

# A COMPLETE GUIDE TO EXPLORE MELBOURNE SUBURBS



## **Abstract**

Melbourne is one of the most livable cities of Australia. Here, you can easily start your fresh beginning and live a healthy lifestyle. In this guide, we have shared all useful information that can help you to explore Melbourne and its surrounding suburbs.

Let's get started...

## **1. Introduction**

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.



## **2. Awesome Reasons to Live in Melbourne**

### **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.

## **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 (claiming the #2 and #6 positions, respectively) and in the top 100 universities in the world (claiming the #33 and #57 spots, respectively). These institutions also secured impressive positions in the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2023.

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!

### **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.

### **3. Best Free Things To Do In Melbourne**

They say the best things in life are free – turns out, they were right!

Whether you're keen to meander an interactive exhibition, visit the best bookshop in the world or go hunting for a secret beach – let a local show you all the best things on offer in Melbourne without spending a dime.

### **1. Visit the National Gallery of Victoria**



Standing tall on the edge of the CBD, the National Gallery of Victoria has long established itself as the cultural lexicon of Melbourne.

Designed by Sir Roy Grounds, the space houses a collection of more than 73,000 permanent works of art – most of which can be perused for free. The architecture is just as much of a beast to be marveled at as the collections within its walls. There's the world's largest stained-glass ceiling in the great hall, and an elaborate wall of water at the entrance.

There is a constant stream of international exhibitions and special events on offer for a small fee should you not be able to resist.

Notable past exhibits include Andy Warhol | Ai Weiwei and The House Of Dior.

### **2. The Ian Potter Centre**

If you're still hungry for some art, take a short stroll to the equally grand Ian Potter Centre.

The Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia is the world's first major gallery dedicated exclusively to Australian art.

Housed inside a landmark architectural glass cube, you'll find a showcase that presents the history from the Colonial period and the Heidelberg School through to contemporary art that includes photography, prints and drawings, fashion and textiles, decorative arts, and a suite of galleries dedicated to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art.

There are also a roving repertoire of special exhibitions and educational programs on offer, for those who would appreciate an added dose of local culture.

### **3. Explore 'Screen Worlds' at ACMI**

Right next door to the Ian Potter Centre lives ACMI – the Australian Centre for the Moving Image.

Located in prime real estate on the iconic Flinders Street, this is the country's national museum of film, video games, digital culture and art.

Screen Worlds is ACMI's permanent exhibition, and the place that houses all the nostalgia from your favourite Aussie gems over the years.

You'll find the original clock from Play School, costumes worn by Kylie Minogue and Heath Ledger, plus, an Oscar donated by Cate Blanchett for her role in *The Aviator*.

### **4. Stroll the iconic laneways**

While you're in the CBD, spend some time strolling through the laneways and arcades of Melbourne. Spending a day marvelling at the artwork on the graffiti-laden walls is good for the mind, body, spirit – and wallet.

However, with over 40 to choose from, it can take a little local knowledge to know which are worth your time.

### **HOSIER LANE**

This is probably the most notable of the bunch, so you may have to elbow some people to get a good picture. This laneway is like a gallery of revolving street art, and is right next door to the historic Forum Theatre.

### **AC/DC LANE**

This tiny laneway was named after the iconic Australian band in 2004, sitting not too far from where the band shot the film clip for It's a Long Way to the Top in 1975.

### **DEGRAVES STREET**



While definitely a lane way, this strip isn't known for its street art per se. Instead, you'll find tables and chairs donning its cobblestones, with patrons enjoying pasta and espresso from surrounding cafes.

### **BLENDER LANE**

Unless someone tells you about Blender Lane, you're not likely to stumble across it. Located off Franklin Street, you'll find boutique shops, street murals, and upmarket art gallery, the Dark Horse Experiment.



## **TATTERSALLS LANE**

This is one of the oldest, and more iconic city laneways. Connecting Chinatown to the CBD, you'll find dumpling institutions, eateries, shipping container venues and cocktail bars.

## **5. Peruse a market**

The beauty of a market is that you get to experience a real grass-roots sense of community, without even spending a dollar.

Melbourne is packed to the brim with local markets, each showcasing the best of local produce, hot donuts, wares and people.

## **QUEEN VICTORIA MARKET**

The Queen Victoria Market is probably the most notable, operating Tuesday through Sunday. They also hold a special Night Market every Wednesday evening between November and April.

## **SOUTH MELBOURNE MARKET**

The South Melbourne Market is your quintessential village market. It's the home of fresh, local produce where the community comes to shop, meet, eat, drink and bask in the merriment.

## **CAMBERWELL MARKET**

Every Sunday morning market-goers are rewarded with an array of pretty much everything their heart desires. Just be sure to grab a hot donut from the famous on-site van.

## **PRESTON TWILIGHT MARKET**

Head to Presto's Retropolis for a Twilight Market on Fridays from 4pm. There's food, vintage, fashion, jewellery, live music, bars and more.

## **ST KILDA ESPLANADE MARKET**

As the weather heats up, so too does St Kilda's Esplanade Market. With water views, get your bits and bobs every Sunday from 10am-4pm.

## **6. Have a picnic on the Yarra River**

The Yarra River is the great winding beast that runs through Melbourne, making it a great central meeting spot for people all over the city.

On warm days, the banks come alive with groups and families indulging in the city views. Join in by securing a spot by one of the many barbeques – across from the Botanic Gardens is a secure location.

Bring your own meats, vegies, drinks and utensils then sit back and soak in the atmosphere. There are a few bins scattered throughout, but bring your own garbage bag for waste, too.

### **7. Curl up at the best bookshop in the world**

Everyone in Melbourne already knew Carlton's Readings was good, but winning 'Bookstore of the Year' award certainly cemented its reputation.

Whether it's 4.30 on a Tuesday, or 10pm on a Saturday night, you'll be sure to find crowds of book-lovers convening at this Lygon street institution. The independent store moved to its current premises in 1998 and now offers a wide range of books, gifts and spaces for free reading.

### **8. Visit the iconic beach boxes in Brighton**

The striking 82 multi-coloured bathing boxes line the beach in Brighton. They're one of the most photographed spots in the city, and home to a fair bit of history.

Many of them were erected more than 100 years ago when local residents sought privacy to change into their swimwear before bathing.

Today it's almost impossible to claim ownership of one, with the majority of them passed down through generations.

The local council has sporadically built and sold new boxes in recent years, however there are strict rules on what they can and cannot be used for – electricity or running water are both prohibited.

## **4. MELBOURNE SUBURB GUIDE**

From laid-back seaside suburbs to the city centre's street art-clad laneways, Melbourne's neighbourhoods are as eclectic as they are exciting.

Multicultural, artistic, and sporty, Melbourne's neighbourhoods are diverse and dynamic, from the relaxed beachside suburbs of the southeast to the coffee shop-lined alleys of the city centre, north of the Yarra River that snakes through the city. Thanks to Melbourne's extensive network of trams – some of them free – it's easy to hop between its more central neighbourhoods, no matter where you decide to stay.

## **CENTRAL MELBOURNE**



**Where:** City centre, Southbank

Melbourne's compact central neighbourhoods mix high- and low-brow art with colonial and modern buildings and coffee shops galore, all steps from the meandering Yarra River. The atmosphere is both eclectic and buzzing, and the hub's neat grid of streets makes it easy to explore – although it's fun to lose yourself in its many street art-covered laneways. There's more art at the National Gallery of Victoria, which hosts more than 75,000 works and is Australia's oldest, largest, and most visited museum.

**Where to eat:** Walk or take a free City Circle tram to the Queen Victoria Market on Queen Street. The largest open-air market in the Southern Hemisphere, it

holds an enticing array of food from some of Australia's best producers, as well as stalls where you can pick up quirky souvenirs. Another highlight to add to your list are central Melbourne's artsy lanes, covered in larger-than-life murals from some of the world's most talented street artists. Here you'll discover hole-in-the-wall restaurants like Supernormal, where Pan-Asian bites are served at communal benches by prolific Melbourne chef Andrew McConnell, and perennially popular tapas joint MoVida.

**Where to play:** Stock up on supplies and enjoy a picnic on one of the Yarra River's electric GoBoats. Disembark at Southbank and walk it off along this one-kilometre (0.6-mile) riverfront stretch, with plenty of opportunities along the way for people-watching and shopping at big-brand boutiques. Continue southward for world-leading exhibitions at the National Gallery of Victoria before exploring the city centre's underground jazz clubs (slink into Paris Cat), cafés (grab one of the city's best coffees at Café Issus) and bars (sip creative cocktails at Eau-De-Vie).

**Where to stay:** Rest up (or continue to play) at the Notel hotel, where you'll find six 1970s Airstream trailers on the rooftop. Or, inspired by the city's laneway art, Ovolo Laneways is an affordable but fun central option. At Southbank, luxury hotel The Langham has the best rooftop pool in town.

## **MELBOURNE'S SOUTH-EAST BEACHES**

**Where: St Kilda, Elwood, Elsternwick, Brighton**

Beaches lined with palm trees and colourful bathing boxes, sun-dappled cafés, wide waterfront promenades, yachts dotting the bay – Melbourne's beachside suburbs, south-east of the city centre, are laid-back and resorty, yet achingly cool. The further south you go, the better the beaches get.

**Where to eat:** Wander along St Kilda's bustling Esplanade, where you'll pass The Espy complex on the other side of the street, home to an abundance of scene-stealing restaurants. Grab coffee and cake from Monarch Cakes, serving decadent desserts since 1934. Tuck into fish-and-chips on St Kilda Beach from Paper Fish, which sits underneath the more formal dining room of Stokehouse, with its sleek décor and sublime sea views. Walk a minute or two south and you'll reach Donovans, a restaurant designed to feel like a private home – right down to the fact the owners change the decor every few months.

**Where to play:** Check out the Esplanade's pop-up stalls which have been going every Sunday since 1970. Continue walking and you'll reach landmark amusement complex, Luna Park, the oldest theme park in Australia, and offering plenty of Insta-worthy photo opportunities in front of the enormous mouth of "Mr Moon" that serves as the entry. Head beachward to rent bikes or roller-skates, dip into historic sea baths or stroll waterfront promenades south toward Elwood, Elsternwick and Brighton (a visit to the latter's beach bathing boxes is a must).

**Where to stay:** Book St Kilda's Art Deco Prince Hotel for a beachside stay in beautiful interiors.

### **MELBOURNE'S SOUTH-EAST SUBURBS**

**Where: South Yarra, Prahran, Windsor**

The neighbouring suburbs of South Yarra, Prahran and Windsor in Melbourne's inner-south-east are an enticing mix of wide leafy streets studded with jaw-dropping mansions and some of the city's most applauded restaurants, with the upscale shopping strips of Toorak Road and Chapel Street offering plenty of retail temptations.

**Where to eat:** Start your day at the Prahran Market for deli goods galore and a piping hot coffee. Eateries abound – try Hawker Hall in Windsor for modern Asian food in a buzzy warehouse, or opt for weekend breakfast at Angus & Bon in Prahran, known for having some of the city's best coffee – and that's saying something in this caffeine-obsessed town. In the evening, dine at applauded Matilda 159 Domain in the boutique United Places hotel, where chef Scott Pickett uses wood-fired ovens and smokers to cook local produce to perfection. Continue your evening over on Chapel Street at Borsch Vodka & Tears for vodka shots (there are 100+ varieties on the menu) or The Woods for Prohibition-era style cocktails.

**Where to play:** You could spend all day touring themed floral displays in the Royal Botanic Gardens, set on a particularly pretty curve of the Yarra River. It's a 15-minute walk south-east from the gardens to Chapel Street, where retail outlets blend a mix of upscale and edgy big-brands and independent boutiques. Detour toward bohemian boutiques on Greville Street before catching a live music performance at the historic Chapel off Chapel.

**Where to stay:** At the end of the night, flop into bed at chic art hotel The Cullen, named for the late Australian artist Adam Cullen, in Prahran. In South Yarra, The Como Melbourne offers another stylish local sleeping option. Or wake up overlooking the Royal Botanic Gardens at United Places.

## **MELBOURNE'S NORTHERN SUBURBS**

**Where: Carlton, Fitzroy, Brunswick**

The neighbourhoods of Melbourne's inner-north are a magnet for foodies, thanks to the thriving Italian restaurants in Carlton (aka 'Little Italy') and the bohemian dining rooms of Fitzroy and Brunswick. The further from the city centre you travel, the more diverse the offerings get, with alternative live music venues and independent boutiques vying for attention.

**Where to eat:** Restaurants in Carlton's Little Italy draw a loyal following for good reason. Lygon Street is the heart of this dining precinct, where you'll also find design-driven Zagame's House hotel, with its cosy Lord Lygon wine bar. Take a walk and discover the mind-boggling array of eateries just steps from your lodgings including Carlton Wine Room, known for its handmade pasta and excellent Italian wine list. Eat your way around the world on Brunswick's Sydney Road, where a perfect day's culinary snapshot looks like: Code Black for coffee (roasted on the premises), The Everleigh for creative cocktails, a mod-Australian dinner at Cutler & Co, and jazz and wine at The Night Cat.

**Where to play:** Explore the Melbourne Museum in Carlton Gardens with its collection of natural and cultural history artefacts; catch a film at gloriously retro Cinema Nova; shop vintage fashion and bookstores along Brunswick Street; and dance the night away to live music at The Old Bar.

**Where to stay:** Zagame's House hotel or overlooking Fitzroy Gardens, or the Park Hyatt Melbourne offers a luxurious base for exploring the neighbourhood.

## **MELBOURNE'S INNER-EAST**

**Where: Richmond, Collingwood, Abbotsford**

This precinct of Melbourne is vibrant and multicultural, and is a hub for sports fanatics thanks to its major stadiums surrounded by legendary bars and live music

venues. It's also home to 'Little Saigon' along Victoria Street, offering a parade of tasty eateries.

**Where to eat:** Begin your day with coffee from speciality roasters Top Paddock in Richmond or Proud Mary. On a match day, the legendary Corner Hotel is the place to go for cold beers, live music and counter meals, but nearby fine-dining restaurants also beckon; try Minamishima for omakase-style sushi, or Ides for seasonal degustations.

**Where to play:** For a spot of shopping, head to Bridge Road or villagey Swan Street to peruse eclectic stores. Then hail a taxi to Abbotsford Convent, a historic creative hub along the Yarra River, which now hosts gorgeous gardens and spaces for live performances. Families will want to continue on to the adjoining Collingwood Children's Farm, where young visitors can meet farm animals and pull vegetables straight from the soil. Follow fans toward Richmond's Melbourne Cricket Ground and Rod Laver Arena – the former hosts Australian rules football matches in winter and cricket in summer; the latter is home to the Australian Open, the first of four Grand Slam tennis tournaments held around the world on the annual calendar.

**Where to stay:** Rest your head in a character-filled room at Element Melbourne Richmond or if you're looking for an easy stroll to Melbourne Cricket Ground, Richmond's Lanbruk Apartment Hotel is particularly handy for catching a match.

## **5.Suburbs And Neighbourhoods**

The City of Melbourne municipality includes suburbs, which are referred to as neighbourhoods, that people from many cultures call home and where diverse private businesses and government organisations are located.

The unique neighbourhoods - Carlton, Parkville, East Melbourne, West Melbourne, North Melbourne, Kensington Docklands, South Yarra, Southbank and the CBD Hoddle Grid – all have their own needs, services and priorities.

Our 37.7 km<sup>2</sup> municipality also includes most of Melbourne's famous sporting venues and major parks and gardens.

### **Carlton**

Carlton is a lively suburb, well-known for the Italian cafes and restaurants of the Lygon Street Italian precinct. It is also known for its Victorian buildings and leafy parks and gardens.

### **Docklands**



Docklands became part of the City of Melbourne municipality in July 2007. The suburb's 200 hectares of land and water are on Victoria Harbour, west of the city centre.

### **East Melbourne**

East Melbourne is an established, affluent area with many 19th century homes, iconic landmarks and parks. The historic Fitzroy, Treasury and Parliament gardens separate East Melbourne from the central city.

### **Kensington**

This area consists of Kensington and a small part of neighbouring Flemington including Flemington Racecourse and Melbourne Showgrounds.



## **North Melbourne**

North Melbourne is one of the city's most dynamic and complex areas. Its residences are a mix of established and new housing with commercial, industrial, retail and community facilities scattered throughout.

## **Parkville**

Parkville is known for its leafy streets, heritage houses and the University of Melbourne's bustling campus and residential colleges.

## **Southbank**

The small suburb of Southbank is situated on the southern side of the Yarra River. Southbank includes Southbank Promenade that stretches from Southgate shopping and dining complex to Queensbridge Square.

## **South Yarra**

Only a portion of South Yarra is located in the City of Melbourne – the area west of Punt Road. The area to the east is in Stonnington City Council.

## **West Melbourne**

West Melbourne is a sprawling region with the Yarra River forming part of its southern border. The west section of West Melbourne is mostly devoted to railway lines, container yards, shipping docks, and industrial, warehouse and wholesale activities. The east is mainly residential.

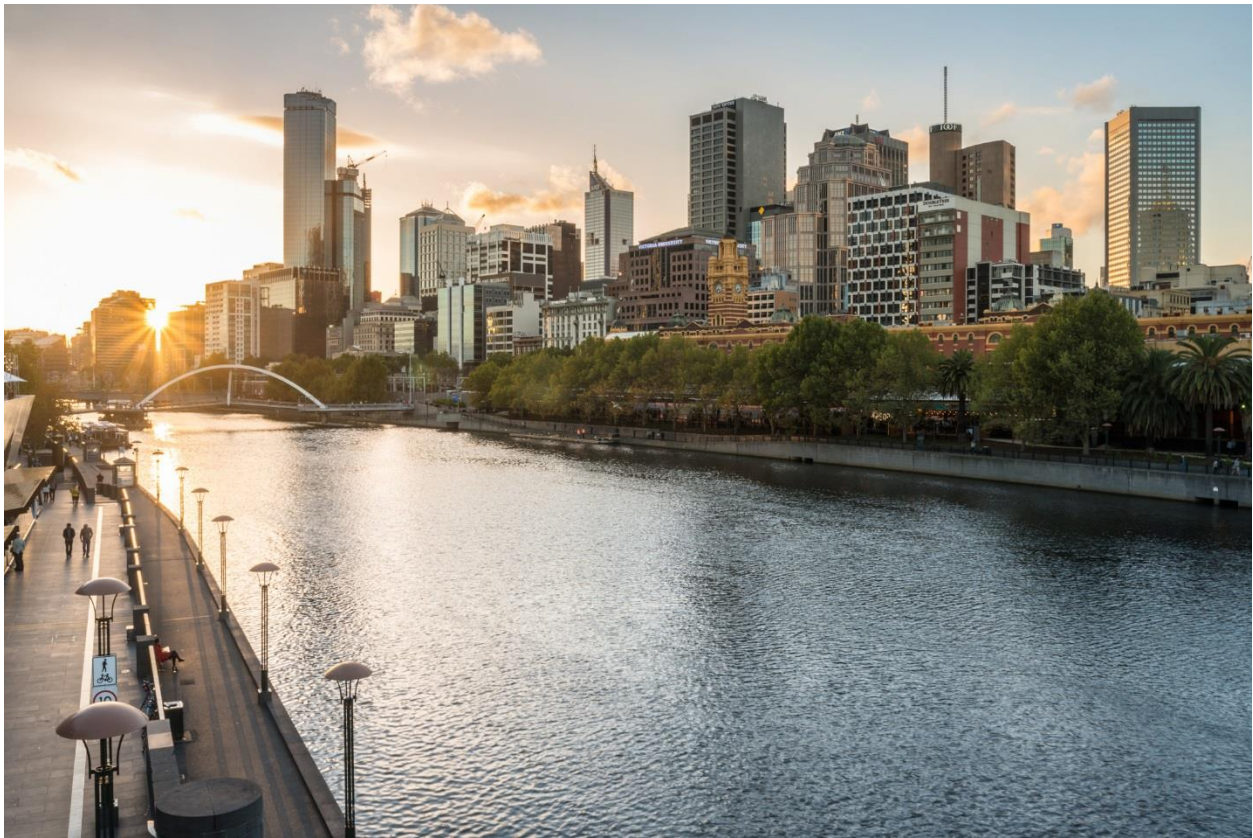
## **CBD Hoddle Grid**

Melbourne, including the central city, has the highest number of businesses and residents in a small area in the municipality.

## **6. PRAHRAN**

This inner-city region is known for Victorian terraces, fine-dining restaurants, conventional emporiums, new-age residential properties and lush-green parks. The proximity to the CBD makes it a perfect suburb for property investment. With a total population of 12,983, Prahran offers great amenities, a multicultural atmosphere and an art scene. This region comprises families with kids, students, young couples and working professionals.

Independent, proud and a little bit fancy – Prahran delights with its mix of boho charm, an innovative foodie scene and high street fashion.



### **Market fresh**

Technically in South Yarra, Prahran Market is Australia's oldest food market and the perfect place to satisfy your food obsession. Fill your basket with fresh produce, fine cheeses, smallgoods, organic meats, seafood, spices and even fresh flowers. It's all here. Graze your way through and swap recipes with local characters.

### **Vintage vibes**

Make a beeline for Greville Street, the spiritual hub of Prahran. While there may be less kitsch than there once was, the street retains its unique appeal. Pick up a coffee and wander past vintage stores, breezy cafes, gallery spaces and outposts of local designers.

Continue your collector's journey at Chapel Street Bazaar, where you can fossick through stalls packed with retro homewares, vintage clothes and other 'must-haves'.

### **Design in mind**

In the mood for something new? Stroll down Chapel Street and take your pick from countless boutiques and fashion outlets. Mix and match offbeat patterns and accessories at Gorman or check out the colourful fabrics and cuts at local fave Olga de Polga.

### **The beat goes on**

There's joy for vinyl lovers here, with Bounce Audio, Profile Music and perennial favourite Greville Records all keeping the music alive. Shop around and find everything from folk, rock and indie to hip-hop, Afro beat, house and electro.

### **Fine flavours**

Recharge with brunch and a brew at local cafes Middletown or Oscar Cooper – both offer compelling reasons to haul yourself out of bed on the weekend. Fourth Chapter beckons with its verdant, sunny interiors. Pick up pastries and coffee at Morning Market and Market Lane Coffee.

## **7. Best Suburbs In Melbourne To Invest In 2023**

In Melbourne, the top end of the market has dropped, which has pulled down the city's median price and given the impression of widespread decline, but many of the key market sectors are still travelling fairly well.

### **The best suburbs in Melbourne to invest in**

- Caroline Springs
- Epping
- Forest Hill
- Glen Waverley
- Hoppers Crossing
- Melton South
- North Melbourne (Units)
- Richmond (Units)

- Roxburgh Park
- Sunbury

Our suburb selections reflect the areas in which the Melbourne market is strongest. The more affordable outer-ring precincts have continuing solid demand from buyers, as do some of the middle-market areas and inner-city unit markets.

The pursuit of relative affordability in areas with good amenities is a common theme.

### **Caroline Springs**

The City of Melton is a key population growth precinct on Melbourne's western fringe. It's also the most affordable sector and attracts a lot of first-home buyers. Sales activity remains strong here, including in the masterplanned suburb of Caroline Springs, where pricing is higher than most Melton locations but affordable relative to the Melbourne median of around \$950,000. It offers many amenities including schools, shops, green space and a commuter train station.

### **Epping**

If fundamental infrastructure, amenities and employment options matter, then Epping in Melbourne's north is your place. It has commuter rail, a shopping centre, bulky goods retail, an expanding hospital, multiple schools, TAFE campus, green spaces and sports amenities. The Melbourne Wholesale Markets and major logistics businesses line the nearby motorways. Relative affordability means sales activity is strong and vacancies are below 1%.

### **Forest Hill**

The City of Whitehorse is quintessential middle Melbourne and has a record of consistent demand and steady growth. Forest Hill price growth has averaged 8.7% per year in the past decade and now typical houses are above \$1 million. It's well-connected via arterial roads and tramways, and there are many parks and reserves, plus schools and shopping options.

### **Glen Waverley**

Located in Monash City, which is a centre of education, commerce and quality residential suburbs. Landmarks include Monash University, Victoria Police

Training Academy, the Woolworths Distribution Centre and major corporate parks. The Monash Freeway bisects the LGA and Glen Waverley has a commuter train station. Price growth has averaged 8.8% per year for a decade and the median price is now \$1.6 million. The suburb sold around 550 houses and nearly 300 apartments in the past year.

### **Hoppers Crossing**

The suburbs of Wyndham City are attracting steady buyer demand because of their affordability, infrastructure and proximity to big jobs nodes. Hoppers Crossing is a major centre for those features, with university campuses, a hospital, major shopping centres, multiple schools and colleges, train station and the East Werribee Employment Precinct, at the intersection of two motorways. Houses are in the high \$500,000s and low \$600,000s.

### **Melton South**

A doubling of sales activity in Melton South is indicative of the growing interest in the City of Melton as buyers chase affordability. It's one of the few remaining Melbourne locations with houses under \$500,000, despite price growth averaging 8.1% per year for the past decade. Melton South is a strong location for education, with multiple schools and colleges, as well as a TAFE campus. It's bookended by green spines.

### **North Melbourne (Units)**

A major emerging trend in Melbourne is the uplift in sales in inner-city suburbs with affordable apartments. North Melbourne's location – between the Melbourne CBD and the huge precinct of hospitals and universities in Parkville/Carlton – makes it a popular target. It's one of those inner suburbs where the median price for apartments (\$535,000) is a fraction of the median price for houses (\$1,315,000).

### **Richmond (Units)**

Inner-city suburbs with apartments at a fraction of the price of houses in the same area are attracting growing buyer demand. Richmond, where the median house price (\$1,500,000) is more than double the median unit price (\$660,000), fits the bill. As a happening suburb close to the CBD, Richmond offers plenty of

lifestyle elements and has good credentials for growth as the apartment trend escalates.

### **Roxburgh Park**

A lot of Melbourne's urban sprawl is happening in the north. A lot of jobs are clustering in the north as well, particularly big transport and logistics operations. Suburbs such as Roxburgh Park are a manifestation of these trends. Houses, by Melbourne standards, are affordable and the infrastructure is good – schools, parks, sports fields, golf courses, train stations, shopping centres.

### **Sunbury**

This outer north-western suburb of Greater Melbourne has the population of a substantial regional city (almost 40,000). And it has the facilities of a small city, with a town centre which includes a major shopping centre and train station on the Melbourne-Bendigo line. There are schools, colleges, a golf course, parks and nature reserves.

### **Conclusion**

Hope you like this guide!! We have shared all the useful information about Melbourne and its suburbs.

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