



## MELBOURNE UNCOVERED

Gain an insider's perspective on architectural tours of Melbourne's atmospheric arcades and alleyways, famous street art and monumental landmark buildings.

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Australia, Victoria



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## Journey Overview

Explore Australia's capital of culture on this captivating three-day exploration. Gain an insider's perspective of Melbourne's most atmospheric arcades and alleyways, famous street art, stunning Victorian architecture and monumental landmark buildings. Be invited into the private home of passionate art collectors to explore their large and varied collection of contemporary works and be immersed in Melbourne's iconic night life with a private Melbourne After Dark walking tour.

### Journey Highlights

- Appreciate Melbourne's architectural and cultural heritage on a tailored walking tour
- Enjoy a private tour of a contemporary art collection conducted by the owners of the house museum
- Discover the most coveted speakeasies and live performance shows on an insider's waking tour by night
- Explore Melbourne's iconic street art via a fascinating labyrinthine tour of eclectic lanes and alleyway



## Itinerary

### **Day 1: Arrive Melbourne**

Arrive Melbourne and transfer to your hotel in the heart of the CBD.

#### ***QT Melbourne***

### **Day 2: Melbourne**

Discover Melbourne's CBD on a personalised walking tour with an engaging specialist guide who is also a museum and art curator by profession, widely travelled, and a sought-after speaker and lecturer in archives, fine arts, architecture, social history, travel and museum studies. Explore the city's fascinating labyrinth of atmospheric arcades and alleyways, filled with vibrant cafés, eclectic boutiques and some colourful street art. Along the way admire landmark buildings like the Block Arcade with its dazzlingly high Victorian interior decoration or some truly grand 19th century buildings like the old General Post Office. Marvel at the hand of progress as you encounter many structures that have been renewed and transformed and hop aboard one of Melbourne's iconic and much-loved trams.

Lunch is at a local Melbourne restaurant after which the owners of a contemporary art collection will invite you into their home for a private tour. Featuring works collected over a 40 year period, the collectors will share both their collection and their passion for art, architecture, design and food on this exclusive and engaging experience. Their diverse collection comprises over 300 works including painting, sculpture, multi-media installations, works on and from paper, and photography by local and international artists, both established and emerging.

#### ***QT Melbourne / BL***

**Day 3: Melbourne**

This morning, take a guided tour and visit two of Melbourne's most recognised public buildings: the World Heritage-listed Royal Exhibition Buildings, followed by the State Library of Victoria, with its renowned armour belonging to Ned Kelly and other important exhibits.

Tonight, prepare to be immersed in Melbourne's iconic night life with a private Melbourne After Dark walking tour. Soak up this eclectic city of colour, as it comes alive with lights. You'll be charmed by softly lit heritage buildings, the moon glittering off the Yarra River, and the labyrinthine laneways filled with humming wine bars, secret speakeasies and mouth-watering gastronomy. Hosted by a passionate local with recommendations to meet all aspirations, you'll enjoy dinner at one of Melbourne's trendiest dining spots. Finish with a cocktail at one of Melbourne's unique hidden bars or relax with an espresso and dessert, as your guide regales you with tales of the night.

***QT Melbourne / BD*****Day 4: Depart Melbourne**

Your cultural exploration of Melbourne ends after breakfast this morning.

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## Accommodation

### QT Melbourne



This boutique hotel with a minimalist Parisian vibe has been transformed from the old Russell Street cinemas. The airy light-filled atrium with its eye-catching artworks makes for an impressive welcome while its 188 rooms are spacious with high ceilings, oak floors and large windows. En suite bathrooms have a distinctly industrial feel with clinical white tiles, brushed slate floors and steel-framed walls. For evening cocktails, head to the rooftop bar where there's always a buzz and dine in the chic surrounds of velvet and leather-clad Pascale Bar & Grill.

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