



# Melbourne



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## Fashion Capital of Australia

Capital of the state of Victoria, Melbourne prides itself on being a great city. It's hardly surprising, with its spectacular combination of old and new architecture, elegant streetscapes, ethnic communities and lavish parks and gardens. Add Australia's best eating, an excellent transit system and a packed events calendar and you have all the ingredients for one of the most enlightened and liveable cities in the world. Melbourne has a lively passion for eating and drinking, which is reflected in thousands of restaurants serving up gastronomic experiences from around the world. What's more, everywhere you look you'll find an array of fashionable cafés, where you can enjoy Melbourne's fantastic coffee culture to the full.

Melbourne plays host to many great events, has an on-going passion for food and wine and boasts an art and culture events calendar that you can feast on all year round. Melbourne is known as the style-setter. It's a city where you can venture out in the very latest of high-end fashion without feeling overdressed, or don the grooviest in grunge and you'll fit in too. You are in the fashion capital of Australia!

Melbourne's melting pot of cultures is reflected in its microcosm of restaurants, cafés, bistros and bars. It's a place where you can sample a range of both iconic and ever-evolving nightspots and live music venues, theatres and cinemas. Outside the city centre, you'll find still more on offer in Lygon Street, Carlton (for the educated but edgy); Brunswick Street, Fitzroy (for the emerging artists and the boho fashionistas); Chapel Street, Prahran (for the classic – and brand-conscious); or Acland Street, St Kilda rich with the flavours of all of the above, but with the added sensation of some of the best European cake and coffee in town.

Meander through the streets, laneways and arcades of the city centre to reveal a veritable chocolate box of small, contemporary art spaces, commissioned sculptures, mural art and laneway installations. Marvel at the architecture or lounge in the designer spaces that collectively give Melbourne its oh-so-stylish vibe.

For quick day trips out of the city: drive the Great Ocean Road; visit the penguins at Phillip Island; swim at Sorrento on the Mornington Peninsula; bottle some natural mineral water from the springs at Hepburn; climb Hanging Rock or walk to the memorial cross and summit of Mount Macedon; or lunch in the magnificent Dandenong Ranges.

### New YHA Hostel in Melbourne

Well, the wait is finally over! Melbourne Central YHA is set to open in April 2009 and is inviting you to come on down and check out this fully restored, heritage-graded YHA Hostel in the heart of Melbourne.

Melbourne Central YHA is centrally located on the west end of Flinders Street in Melbourne – just a short walk from the interstate arrival hub of Southern Cross Station. Melbourne's FREE City Circle Tram stops at the front door and it's an easy stroll along the Yarra River to Federation Square, Melbourne's iconic laneways and other popular Melbourne attractions.

The original façade of Melbourne Central YHA is heritage-graded and has been restored to its former glory, while the interior has been extensively renovated to cater for today's discerning backpackers and reflect the eclectic culture and style for which Melbourne is so famous.

Melbourne Central YHA guests can choose to stay in private rooms



### PLACES TO GO, PEOPLE TO SEE ...

- Melbourne Museum
- National Gallery of Victoria
- St Kilda Craft Markets
- Melbourne South Bank
- Heide Gallery
- Chapel Street Shopping
- Royal Botanic Gardens
- Cycle along the Yarra River

with ornate balconies overlooking Flinders Street or even live the high life in one of the hostel's unique rooftop terrace rooms. The ground floor houses Bertha Brown's, a vibrant new Melbourne bar that adds a touch of individuality and style for backpackers and city-dwellers alike.

This is YHA's third backpackers' hostel in Melbourne, in addition to the multi award-winning Melbourne Metro YHA and the small and friendly, bunk-less Melbourne Oasis YHA. So whatever you're looking for in your Melbourne accommodation we've got you covered!

For bookings and enquiries check out the YHA Website [www.yha.com.au](http://www.yha.com.au) or contact the hostels directly on **03 9621 2523** (Melbourne Central YHA), **03 9329 8599** (Melbourne Metro YHA) or **03 9328 3595** (Melbourne Oasis YHA).

**MELBOURNE Central YHA**  
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