



Melbourne is located in Australia's smallest state of Victoria making it the ideal base to experience all that Australia has to offer within an hour drive. Downtown Melbourne, known as the CBD, has a labyrinth of pedestrian only lanes with sidewalk cafes around every corner. The unique shopping and diverse dining opportunities amongst the locals are inviting to explore on your own. This is the Fashion Capital of Australia and the Sports Capital, from horse races to Formula 1 race cars. The most popular is Australian Rules football or Footy. There are no time outs, the ball in continual play and the athletes wear no protective padding, similar to Rugby. The enthusiasm of the crowd is contagious fun. A round of golf with kangaroos on the green makes for a fun new obstacle. Surrounding Melbourne is a hidden treasure of authentic Aussie experiences from sipping wine to panning for gold. Go for the day or spend the night for more time to explore the various places.



Popular Day Tours:

Take a walkabout with a handful of people to see kangaroos and koalas out in the wild on the savannah.

Ride in a hot air balloon over downtown Melbourne at sunrise and toast champagne upon landing.

Taste while touring the Queen Victoria Market crowded with locals who come here daily, it's so fresh.

Enjoy a guided walking tour of the hidden secrets of lanes and shopping arcades in downtown Melbourne.

Attend a Footy Match with a local athlete who explains all of the complex rules, and share a meat pie.

Savor fine dining in a casual ambiance onboard the Colonial Tramcar Restaurant as you ride around the CBD.

Step back in time to the Gold Rush Era visiting an authentic outback town with staged shows by cowboys.

Wear night vision goggles seated on a beach with a ranger while thousands of fairy penguins come ashore.



Day trips from Melbourne, that is also conducive to stay a night or two if you prefer:

The Yarra Valley Wine Region showcases cooler climate vines most known for their whites. Chateaux Yerring's owner, Sue, is most welcoming complimenting the lavish rooms and gourmet dining.

Healesville Wildlife Sanctuary is one of the country's best, offering an opportunity to see all of Australia's indigenous wildlife in a natural environment. It is located close to the Yarra Valley Wine Region.

The Great Ocean Road is Australia's most scenic drive with the ocean on one side and dramatic rock cliffs on the other. The Twelve Apostles make a postcard perfect photo. Coastal villages are frequented by surfers.

The Lake House in Daylesford is perfect for the wine, spa and art enthusiast. Here you will find Australia's greatest amount of natural springs. After just one hour in the springs, my skin was soft for weeks.



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