

City Circle

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Melbourne by tram

CITY TRAM CIRCLE



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Where to get more information

Visitor information booths

- Ground Floor, Town Hall, Swanston Street
- City Square, Cnr Swanston and Collins Streets
- Bourke Street Mall

Victorian Arts Centre
100 St Kilda Road, Melbourne
(Current events at the Centre)

National Trust Shop
Shop 21, Block Arcade,
282 Collins St, Melbourne
(National Trust Walks)

Royal Automobile Club of Victoria (RACV)
230 Collins Street, Melbourne
(Tourist information service)

Taxis Australia
13 2227

Travelers' Aid Society
2nd Floor, 169 Swanston Street, Melbourne
(03) 654 2600

Met Information
The Met Shop
103 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne
(Public transport in Melbourne)

13 1638

V-Line Info (country rail travel)
Gr'nd Floor, 589 Collins Street, Melbourne
13 2232

International flights
(03) 339 1814

Domestic flights
(Qantas)
13 1313

(Ansett)
13 1300

Information Victoria Bookshop
318 Little Bourke Street, Melbourne
(Victorian Gov't publications)
(03) 651 4100

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Exploring Melbourne

Melbourne, with a population of over three million people, has been described as one of the world's most livable capital cities. It is a thriving metropolis that blends the best of the old with the excitement of the new.

The city's beautifully preserved nineteenth-century architectural heritage, its wide streets and boulevards, its quiet parks and gardens contrast with an exciting array of cosmopolitan bars and restaurants, shopping precincts and entertainment and sporting venues.

Melbourne has many special areas worth exploring. They include Chinatown (Little Bourke Street), the exclusive 'Paris' end of Collins Street (near Spring Street), the Swanston Street Walk, nightclubs on King Street, exciting new Southgate on the river, the historic Queen Victoria Market (Elizabeth Street), the Botanic Gardens and Arts Centre (along St Kilda Road) and leisurely cruises along the Yarra River.

Melbourne is also famous for its trams – one of the most enjoyable ways to travel around the city.

If your passion is eating, shopping, entertainment or just lounging around with a book, Melbourne has it all.



Southgate on the Yarra.

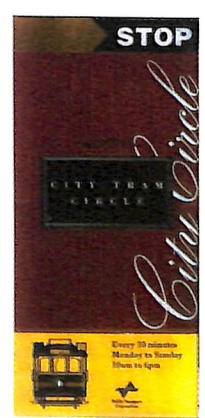
Getting around town

The new City Circle Tram service provides a free and convenient way to get around central Melbourne. Tourists, shoppers, office workers and families can use the City Circle to travel to major attractions, shops and city activities.

The City Circle Tram circles the city and links with other tram and light rail routes in and around Melbourne. It will take you past shopping malls and arcades, major attractions such as the Old Treasury Building, Parliament House and the Princess Theatre and up to the Victoria Market. It will soon be extended across the Yarra to take in the new Casino on Southbank, the Exhibition Centre and Maritime Museum.

To catch the free City Circle tram service, just wait at any of the specially marked stops on the route. Trams run in both directions every ten minutes, seven days a week between 10am and 6pm (except Christmas Day and Good Friday).

For further information about the City Circle Tram service, contact the Public Transport Corporation on 13 1638 or visit The Met Shop, 103 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne.



City Circle Tram stops are clearly marked.

Travelling by tram



Melbourne is also renowned for its extensive tramways system and light rail network.

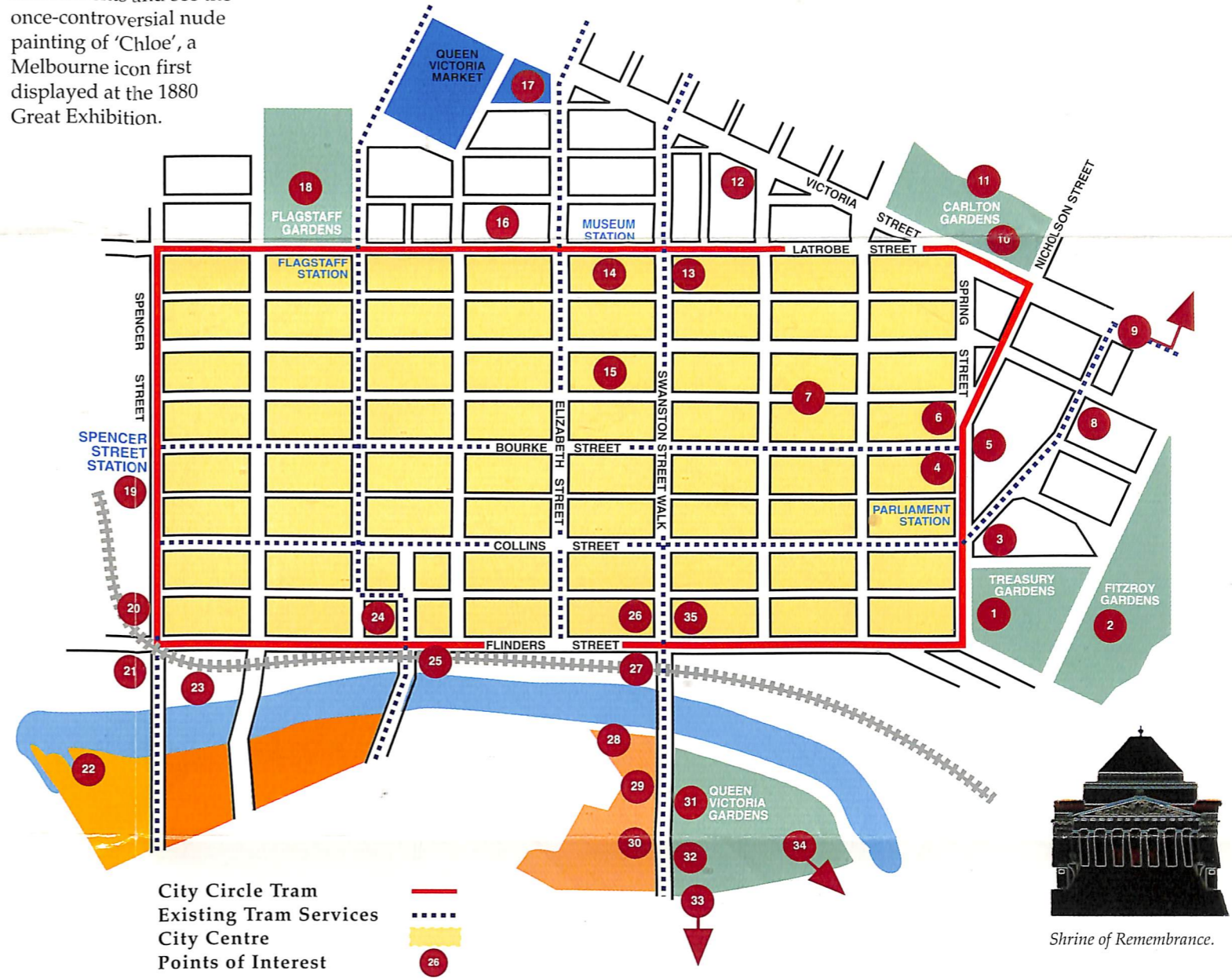
Melbourne's tramways system was established in 1880. The City Circle tram service is the first extension of the central city's tram lines for decades, and offers an exciting way to see Melbourne's tourist attractions.

The special W-class trams currently running on the City Circle were built in 1956 and can carry 48 people.

W-class trams were first built in 1923 and originally ran on a pulley system. With the electrification of the cable system, trams were remodelled and updated. As well as the historic W-class tram, Melbourne has modern Z-class trams which run on most other routes in and out of the city.

For further information on the history of Melbourne trams, visit The Met Shop, 103 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne.

City Circle Points of Interest



Treasury Gardens [1]
These formal gardens, Melbourne's oldest, contain a number of statues and monuments, including a memorial to President John F. Kennedy. On the northern side of the gardens are imposing nineteenth-century public buildings.

Fitzroy Gardens [2]
The gardens contain a conservatory; the cottage of Captain Cook's parents; a model Tudor village; and a favourite of Melbourne's children, the Fairies Tree.

Old Treasury Building [3]
The Treasury Building was built between 1857 and 1862 to a design by one of Victoria's great colonial architects. The building has recently been restored, and its ground floor is to be the home of a permanent exhibition about Melbourne's past, present and future.

The Windsor Hotel [4]
One of Australia's few remaining nineteenth-century grand hotels, the Windsor is renowned for its elegance and luxury. The hotel's Cricketer's Bar is home to some of the Melbourne Cricket Club's memorabilia.

State Houses of Parliament [5]
Now the seat of the Victorian Government, the building was the home of the Australian Parliament from Federation in 1901 until 1927. The magnificent interior is one of the finest of any public building in Australia. [Open Monday-Friday 8.45am-4.30pm with tours throughout on non-sitting days.]

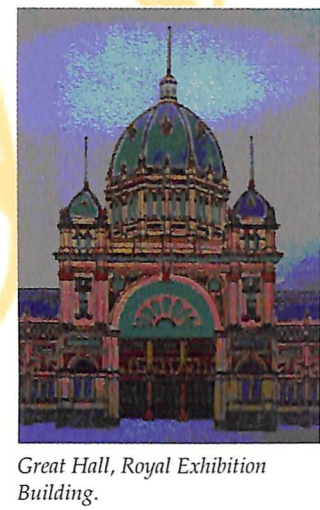
Princess Theatre [6]
One of Melbourne's main theatres for musicals, the Princess Theatre dates from 1886.

Chinatown [7]
The precinct boasts some of the best Asian restaurants in Melbourne as well as the Museum of Chinese Australian History.

A short walk along Albert Street from the Nicholson Street stop will bring you to **St Patrick's Cathedral [8]**, one of the grandest Gothic revival churches in Australia and Melbourne's main Roman Catholic church.

If you're feeling like some adventure, alight on the corner of Nicholson Street and Victoria Parade and catch a tram heading east to visit **Brunswick Street, Fitzroy [9]**, famous for its bohemian atmosphere and intriguing collection of restaurants, art galleries and offbeat shops.

A must for every visitor to Melbourne is a visit to the **Carlton Gardens [10]** and the **Great Hall of the Royal Exhibition Building [11]**. The magnificent Great Hall was constructed for the International Exhibition of 1880. This will be the location of the New Museum of Victoria, to be completed by the end of the decade.



Great Hall, Royal Exhibition Building.

Old Melbourne Gaol [12]
Now a museum run by the National Trust, built between 1841 and 1864, the gaol is Melbourne's oldest. The notorious bushranger, Ned Kelly, was hanged there in 1880. [Open: Monday-Friday 9.30am-4.30pm.]

State Library and Museum [13]
This impressive complex of buildings was begun in 1853 and is still being added to today. The Library's domed reading room, built in 1913, is well worth a visit. Extensive refurbishment of the Library is currently under way. The museum's collection includes Phar Lap, the famous Melbourne Cup winner.

Alight on the corner of Latrobe and Elizabeth Streets to visit the heart of Melbourne's shopping area. **Melbourne Central [14]** offers visitors a diverse range of speciality shops, restaurants and a Japanese-owned department store, Daimaru. An overhead walkway joins Melbourne Central with the **Myer Emporium [15]**, a Melbourne landmark and Australia's most famous department store.

Welsh Church [16]
Built in 1856, this Gothic Revival building is one of the few Calvinist churches operating in Victoria.

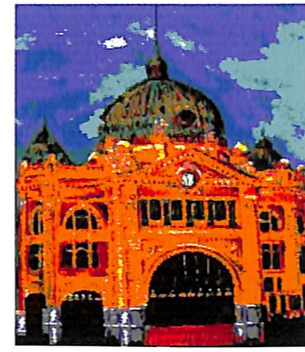
A short walk north from the corner of Latrobe and Queen Street brings you to the **Queen Victoria Market [17]**. Originally a wholesale meat market, it now offers a vast area of general shops and stalls. Open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday.

Flagstaff Gardens [18]
One of the highest points in the city and the site of a signalling station last century. The Gardens were laid out in 1880.

Spencer Street Station [19]
The city's main terminus for country and interstate trains and buses.

Former Railways Administration Office [20]
When built in 1893, this was the largest office building in Melbourne. Currently being redeveloped as residences.

Alight on the corner of Spencer and Flinders Streets to visit the **World Trade Centre [21]**, the home of the temporary Melbourne Casino which is due to open in mid-1994.



Flinders Street Railway Station.

A short walk over the Spencer Street Bridge will bring you to the **Melbourne Maritime Museum [22]**. Its centrepiece, the barque *Polly Woodside*, is a square-rigged sailing ship launched in 1885.

Batman Park [23]
Provides a riverside recreation area. Directly opposite, on the south bank of the Yarra, is the site of the Melbourne Casino, which is due to open in 1996.

Old Customs House [24]
An outstanding example of a mid-Victorian colonial public building. There are proposals to refurbish the building as a gallery and museum. *Not open to the public at present.*

Banana Alley Vaults [25]
The vaulted stores beneath the railway viaduct were originally used by fruiterers, hence the name Banana Alley.

Young and Jackson's Hotel [26]
Melbourne's most famous public house. Pop in for refreshments and see the once-controversial nude painting of 'Chloe', a Melbourne icon first displayed at the 1880 Great Exhibition.

Flinders Street Railway Station [27]
Built in 1901, the station is Australia's busiest suburban rail terminus. For nearly a century, 'underneath the clocks' of the main entrance has been a popular meeting place for Melburnians.

Alight outside Flinders Street Station, walk over



Victorian Arts Centre.

Princes Bridge and have a drink or meal or buy a souvenir at Melbourne's popular riverside development, **Southgate [28]**.

Next door to Southgate is the **Arts Centre [29]** with its opera theatre, concert hall, and various drama theatres. Adjacent to the Centre is the **National Gallery of Victoria [30]**.

A tram ride south, or a walk through the **Queen Victoria Gardens [31]** and the **Kings Domain [32]**, will take you to the **Shrine of Remembrance [33]**, an impressive war memorial.

The **Royal Botanic Gardens [34]**, 35 hectares of magnificent landscaping displaying more than



Shrine of Remembrance.

60,000 plants from around the world, is a short step eastward.

St Paul's Cathedral [35]
Melbourne's first official church service was held on this site in 1836. A solemn and inspiring building, St Paul's is Melbourne's main Anglican church.