



TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

10 great things to see and do in Melbourne

Melbourne

1 NGV INTERNATIONAL: Australia's oldest public art museum and home to one of the country's most important art collections with everything from Egyptian and Roman antiquities and Asian art, through to Renaissance, Baroque and everything up to and including contemporary art. 180 St Kilda Road. Open daily except Tuesdays, 10am-5pm. Free entry. www.ngv.vic.gov.au.

2 THE IAN POTTER CENTRE NGV AUSTRALIA: the world's first major gallery dedicated exclusively to Australian art, with more than 20 galleries presenting the history of Australian art from the Colonial period through to contemporary art, and includes photography, prints and drawings, fashion and textiles, decorative arts, and a suite of galleries dedicated to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art. Federation Square. Open daily, 10am-5pm. Free entry. www.ngv.vic.gov.au.

3 AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR THE MOVING IMAGE: the first centre of its kind in the world, dedicated to the moving image in all its forms – from early cinema to the latest digital media. Two multi-format cinemas, the world's largest dedicated screen gallery with changing exhibitions and movie/art installations, and hands-on public activity, education and production zones. Federation Square. Open daily, 10am-5pm (until 6pm on weekends). Free entry. www.acmi.net.au

4 CHAMPIONS – AUSTRALIAN RACING MUSEUM: befitting of a city that is host to the 'race that stops a nation' – the Melbourne Cup – the museum is home to the nation's finest collection of racing memorabilia and the Australian Racing Hall of Fame, immortalising some of the most significant moments in racing history. Federation Square. Open daily, 10am-6pm. Adults \$8, kids under 12 free. www.racingmuseum.com.au.

5 SWIM WITH THE DOLPHINS: Polperro Dolphin Swims runs summer-time trips into Port Phillip Bay to swim with dolphins and Australian Fur Seals. Swimmers float in the water behind the boat, holding onto a rope while dolphins and seals approach, so all contact is dictated by the marine animals. They are usually very friendly, inquisitive and playful, and will often come very close to the swimmers. www.polperro.com.au

6 IMMIGRATION MUSEUM: housed in the historic old Customs House offering the personal stories of immigrants through a variety of interpretive techniques – including multimedia, interactive displays, historical objects, footage and photos. 400 Flinders Street. Open daily, 10am-5pm. Adults \$6, kids under 16 free. www.immigration.museum.vic.gov.au.

7 CHINESE MUSEUM: established in 1985 to document, preserve and display the history of Chinese Australians since the mid 1800's. Highlights include the 'Finding Gold' time tunnel in the basement and Dai Loong, the world's largest dragon. In the heart of Chinatown at 22 Cohen Place. Open daily, 10am-5pm. Adults \$7.50, kids \$5.50. www.chinesemuseum.com.au

8 GOLD TREASURY MUSEUM: houses three permanent exhibitions, Built on Gold, Making Melbourne and Growing Up in the Old Treasury. Old Treasury Building, Spring Street. Open Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm, weekends and public holidays, 10am-4pm. Adults \$8.50, kids \$5. www.oldtreasurymuseum.org.au.

9 AFL HALL OF FAME: embrace the history and heritage of Australian Football and pay tribute to the legends and inductees of the Australian Football Hall of Fame and the clubs from the VFL/AFL competition. 292 Swanston Street. Open daily, 9am-6pm. Adults \$17.50, kids \$10.50. www.aflhalloffame.com.au.

10 SEAKAYAK AUSTRALIA: SeaKayak Australia runs half and full-day sea kayaking tours on the waters of Port Phillip Bay. Paddle to Williamstown, cross the shipping channel to the West Gate Bridge and the confluence of the Yarra, and explore the Williamstown docks by water. They also run paddling trips along the Yarra River. www.seakayakaustralia.com