



Melbourne & Victoria

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Best Places to Eat

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Best Places to Sleep

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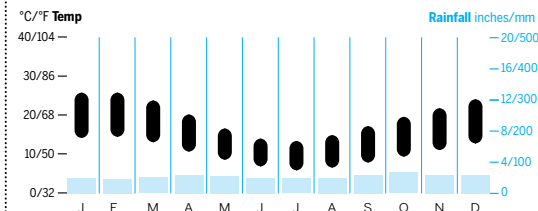
Why Go?

Melbourne is food-obsessed, marvellously multicultural and a showpiece for Australian culture. Beyond the city limits, Victoria offers rich history, stunning wilderness and culinary excellence.

Spread throughout the state, many of these small towns' epicurean credentials go from strength to strength with local-produce-driven restaurants, craft-beer breweries, coffee roasters and excellent wineries. Victorians are also spoiled for scenery and wilderness. From the Great Ocean Road snaking along one of the world's most spectacular coastlines, and wildlife-rich Wilsons Promontory to the picturesque mountains of the High Country, ethereal landscape of the Grampians and desert-like national parks of the north-west – opportunities to explore are endless, whether on two legs or skis, two wheels or four.

When to Go

Melbourne



Dec–Jan Beaches are packed with holidaymakers; book months ahead for coastal accommodation.

Feb–Mar Quieter, more accommodation options. Late summer weather can be particularly hot.

Apr–Nov Whale watching July to September in Warrnambool; ski season is June to August.



Melbourne & Victoria Highlights

1 Goldfields (p566)

Exploring the streetscapes of gold-rush towns with eateries, galleries and markets.

2 Great Ocean Road (p538)

Taking it slow on

a road that curls beside spectacular beaches then whips inland through rainforests.

3 Melbourne (p456)

Seeking out cool cafes,

hidden bars and the hottest restaurants.

4 Wilsons Promontory (p586)

Strapping on your hiking boots to admire the sheer natural beauty.