

MELBOURNE

Three Great Loves: Art, Sport, Food

IMAGE: MELBOURNE. PHOTO: VISIT VICTORIA.

DAY 1

Start the day at the **Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia** at **Federation Square**, the world's first major public gallery dedicated to Australian art. Neighbouring **ACMI**, the **Australian Centre for the Moving Image** is Australia's national museum of film, TV, videogames, digital culture and art. Then take a walk over the Princes Bridge and down onto the walking path that runs beside the Yarra River to make your way to the **Royal Botanic Gardens**. The Gardens, home to 8,500 plant species from around the world, are presented in a kaleidoscope of colour and texture with sweeping lawns, tranquil lakes and majestic trees. Enjoy Vietnamese-influenced flavours at **Jardin Tan** or café fare at **The Terrace**, which also offers High Tea sittings at 11am and 1pm.



IMAGE: DINNER AT NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA (NGV).

Be sure to fit in a little rest and relaxation in the afternoon before dressing to impress for the *Private Gallery Dinner at NGV: The Banquet of Cleopatra* experience. An unforgettable evening of art, music, fine dining and wine at the **National Gallery of Victoria (NGV)**, the Gallery will be exclusively yours for the evening. Arrive at the NGV's iconic waterwall entrance where you will be welcomed and escorted on a private tour to discover the extraordinary highlights of the NGV's acclaimed international

collection. Intimate live music performances will accompany your private viewing experience.

Then indulge in a degustation dinner, set within the gallery space in front of the NGV's revered masterpiece, Giambattista Tiepolo's *The Banquet of Cleopatra*. Note that this experience should be booked well ahead of time.

DAY 2

Book ahead for **Arts Centre Melbourne's VIP All Access Tour**, starting at 7.30am. This journey takes guests underground to explore the hidden corridors, stages and exclusive backstage spaces graced by Australian and international stars at Australia's largest performing arts centre. It includes a private guided tour of the Australian Music Vault which houses the best in Australian contemporary music as well as a visit to the Australian Performing Arts Collection Store. Not a shop, this is a privileged opportunity to delve deep into the archives dedicated to Australian circus, dance, music, opera and theatre heritage, as your guide reveals iconic costumes and artefacts. The tour finishes with breakfast in an exclusive VIP lounge alongside two Academy Awards® awarded to John Truscott, who designed Arts Centre Melbourne's interiors, for his work on the 1967 film *Camelot*.



IMAGE: ARTS CENTRE MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIAN PERFORMING ARTS COLLECTION STORE.

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From the pinnacle of performing arts to the pinnacle of sport, your next stop is the **Melbourne Cricket Ground**. Book ahead for the *MCG Private Tour Experience* at 12 noon or 2pm (THURSDAYS ONLY). This exclusive, fully guided tour takes in areas of the legendary **Melbourne Cricket Ground** others could only dream of; step out onto the hallowed **MCG** turf, access the cricket viewing rooms and go behind the scenes of the prestigious **Melbourne Cricket Club**. Then wander down to the **National Sports Museum** for a personalised insight into the fascinating history that has made Melbourne, Australia one of the sporting capitals of the world. To finish the tour, enjoy a drink in **Paddock Café**. Or upgrade to include a one-hour drinks or drink and canapés package in the fourth level **City Terrace** bar.



IMAGE: MELBOURNE CRICKET GROUND TOUR.

DAY 3

Melbourne's CBD has renowned contemporary commercial art galleries and thousands of cafés and restaurants that have given the city its reputation as a mecca for food lovers. Start your exploration in Flinders Lane where galleries, restaurants, cafés and wine bars are at high concentration. Some of Melbourne's iconic street art laneways join Flinders Lane so meander onto AC/DC Lane, Duckboard Place and Hosier Lane to see the latest additions to the layers of street art they are known for. For a guided experience, look to **Art Aficionados**, **Street Art** and **Walk to Art** boutique tour companies.

There are also a range of guided coffee, food and wine bar walking tours for those who'd like to be shown the ropes. Otherwise a wander down any of the city's Lanes and laneways will reveal a delightful range of choices.

Or take in some cultural heritage at some of Melbourne's great institutions, **State Library of Victoria**, **Melbourne Museum** and World Heritage-Listed **Royal Exhibition Building** to the city centre's north.

BOOKINGS AND MORE INFORMATION

EXPERIENCES IN THIS ITINERARY

1. [Private Gallery Dinner at NGV in Melbourne: The Banquet of Cleopatra](#)
2. [VIP All Access Tour](#)
3. [MCG Private Tour Experience](#)

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