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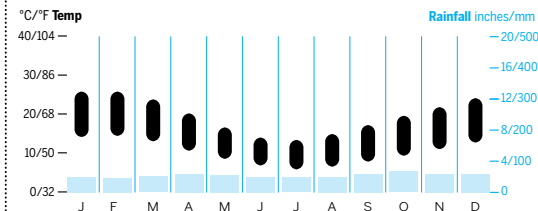
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Why Go?

Regularly ranked among the world's most liveable cities, Melbourne has blossomed over the past decade. Where Sydney's appeal rests largely on its geography and name recognition, Melbourne has always had to work a little harder for plaudits. Stylish and arty, dynamic and cosmopolitan, this is a city that goes from strength to strength. It's home to Australia's most varied dining scene and lays claim to being the country's arts and sporting capital. Throw in stately gold-rush-era architecture, expansive parklands, lanes of street art, top museums and a thriving live-music tradition and there's not much that Melbourne doesn't do well. Beyond the city limits, you'll also encounter some worthwhile detours, including the penguins of Phillip Island, the hot springs of Hepburn Springs and the wines and wildlife of the Yarra Valley.

When to Go

Melbourne



Mid-Dec–Mar
Balmy nights, Grand Slam tennis and music festivals.

Apr–Sep Escape the cold with gallery hopping, boutique shopping and warm, inviting pubs.

Sep–Nov Footy finals fever hits, then the horses start cantering during the Spring Racing Carnival.



Melbourne & Around Highlights

- 1 Discovering Melbourne's **lanes and arcades** (p475).
- 2 Wandering amid the produce at historic **Queen Victoria Market** (p479).
- 3 Taking a **kayak tour** (p489) of the Yarra.
- 4 Joining Melbourne's dumpling craze at **HuTong Dumpling Bar** (p498).
- 5 Gallery hopping, strolling along Birrarung Mar and enjoying **Federation Square** (p471).
- 6 Quaffing coffee at industrial-chic **Auction Rooms** (p502).
- 7 Going on a tour of wineries and breweries in the **Yarra Valley** (p522).
- 8 Getting up close and personal with wildlife at **Healesville Sanctuary** (p522).
- 9 Watching the penguins come ashore at sunset at **Phillip Island** (p526).
- 10 Discovering one of Melbourne's favourite getaways at **Daylesford** (p519).