

GUIDE TO EXPLORE MELBOURNE AND CREATE MEMORIES



Abstract

Let's explore Melbourne and create memories. If you are getting bored and want to do something interesting, then you should visit some exciting place and create some unforgeable memories with your family, friends and loved ones.

Here is a complete guide to explore Melbourne.

Let's get started...

1. Introduction

Melbourne is a very cool city peppered with fabulous street art, chic neighbourhoods, sleek architecture and rooftop bars. In addition to modern city living, you can lose yourself in nature just outside the metropolitan area. With so much on offer, a trip to Melbourne is sure to keep you busy.



Whether your preference is food, nature, wineries, entertainment or all of the above, read on to find the best spots to track down.

2. Awesome Reasons to Live in Melbourne

If you're a fan of coffee, culture and incredible food, you'll love living in Melbourne. The Victorian capital is one of the most exciting and diverse in the

country, offering a rich range of academic and employment prospects. Here are our top 10 reasons to live and study in Melbourne as an international student.

1. Melbourne is Australia's most liveable city

Melbourne was ranked the #1 most liveable city in Australia and #10 in the world in the Economist Intelligence Unit's (EIU) Global Liveability Index for 2022. This list assesses 173 cities across the globe in the categories of stability, healthcare, culture and environment, education, and infrastructure.

There are many reasons why life in Melbourne is so highly valued: there are multiple public transport options, relatively low crime rates, and plenty of jobs. Plus, it offers an awesome arts and culture scene, first-rate universities and an easy lifestyle.

2. Melbourne features top-tier accommodation options

A key part of living in Melbourne is deciding where to live in Melbourne. In other words, you'll need to choose the accommodation style best suited to your needs.

Fortunately, you'll be spoilt for choice! Melbourne is home to a wide range of high-quality accommodation options designed to suit the student lifestyle, including purpose-built student accommodation. Student accommodation is a particularly popular option among international students as it offers a unique sense of support and community. Plus, student accommodation features incredible amenities that can hugely improve your international study experience.

For example, Scape Student Living offers a wide range of perks to its residents. With fully furnished rooms, social spaces (like rooftop terraces and communal study areas), events, 24/7 on-site support, and even all-inclusive food offerings at some locations, you'll have everything you need and more to thrive as an international student in Australia. Best of all, Scape features locations across Melbourne, including Lincoln College, Franklin St, La Trobe and more!

3. Melbourne is home to world-class education providers and research facilities

Victoria is known as the Education State, so it should come as no surprise that Melbourne is very academic. According to the QS World University Rankings 2023, several of its universities sit within the top-ranked universities in Australia and the world. For example, The University of Melbourne and Monash University were

both ranked in the top 10 universities in Australia and in the top 100 universities in the world.

When living in Melbourne, you'll quickly recognise the city as a creative hub, home to world-class academics and an exciting entrepreneurial spirit. Before you know it, you'll soon be thinking outside the box (and around it, above it and below it, too).

4. Melbourne's laneway culture is rich, vivid and exciting



Melbourne's winding alleyways are magical; they'll probably make you feel as though you've stepped into a real-life Wonderland. The city is well-known across Australia for its vibrant laneway culture, which is brimming with bustling shopping arcades, wandering musicians, live music, quiet street-side book cafes... and the occasional secret street party!

If you're in search of good food, take a wander down the colourful Centre Place, where you'll find plenty of places to eat. For anyone into street art, a walk down the paint-splashed Hosier Lane will definitely inspire. Don't forget your camera!

5. The coffee is incredible

Can't survive without your morning caffeine hit? If you're a coffee-lover, we have great news: coffee culture in Melbourne runs deep. Thanks to Melbourne's champion baristas, the friendly neighbourhood vibe and the locals' love of supporting small businesses, Melbourne cafés serve up some of the best coffee in Australia – and perhaps even the world.

6. It's Australia's 'cultural capital'

Melbourne's eccentricity, creativity and love of the arts are universally famous.

If you want to absorb some of Melbourne's culture, check out the National Gallery of Victoria, the Australian Centre for Contemporary Art and the Australian Centre for the Moving Image. Plus, the city is home to more underground arts movements, such as zine fairs (look out for Festival of the Photocopier), artist collectives, record stores, swing dancing clubs... the list goes on.

7. The community is hugely diverse

Melbourne is a melting pot of communities and is home to many different cultural celebrations. The Antipodes Festival, Melbourne Italian Festa, Chinese New Year, TET Festival, the Melbourne Fringe Festival and the Melbourne Queer Film Festival are just some of the options on offer. Plus, make sure to check out the neighbourhoods that sit around the CBD. You'll find many different communities from all around the world in each one.

8. The trams are a lot of fun

In Melbourne, trams are both a major form of public transport and one of the city's most famous icons. Melbourne locals tend to express genuine warmth for their tram system. What's more, Melbourne's trams can be just as colourful as the city itself: since 2013, the Melbourne International Arts Festival has worked with local artists to decorate trams with unique designs – Art Trams!

Learn more about public transport in Melbourne.

9. Melbourne is a great place for start-ups

If you're an international student looking to start your own business, living in Melbourne could be a smart move. There are many small business grants offered to ideas that display creativity, innovation, business readiness, financial viability

and benefits to the city of Melbourne. Does that sound exciting? Well, it could be you!

10. Melbourne is home to breathtaking natural beauty

Like the great outdoors? Then you'll love living in Melbourne! The city is home to a wide range of stunning outdoor settings, from beaches to parks and so much more.

Whether you're keen to lounge in the sun at St Kilda Beach, have a picnic in the Fitzroy Gardens or take a stroll along the Yarra River, there's no shortage of beautiful nature to explore.

2.1. Best Suburb- Kew



There are lots of suburbs to live in and stay away from cities hustle and bustle. Kew is one of them. Let's know about it.

Kew is a historic Melbourne region located 5 km from the Central Business District. It boasts high-end amenities, such as private and public schools, culinary delights, cafes, pubs, clubs, exhibitions, etc. It had a population of 24,605 in 2016 and is ideal for families and students. You can relocate to this suburb with your family and enjoy the scenic beauty.

3. Best Things To Do In Melbourne With Kids

Melbourne keeps visitors pouring in with incredible sporting events, street art, kid-friendly cultural activities and the best coffee in Australia. These are the best things to do in Melbourne with kids.

Get creative at MoPA – The Museum of Play and Art

The team behind some of the worlds' best Children's Museums have finally opened a new Museum in the bayside suburb of Sandringham, 20-mins drive from Melbourne's CBD.

A visit to MoPA in Geelong or Melbourne, is always a wondrous, educational and highly-entertaining day out. With two huge Museums full of wondrous exhibits, a rotation of creative activities, qualified educators on staff, and fully-licensed cafe's, MoPA has quickly become one of the most sought-after family activities in both Melbourne and Geelong. Exhibits and activities provide opportunities for play-based learning and creative exploration.

MoPA maintains a very comfortable capacity limit, also – even on cold wet days. This is great for those worried about overcrowded spaces, because MoPA is never too busy and always very clean. But it does mean that you're best to book a visit to MoPA at least a few days in advance for weekdays, and at least a week in advance during weekends and school holidays.

Check out the cool street art

The artwork in Melbourne is as changeable as the weather. So even if you've done a street walk before – go again, the art will have changed. The easiest way to check out street art in Melbourne with kids is to begin in the city.

Hosier Lane is the best know laneway for street art in Melbourne. You'll find large murals, secret sculptures and textured artworks.

Named after the legendary Australian rock band, AC/DC Lane is covered in tributes to rock'n'roll.

You can find Lisa King's giant sleeping female figure on the outside wall of Brunetti on Flinders Way.

Splash and Crash

Got a child that loves to make a mess?

If they're over 5, take them to Smash and Splash in Oakleigh.

This incredible Melbourne play centre allows kids and adults to throw paint on the walls and themselves in the Splash rooms. The company supplies paint balloons, paint and brushes to get you started. You can also purchase additional canvasses so that you can take home a reminder of your experience.

If you need more action, try the "Crash" room. In here, the whole family can dress up in Sumo suits and smash into each other as you attempt to shoot hoops, capture the flag and find the mystery ball.

If you're in Melbourne with kids older than 18, you can also try the "Crash" room, where you can smash all kinds of items with a hammer for stress relief.

Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria



The Tan, a 3.8-kilometre short walk around the Royal Botanic Gardens, is one of the most popular tracks in Melbourne.

Kids will love The Ian Potter Foundation Children's Garden in the Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria.

There's a water feature to keep you cool on hot summer day.

In the Kitchen Garden area, you'll learn how plants grow and how to save water.

In the Bamboo Forest, you might see a panda or spots statues of characters from the classic picture book, The Magic Pudding.

ArtVO immersive gallery

No matter what age they are, the kids will LOVE ArtVo. This awesome immersive gallery allows visitors to become a part of the 3D art.

Kids are encouraged to touch and interact with the artwork, breathing new life into their gallery experience.

Teenagers are going to take a lot of Snaps in here. The venue features 11 areas with more than 100 giant floor-to-ceiling artworks to explore.

Melbourne Zoo

Melbourne Zoo's huge menagerie of animals means that Melburnians won't miss out on the zoo action either.

Free keeper talks on a number of species are a must for your day's itinerary, along with visits to creatures great and small – from butterflies and baboons to elephants and giraffes.

Little ones aren't left out either: aspiring zookeepers, vets, horticulturists or researchers will love the Keeper Kids indoor play area, which has dress-ups and toys for role playing.

SEA LIFE Melbourne Aquarium

SEA LIFE Melbourne Aquarium is a perfect way to spend a rainy day and definitely one of the best things to do in Melbourne with kids.

You could spend a week trying to meet all the residents, but if time is of the essence then the aquarium has you covered, with plenty of experiences and tours to help you get the best out of this underwater kingdom.

For a real adrenaline rush, you don't need to go any further than the Shark Dive Xtreme Experience, which sees you learning to scuba dive and getting down and dirty with the apex predators of our oceans.

Shopping in Melbourne



If you're going to visit Melbourne with kids, you should make sure they've saved up their pocket money. Melbourne is filled with fantastic, unique stores with fashion, toys, sporting goods, lollies and everything else they love.

Wander down Bourke Street Mall and pop down any one of the city's laneways to find quirky stores. The DFO at South Wharf is a great place to score a bargain.

Chappel Street, which stretches from South Yarra to Windor and Prahran is a mecca for fashion-savvy teenagers.

4. MELBOURNE'S BEST CHEAP EATS

These cheap and cheerful Melbourne restaurants serve up quality food that won't break the bank.

Melbourne is renowned for its dining culture, and for those travelling on a budget there is plenty of good food that's also friendly on the wallet. We've scouted the streets of Melbourne to bring you a few of our favourite, fuss-free eateries.

HANOI HANNAH EXPRESS LANE

Where: Windsor

Avoid the queues at Hanoi Hannah and head to its no-frills eatery next door. The space is dedicated to Hanoi Hannah's takeaway operations, but a tiny communal table indoors lets you watch the chefs whip up their hawker-style Vietnamese fare. You can order favourites from the restaurant menu such as vermicelli salad with char grilled chicken or tender beef pho, or try something different such as pork belly banh mi or lemongrass beef stir fry.

MISS KATIE'S CRAB SHACK

Where: Fitzroy

Having done the rounds of Melbourne and settling in Fitzroy, Miss Katie's Crab Shack has become the go-to spot for crustacean cravings. The roving restaurant, headed up by chef Katie Marron, offers an authentic take on southern soul food. Think pots of prawns, fried chicken and waffles, fish tacos and a build-your-own Louisiana-style boil in Old Bay seasoning. Bibs are supplied in case things get messy.

TOKYO TINA

Where: Windsor

One of the busiest restaurants in Windsor, don't be put off by the crumbling walls and peeling posters – she's a diamond in the rough. The menu at Tokyo Tina features favourites such as gyoza and bao, but not always as you might expect. While you might not call it fusion, the chefs here certainly take influence from different cuisines around the world – and they aren't afraid to try something new.

MIZNON

Where: City centre

With Australia's largest Greek population, Melbourne is no stranger to a pita. But thanks to the arrival of Israeli eatery Miznon, the city has been introduced to a new brand of Mediterranean street food. Miznon means "kiosk" in Hebrew, and this casual space is super festive and fast-paced. Most food comes served in a paper bag and pitas are stuffed with a range of different ingredients, such as lamb rib (pull the bones out and watch the flesh fall away), steak and egg, ratatouille and golden fish. Don't leave without trying the tatami, a coffee soaked layered biscuit cake dusted with cocoa.

8BIT



Where: City centre

Burger-loving locals need not head far to get their fix. 8bit, which started out in the westside suburb of Footscray, has set up shop smack bang in the middle of the city centre on the corner of Swanston and Little Bourke streets. Order the towering Double Dragon (double beef, double cheese and double bacon) or the Golden Axe (crispy fried chicken, sriracha mayo and slaw), with a side of crispy onion rings or beer battered fries. To finish, try the salted caramel milkshake.

BELLES HOT CHICKEN

Where: Fitzroy

This retro diner in Fitzroy is giving Colonel Sanders a good run for his money by taking the humble southern-style fried chicken to greater (and spicier!) heights. At Belles you start by choosing your protein – chicken tenders, drumsticks, wings, fish or mushroom – then choose from five levels of heat, ranging from mild to extremely hot. Throw in your favourite sides, such as collard greens or Old Bay fries, and slather with sauces. Our pick is the Belles blue cheese.

SMITH & DELI

Where: Fitzroy

The brains behind Latin-inspired Smith & Daughters in Fitzroy have opened an all-vegan delicatessen, Smith & Deli, around the corner on Moor Street. This takeaway-only business offers a hefty menu of sandwiches, such as the Friend Zone, a vegan take on the classic ham and grilled cheese toastie, and the Rubenstein, made from mock pastrami, sauerkraut, pickles and Russian dressing. They're so delicious that carnivores frequently need to be reminded they're meat-free. There's also a good selection of pies, soups and baked goods such as Twix tarts and challah sticky buns.

5. Best Places To Visit In Melbourne And Its Surrounds

Where to go in Melbourne

1. Federation Square

Best for: Entertainment, events, art and culture

This popular and dynamic public square in Melbourne's CBD was designed as a focal point for the city's cultural and civic activities. As well as year-round attractions and events, it is home to an array of restaurants, bars and specialty stores.

Whatever time of year you're visiting Victoria's capital city, you'll find something of interest going down at "Fed Square".

- Where is it? Walk from Flinders Street station (1 minute), catch a train from Southern Cross station (7 minutes), or take a tram on the City Circle loop.
- Top things to see and do: Visit the Ian Potter Centre to view Australian art, grab a bite to eat and get involved in an event.
- How long do I need? Half a day.
- Recommended tour: Stroll through the city with a Rediscover Melbourne Tour of Federation Square and other CBD must-sees.

2. Flinders Street Station



Best for: History

Standing tall in the heart of the CBD, Flinders Street Station is one of Melbourne's most iconic structures. It's a popular rendezvous spot for locals and travellers alike, who arrange to meet under its famous row of clocks.

The station is one of the busiest in the Southern Hemisphere. The upper floors were built to house a gym, library and lecture hall, and a ballroom.

- Where is it? Walking is possible from anywhere in the CBD (maximum 40 minutes), take a train from Southern Cross station (7 minutes), or catch a tram on the City Circle loop.
- Top things to see and do: Grab a bite to eat on the main concourse or hop on a train to enjoy some of the sights outside the city.
- How long do I need? 30 minutes is enough to view all of Flinders Street Station.

- Recommended tour: Spend an afternoon on a Melbourne Walking Tour discovering the city's culture and visiting its most famous sights.

3. CBD Laneways

Best for: Cafe lovers and street art

A famous and much-loved part of Melbourne culture is its colourful, bustling city laneways that connect the major streets throughout the CBD. Covered in street art and filled with cafes that lure you in with the smell of fresh coffee, the laneways offer a special Melbourne experience that is tucked away from obvious view.

Delicious food, trendy locations, hidden corridors and cool bars add to the unique and artsy atmosphere.

- Where is it? The laneways are woven throughout Melbourne CBD and can be reached on foot from Flinders Street station (20 minutes maximum).
- Top things to see and do: Snap a picture at AC/DC Lane, grab some coffee at Centre Place, watch street artists on Hosier Lane, try a drink at one of the unique bars at Meyers Place and taste the best chocolate in Melbourne. If you're a Harry Potter fan, you may also wish to catch Harry Potter and the Cursed Child which is all of a 15 minute walk from the famous laneways. See here for a suggested itinerary.
- How long do I need? Half a day.
- Recommended tour: Join a Laneways Walking Tour of Melbourne for the best spots for coffee and chocolate, as well as must-see street art.

4. Fitzroy

Best for: Food and drink, street art and trendy shopping

"Fitzy", as it's called locally, is a trendy and artistic neighbourhood known for its bohemian vibes. The area attracts young professionals and students thanks to its unique bars and restaurants. You can also find street art dotted around the suburb, as well as galleries in many of its terraced houses.

Brunswick Street is popular for shopping and nightlife, while Gertrude Street offers more eateries, art and design.

- Where is it? You can take a train to Fitzroy from Flinders Street station (20 minutes), walk from Flinders Street station (35 minutes), or catch a tram from Southern Cross station (22 minutes).
- Top things to see and do: Spend a night on the town on Brunswick Street, find the trendiest bars to grab a cool cocktail, discover local street art, spend an afternoon in a cafe people-watching, and relax in Fitzroy Gardens.
- How long do I need? Half a day.
- Recommended tour: Join a street artist on a Fitzroy Street Art Tour and get to see the best examples in the area, learn about the underground art, and visit the Rose St. Artists' Market.

5. Docklands

Best for: Entertainment, dining and water activities

Once part of the shipping industry, Melbourne Docklands is now a harbour development that sits on the water surrounded by high-rise buildings. It offers a wide range of activities and experiences.

Many people visit Docklands to catch a sports game at Etihad Stadium, go shopping or dine at one of the waterside restaurants.

- Where is it? Walk from Southern Cross station (13 minutes), catch a train from Flinders Street station (15 minutes) or take a tram from Flinders Street station (20 minutes).
- Top things to see and do: Shop your heart out or take a sunset cruise.
- How long do I need? Half a day.
- Recommended tour: Hop on a Port of Melbourne and Docklands Sightseeing Cruise for panoramic views of Melbourne's skyline and sights.

6. Dandenong Ranges

Best for: Nature and active travellers

Less than an hour outside Melbourne you can escape the bustling city and surround yourself with nature. The beautiful Dandenong Ranges is a low range of mountains that reaches a height of 633 metres at Mount Dandenong.

Enjoy breathtaking scenery along the many walking and hiking trails, and drop into the hilltop villages and local arts and crafts centres.

- Where is it? Drive from Melbourne (1 hour and 10 minutes from the CBD) or catch the train from Belgrave station.
- Top things to see and do: Hop on the Puffing Billy steam train, hike or cycle through the mountains, visit some of the gardens and take in the views at SkyHigh, said to be the highest natural viewing point in Victoria.
- How long do I need? Half to whole day.
- Recommended tour: Experience the area's beauty on a Puffing Billy, Moonlight Sanctuary & Penguin Day Tour where you'll ride through the mountains and see local wildlife up close.

7. St Kilda

Best for: Foodies, relaxation and families

St Kilda is a buzzing beachside suburb that attracts backpackers, families and fitness lovers. You'll find joggers running down the boardwalk and travellers filling the trendy restaurants and bars on Acland and Carlisle streets.

The once glitzy resort area is now a popular spot for music and festivals, and provides a relaxed vibe on the edge of the city.

- Where is it? Trains and trams are available from Flinders Street station (30 to 40 minutes) or Southern Cross station (25 to 35 minutes).
- Top things to see and do: Stay for sunset and spot fairy penguins, chill out on St Kilda Beach, jump on some rides at Luna Park, visit the St Kilda Sea Baths and take a walk along the pier.
- How long do I need? Half to whole day.
- Recommended tour: A cycle tour enables you to learn the history of the area, see art deco buildings and cover more ground than you would on foot, plus it includes a complimentary drink at the end of the tour.

8.Great Ocean Road

Best for: Scenic sights

The Great Ocean Road is one of Australia's most scenic drives and runs along the Victorian coastline between Torquay and Allansford. The road stretches for 243km and is included in the Australian National Heritage List.

Today the route is famous for its natural rock formations, predominantly the Twelve Apostles, as well as prime surf spots, charming towns, and a chance to see wildlife up close.

- Where is it? Drive from Melbourne to Torquay for the start of the Great Ocean Road (1 hour 20 minutes).
- Top things to see and do: Marvel at the Twelve Apostles, spend some time discovering Apollo Bay, take a scenic helicopter flight, and visit Angelsea for a Stand-Up Paddleboarding Lesson.
- How long do I need? 1 to 2 days.
- Recommended tour: The Great Ocean Road Small-Group Ecotour for spectacular scenery as well as some koala spotting.

9.South Bank

Best for: Cruising and cultural aficionados

Featuring both city and water views, Southbank is one of the places to be when visiting Melbourne. It's home to a plethora of cultural institutions including the Malthouse Theatre and the Melbourne Recital Centre. Foodies can rejoice while enjoying dinner and a drink on the riverside promenade.

- Where is it? Southbank is located across the river, south of the CBD. Travelling via vehicle gets you there in less than 10 minutes.
- Top things to see and do: Get amongst the clouds with a Eureka Skydeck and the Edge Experience, pay a visit to the National Gallery of Victoria and immerse yourself at the Crown Casino.
- How long do I need? Half to a day
- Recommended tour: See some of the city's very best with a Highlights Melbourne Cruise. Enjoy panoramic views of the skyline, expert commentary and opportunities to snap a few photos while you're there.

10. Mornington Peninsula

Best for: Beach lovers

It's the place to be if you want to make the most of the sun while in Melbourne. It offers an extensive stretch of coastline, allowing holidaymakers some beachside bliss while still staying within the metropolitan area. Make the most of your visit with dolphin cruises, hot spring tours and nature retreats.

- Where is it? The peninsula makes up the greater Melbourne area, located just an hour south of the city centre via car. Public transport is also available, taking approximately 1.5 hours to commute.
- Top things to see and do: Unwind amongst the Hot Springs with a Shea Butter Massage and Bathing Pass, Cable Car Ride over Mornington Peninsula or explore the water with a Swim with Dolphins and Seals.
- How long do I need? A day or 2
- Recommended tour: The Great Ocean Road and 12 Apostles Day Trip for spectacular scenery as well as some koala spotting.

6. Best Bars In Melbourne

Choosing the best bars in Melbourne is like asking a mother to choose her favourite child. Here's our guide to the booming bar scene in the city.

The best bars in Melbourne are cutting-edge venues that provide premium experiences for punters. But encapsulating the pinnacle of Melbourne bars is no easy feat. The culture of enjoying a few bevvies on the town spans world-class cocktail lounges, al fresco gardens, sky-clad rooftops and dingy dive bars, serving the constantly-shifting fabric of the surrounding suburb.

However, commemorating incredible experiences is what we do best. So behold, in no particular order (we promise), the best bars this thirsty city has to offer.

1. Bar Romantica, Brunswick East

One of the most authentic Melbourne venues comes alive when it's packed to the rafters, so it helps that this happens so often.

What was once an iconic 24-hour pizza/dive bar, clad with fluorescent lights and laminate tables, is now Bar Romantica: a sophisticated wine bar and restaurant that nods to its Italian past.

Wood-fired pizzas are served hot and puffy, alongside wines from small, sulphur-free bespoke makers. When the lights turn off, Bar Romantica turns on, coming alive with alcohol-fuelled jest.

Yes, it does its predecessor justice (they kept the pool table), but also reimagines nuanced appeal in a suburb blessed with countless late-night joints.

Try the: A beer from NSW brewery, Wildflower. A rare find in Melbourne's bars.

Address: 52/54 Lygon St, Brunswick East VIC

2. Death or Glory, Prahran



Death or Glory is about as Chapel Street as you can get. Located across the road from Revolver Upstairs, and next to the Cash for Anything pawn shop – a drink here is a lesson in local institutions.

Walls are lined with decorated skateboards (a nod to the iconic Prahran skate park), staff are all local, and the characters you'll find inside are an ode to the suburbs best.

The menu features a selection of American classics, meaning you're guaranteed a full stomach. And if you'd like to immortalise it, stay for a memento in the photobooth.

Try the: Zombie Bowl

Address: 218 Chapel Street, Prahran

3. Monty's, Fitzroy North

If you could bottle what Fitzroy North is 'supposed' to feel like, Monty's would sell it in droves. In fact, they somehow manage to package a quintessential suburb experience, sans the bells and whistles found at many of its peers.

There are only two beers on tap (one being their own), and 11 bottles on the wine list. Oh, and the food is prepared by 1000 Lire, and Just Falafs right next door. Simple enough for you?

Take a seat at the recycled church pew up the back, a bench stool, or a deep booth down the side and sip to the sounds of LP's from the turntables tucked alongside the bar.

Try the: Italian Julip

Address: 209 St Georges Rd, Fitzroy North

4. Fargo and Co, Richmond

Every city has a bar that tries it's hardest to set the benchmark like Fargo does. Housed in a 1900s heritage State Bank, the setting has been re-purposed as a bar, still retaining nods to its original colonial charm.

For locals, it's the place to go for a mix of killer cocktails and beautiful people. It's also home to one of the area's best bottomless brunches – an addition that doesn't go unnoticed.

Try the: Miss Fortune cocktail

Address: 216 Swan Street, Richmond

5. Bimbo, Fitzroy

When a devastating fire ravaged Bimbo Deluxe in 2018, the owners had two options. They could close their doors for good, or they could go back to the drawing board, and pivot to evolve the much-loved space into something bigger and better. Thank god they chose the latter.

Since dropping the 'Deluxe,' the new Bimbo has shone in a way that does justice to the original. Revisit old favourites like \$5 pizzas and infused vodkas, while saying hello to some welcome contemporary additions.

Try the: Ginger and Lychee vodka

Address: 376 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy

Conclusion

Hope you like this guide!! We have shared all the useful info about Melbourne, VIC, Australia. Make a plan to visit here!!

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