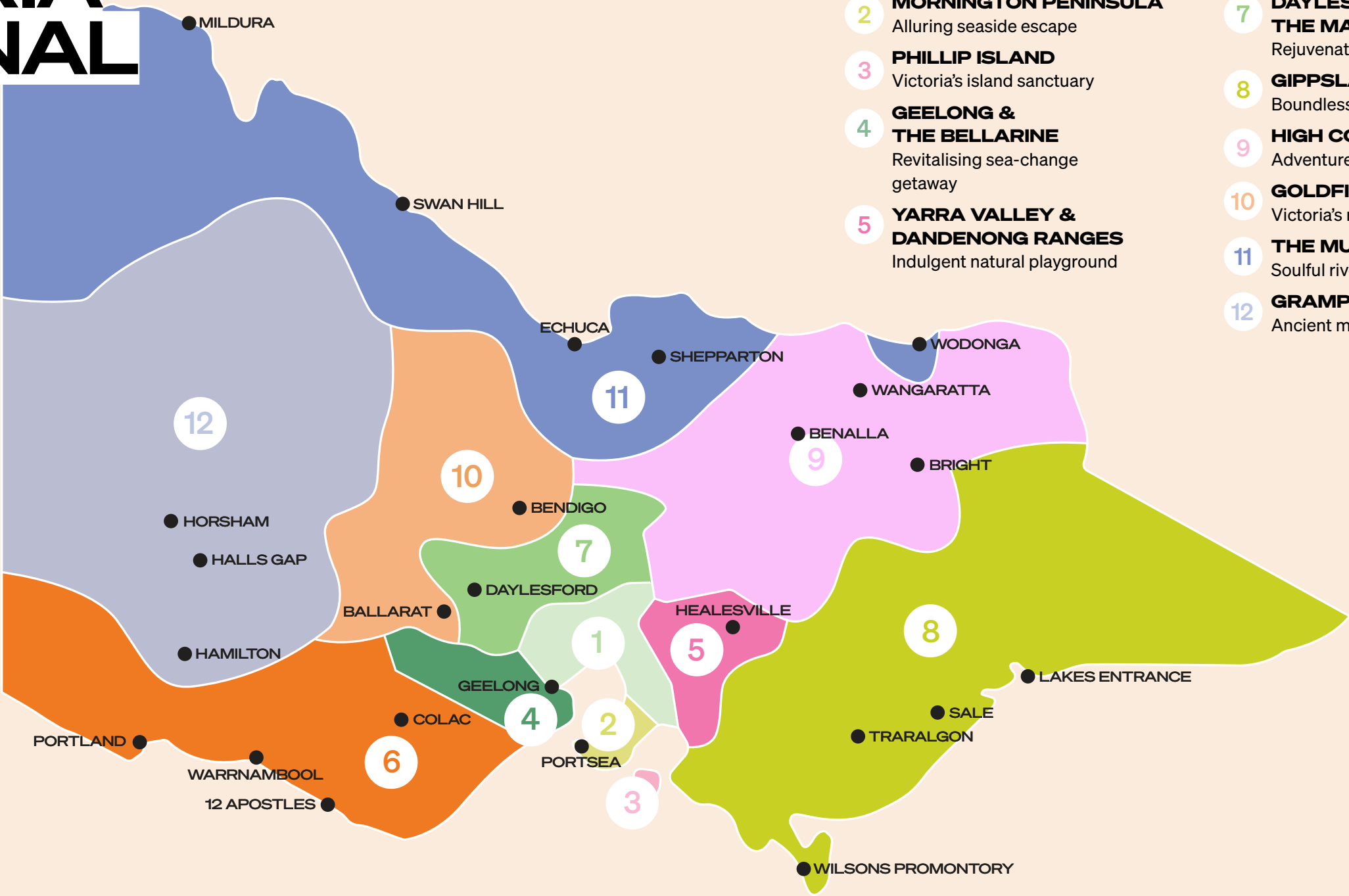
Check out the AFLW fixture at afl.com.au/aflw



INNER CITY MAP



VICTORIA REGIONAL MAP



- 1 MELBOURNE**
Australia's cultural heart
- 2 MORNINGTON PENINSULA**
Alluring seaside escape
- 3 PHILLIP ISLAND**
Victoria's island sanctuary
- 4 GEELONG & THE BELLARINE**
Revitalising sea-change getaway
- 5 YARRA VALLEY & DANDENONG RANGES**
Indulgent natural playground

- 6 GREAT OCEAN ROAD**
Wild coastal freedom
- 7 DAYLESFORD & THE MACEDON RANGES**
Rejuvenating hill hideaway
- 8 GIPPSLAND**
Boundless natural wonders
- 9 HIGH COUNTRY**
Adventure above and beyond
- 10 GOLDFIELDS**
Victoria's rich heartland
- 11 THE MURRAY**
Soulful river journeys
- 12 GRAMPIANS**
Ancient mountain grandeur

THANK YOU

If you would like further information or to be connected with any of these listed experiences, please contact our dedicated Game Week Concierge:

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