The three-terraced Birrarung Marr is a welcome start to Melbourne’s cultural diversity as you walk. Beneath the newly connected side of the city centre, you will find the original mounds used as soapboxes in the recipe might not be quite that easy.

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The city’s highlights in handy lists to help you plan

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Melbourne’s Gasworks, which bring

There are public barbeque spots in the city to enjoy a drink or meal.

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- Sights
- Eating
- Drinking
- Entertainment
- Shopping

These symbols give you the vital information for each listing:

- Telephone Numbers
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- Parking
- Nonsmoking
- Internet Access
- Wi-Fi Access
- Vegetarian Selection
- English-Language Menu
- Family-Friendly
- Pet-Friendly
- Bus
- Ferry
- Metro
- Subway
- Tram
- Train

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And of course you’ll find all the practical tips you need for a smooth trip: itineraries for short visits, how to get around, and how much to tip the guy who serves you a drink at the end of a long day’s exploration. It’s your guarantee of a really great experience.

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Stylish, arty Melbourne is both dynamic and cosmopolitan, and it’s proud of its place as Australia’s sporting and cultural capital. Stately architecture and a multicultural make-up reflect the city’s history, while street art and sticky-carpeted venues point to its present-day personality. It’s also a top sporting city, playing host to Grand Slam tennis, Formula One and – its main obsession – Aussie Rules footy.
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The city’s epicentre with top galleries

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Melbourne’s world-famous green lung