



Home to Australia's top rated fine-dining restaurant, multi-cultural eat streets, and laneways lined with specialist bars, cafés, restaurants and provedores, eating in Melbourne is an adventure for the senses. Beyond the city, Victoria boasts specialty wine regions, farm-gates, food trails and quality produce delivering memorable culinary experiences.



FINE DINING MELBOURNE STYLE

Melbourne has over 3,500 restaurants offering cuisine from at least 70 different countries.

For those looking for a fine dining experience it doesn't get much better than **Attica** and **Vue de Monde**.

Currently ranked 21 in San Pellegrino's World's Top 50 Restaurants, the multi-award winning **Attica** serves beautifully balanced, modern cuisine. The main point of difference is the integration of native ingredients, such as the Lilly Pilly and Illawarra plum pine used in signature dessert The Native Fruits of Australia.

WHERE? Ripponlea just 20 minutes from Melbourne's CBD.

Shannon Bennett's **Vue de monde** restaurant takes diners on a journey with its innovative cuisine and spectacular setting with views over the Melbourne city skyline and Port Phillip Bay. The menu has French influences, but uses primarily Victorian produce and indigenous ingredients. A dramatic interior fit-out including kangaroo leather tablecloths and chairs made out of old telegraph poles creates a uniquely Australian setting.

WHERE? 55th floor of the Rialto building, Melbourne CBD



For more restaurant suggestions in Melbourne check out our Best Restaurants fact sheet at the end of the module.

MELBOURNE'S INFAMOUS LANEWAYS

Some of Melbourne's best eating and drinking can be found in and around the city's labyrinth of interconnecting laneways. If you see an unmarked door, a set of stairs, or what looks like a no through road, you'll probably discover a favourite local dining haunt. The laneways are also central to Melbourne's cafe and bar culture, with rooftops and basements offering more hidden secrets from Japanese tea houses and Chinese dim sum diners to speakeasy style cocktail bars.



EXPERT TIP:

Don't have a local to show you where to go? Tours from **Hidden Secrets Tours**, **Melbourne Food Experiences** or **Melbourne Walks** reveal the city's café culture, cocktail and bar scene and plenty more besides.

THE ULTIMATE YARRA VALLEY INDULGENCE

The birthplace of Victorian viticulture, the Yarra Valley is Victoria's premier wine region, home to more than 80 world class wineries producing award-winning cool climate wines and 60 boutique cellar doors. The whole range of intimate wine tasting and behind the scenes experiences are available.



MORE FOOD AND WINE EXPERIENCES IN MELBOURNE AND VICTORIA

- » Melbourne is considered the coffee capital of Australia, interactive tours uncover the history and culture behind the city-wide obsession
- » The iconic Great Ocean Road, renowned for its spectacular scenery, is also home to a range of culinary experiences. Don't miss: **Apollo Bay Fisherman's Co-op** a feast of local seafood in one shop and newly opened restaurant **Brae**, in the Otway's, where produce for the daily menu is sourced from Brae's organic kitchen garden and local farms.
- » Located at the base of dramatic Mt Sturgeon at the southern entrance to the Grampians National Park, **The Royal Mail Hotel** combines its own home grown seasonal produce, with that of local boutique producers and compliments it with an exceptional wine list. Accommodation is also available.
- » Long considered the jewel in Victoria's regional Crown, **The Lake House** in the spa town of Daylesford is not only a beautiful boutique spa hotel it also offers an exemplary dining experience with the best of the regions produce on show.

ITINERARY TIP:

The Great Southern Touring Route takes in The Great Ocean Road, The Grampians and Daylesford in a self-drive touring loop from Melbourne. Allow a minimum of 5 days.



SPOTLIGHT:

YARRA VALLEY

- » Just an hour's drive from Melbourne, easily explored by self-drive or on a day tour
- » Float serenely over rolling vineyards on a sunrise hot air balloon flight, land in one of the Valleys flagship wineries such as **Domaine Chandon** or **Rochford Estate** for a champagne breakfast with local sparkling and artisan produce
- » Sample a selection of the regions craft beers and ciders along the Yarra Valley, Cider and Ale Trail
- » Visit **Four Pillars** one of the new artisan gin distillers found in the Yarra Valley

THE MORNINGTON PENINSULA

The Mornington Peninsula has it all: abundant produce, boutique wineries, food trails, farm gates, golf courses, galleries, picturesque villages, diverse landscapes, beautiful beaches and coastal views all in one compact area just an hour away from Melbourne.



SPOTLIGHT:

MORNINGTON PENINSULA

- » One of the few wine regions in the world that overlooks stunning coastline
- » More award-winning restaurants than any other part of Victoria; **Port Philip Estate**, **The Long Table**, **Montalto** and **Ten Minutes by Tractor** all offer menus featuring local produce for a completely immersive dining experience
- » Known for cool-climate boutique Chardonnays and Pinots
- » Get hands on with fruit picking, mushroom foraging or classes including handmade sausage, wood fired pizza or chocolate making at **Green Olive** at Red Hill.
- » Follow the **Wine, Food and Farm gate** Trail to discover hundreds of producers throughout the region

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FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL AND EVENTS CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Yarra Valley Grape Grazing

A weekend pass to the Yarra Valley Grape Grazing festival admits visitors to more than 30 events and offers the opportunity to sample the regions premium cool-climate wines and vibrant food culture.

MARCH

Melbourne Food and Wine Festival

More than 200 events across Melbourne and regional Victoria. Including the World's Longest Lunch, master classes with chef's from around the world and tours of Melbourne's laneways.

JUNE

Winter Wine Weekend

50 Mornington Peninsula wine makers exhibit offering visitors to taste, learn and discuss this Pinot Noir regions wins as well as fine restaurant fare and local produce.

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