

Cultural Discovery

Melbourne's creativity is all around, from galleries and performance to style and design

Day 1



By the Yarra

On the edge of the city and overlooking its famous Yarra River, **Richmond's** stylish **Amora Hotel Riverwalk Melbourne** will be your home for the next three days. A tram stop at the front door providing easy access to all of Melbourne's attractions, including the world-famous **Melbourne Cricket Ground**.

Contemporary Works

Richmond is a major Melbourne cultural centre. **Church Street** is a good place to start – take the number 48 or 75 tram from the Amora to the corner of Bridge Road and Church Street. A stroll – or the number 78 tram – along Church Street will take you to several Australian contemporary art galleries including the **Charles Nodrum Gallery**, **Windows on Church** and the **Albert Street Galleries**, just off Church Street and a short walk from East Richmond Station. There are actually six galleries in this tiny street – the **Karen Woodbury Gallery**, the **Sophie Gannon Gallery**, the **Alison Kelly Gallery**, the **Anna Traverso Gallery**, the **John Buckley Gallery** and the **Jenny Port Gallery**.

Walk back to **Swan Street** and take the number 70 tram (corner Swan and Church streets) to **Federation Square**. Referred to as '**Fed Square**', you can join a guided tour at 11am or 2pm from Monday to Saturday. Fed Square is the city's civic heart and meeting place. Home to many restaurants, cafés and bars it brings together several of Melbourne's major cultural institutions including **The Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI)**, where you can explore the moving image in all its forms, and **The Ian Potter Centre: NGV (National Gallery of Victoria) Australia**, with the world's largest collection of Australian art on permanent display, including more than 20,000 works of Indigenous and non-Indigenous art.



Fed Square also features **Champions**, the **Australian Racing Museum & Hall of Fame**, the **National Design Centre** and the **Melbourne Visitor Centre at Federation Square (MVC)**.

Cultural Conversations

From Fed Square, walk across Flinders Street and turn right into **Flinders Lane**, the heart of Melbourne's commercial gallery scene. Adjourn for lunch to **Yu.U** Japanese restaurant. Down a set of concrete stairs you are transported into a beautiful, Japanese-influenced basement bar. The entire experience is yet another Melbourne delight.

Major Collections

Crossing the Yarra River over Princes Bridge, either by foot or tram, you will find Melbourne's major cultural precinct.

The Arts Centre is the flagship of the performing arts in Victoria, and next door, the **NGV International** displays the National Gallery of Victoria's collections of European, Asian, Oceanic and American Art. The **Australian Centre for Contemporary Art – ACCA** presents changing seasons of international and Australian exhibitions, events and public programs and **The Malthouse Theatre** presents contemporary Australian theatre.

One Bohemian Evening

Located in inner-city Fitzroy, a taxi is a good way to get to **Dante's** from the Amora Hotel. Capturing the bohemian and cosmopolitan parade of café culture, Dante's is a friendly restaurant/wine bar which doubles as a gallery and performance space – a perfect way to end your day.

Day 2



To Market, To Market

It opens at dawn, so you can go early! **The Prahran Market** first opened in 1864 and since then has provided restaurants and cafés, locals and visitors with the best fruit and vegetables, seafood, meat, poultry, flowers and, more recently, gourmet deli foods, organic produce, and specialty goods. A number 48 tram from the Amora Hotel up to Church Street, then a number 78 tram along Church Street and then Chapel Street to Commercial Road will get you there. The market is open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from dawn to 5pm or 6pm, and Sundays from

10am to 3pm. Another 'must visit' next to the market is **The Essential Ingredient**, a treasure trove of all things culinary with a huge range of cookware, books and ingredients.

Behind The Scenes

Board a number 72 tram back to the centre of town, where **walk to art** will give you access to a range of artists and their studios. This three-hour tour of Melbourne's laneways, studios, garrets and galleries operates on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The tour itineraries are always changing and the destinations – in Melbourne's city centre and inner city suburbs – are revealed on the day. At the end of the walk

engage in a creative discussion over fantastic wines and cheeses at a cool city bar.

Upstairs Dining

Stay in the city and continue on to dinner at the uber-stylish **Melbourne Supper Club** opposite **Parliament House**. There are stunning views from this elevated room and it has one of the best wine lists around – together with classic cocktails and fab suppers. Enter through a tiny doorway and go up the narrow flight of stairs. It's open 'till very late!

Day 3



Ports of Call

After a leisurely breakfast, take the tram back into town, and on Swanston Street change to the South Melbourne Beach tram (number 1), and get off at Stop 24 on the corner of Clarendon and Park Streets. Here you will find a national treasure – the **Victorian Tapestry Workshop**. Take a tour on Wednesdays at 11am or Thursdays at 2pm. Close by is the wonderful **South Melbourne Market**, regarded as one of Melbourne's best fresh produce markets. It's open

on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 8am to 4pm, and on Friday from 8am to 6pm. And for things uniquely Melburnian, call into **melbournestyle**, a gallery store and design studio that specialises in a range of gifts inspired by and designed and made in Melbourne.



Time to go Home

Before you go, what about some musical Aussie culture at the **Corner Hotel**. It's not far from the Amora Hotel and there are indoor and outdoor dining areas and a rooftop bar. But the music is what has brought hordes of people here over the years – from the famous to the simply infamous, and both local and international artists. Make sure you check out the programme in advance so you know what's on.

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Charles Nodrum Gallery
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Windows on Church
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Albert Street Galleries
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www.federationsquare.com.au

Australian Centre for the Moving Image
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The Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia
Federation Square
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The Australian Racing Museum & Hall of Fame
Champions Building -
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National Design Centre
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The Malthouse Theatre
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Victorian Tapestry Workshop
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