Central Melbourne is a warren of 19th-century arcades and gritty-turned-hip cobbled bluestone lanes featuring street art, basement restaurants, boutiques and bars.

**Start** Campbell Arcade  
**Distance** 3km  
**Duration** 2½ hours

1. **Start off underground at the art-deco Campbell Arcade**, built for the '56 Olympics and now home to indie shops.

2. **Head upstairs to graffiti-spangled Degraves St** then cross Flinders Lane to cafe-filled Centre Place.

3. **Cross Collins St and enter gorgeous Block Arcade** (03-9654 5244; www.theblock.com.au; 282 Collins St & 96 Elizabeth St), dating to 1891 and featuring etched-glass ceilings and mosaic floors.

4. **Across Little Collins, head into Royal Arcade** (0438 891 212; www.royalarcade.com.au; 335 Bourke St Mall) to see the 1892 Gaunt’s Clock striking the hour.

5. **From Bourke St Mall, take street-art-covered Union Lane to Little Collins St then Swanston St. Art-deco Manchester Unity Arcade** (1932) is on the Collins St corner.

6. **Turn into Exhibition St then Flinders Lane and on to AC/DC Lane**, named after the ear-busting Aussie rockers.

7. **Continue down Flinders Lane to the street-art mecca of Hosier Lane**.

**Take a Break…**  
**Degraves Espresso** (03-9654 1245; 23-25 Degraves St; 7am-10pm Mon-Sat, 8am-5pm Sun) for the ultimate Melbourne coffee.