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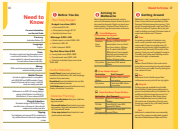
QuickStart Guide

Your keys to understanding the city – we help you decide what to do and how to do it



Need to Know
Tips for a smooth trip

Neighbourhoods
What's where

Explore Melbourne

The best things to see and do, neighbourhood by neighbourhood

Top Sights
Make the most of your visit

Local Life
The insider's city

The Best of Melbourne

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

Best Walks
See the city on foot

Melbourne's Best...
The best experiences

Survival Guide

Tips and tricks for a seamless, hassle-free city experience

Getting Around
Travel like a local

Essential Information
Including where to stay

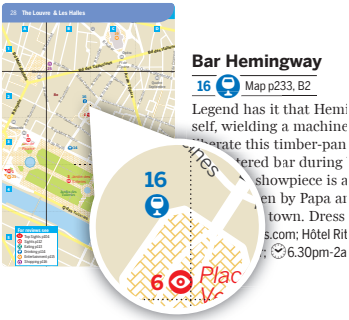
Our selection of Melbourne's best places to eat, drink and experience:

- Sights
- Eating
- Drinking
- Entertainment
- Shopping

These symbols give you the vital information for each listing:

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

Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighbourhood:



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Lonely Planet's Melbourne

Lonely Planet Pocket Guides are designed to get you straight to the heart of the city.

Inside you'll find all the must-see sights, plus tips to make your visit to each one really memorable. We've split the city into easy-to-navigate neighbourhoods and provided clear maps so you'll find your way around with ease. Our expert authors have searched out the best of the city: walks, food, nightlife and shopping, to name a few. Because you want to explore, our 'Local Life' pages will take you to some of the most exciting areas to experience the real Melbourne.

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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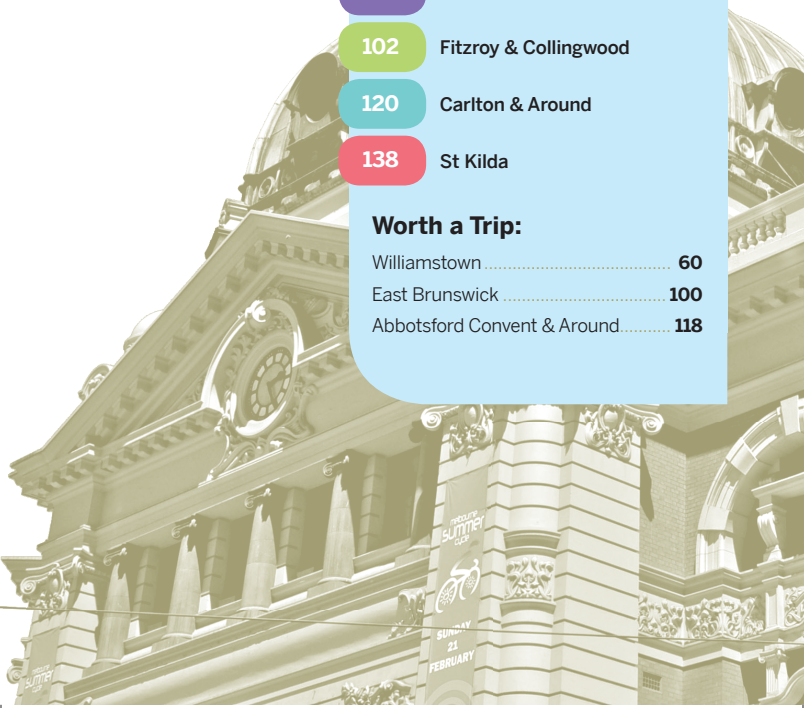

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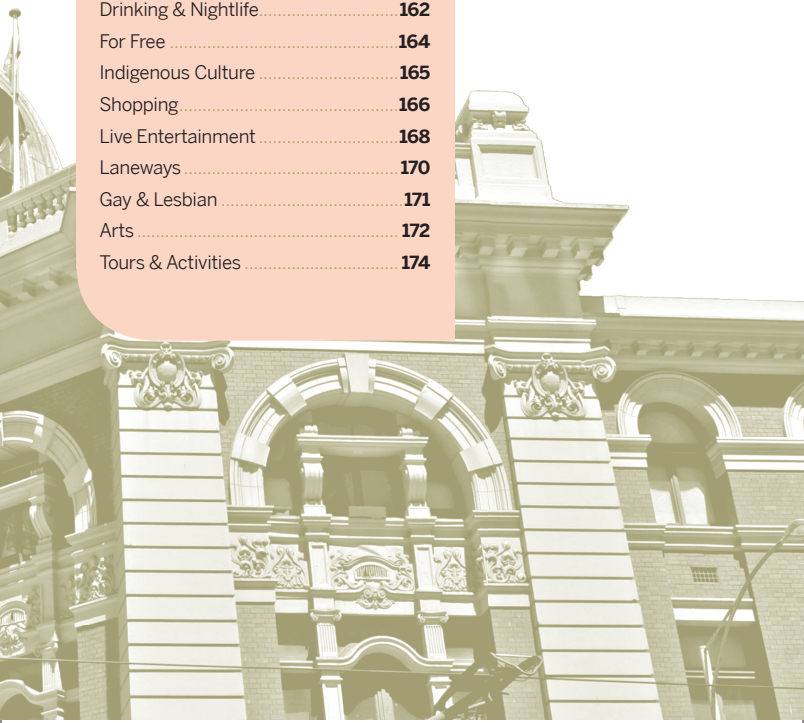

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Welcome to Melbourne

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.

Hosier Lane (p34)
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Melbourne Top Sights

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Federation Square (p24)

The city's epicentre with top galleries

Royal Botanic Gardens (p74)

Melbourne's world-famous green lung

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