



IPTA

2010 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
MELBOURNE, APRIL 15-17

Activity Suggestions for Accompanying Persons

This year's conference does not include an Accompanying Persons program, however the following is a list of suggested activities. Feel free to contact IPTA about these activities. Alternatively, further information, suggestions and assistance can be provided by:

Langham Hotel Concierge

Located on Lobby Level

t: 03 8696 8061

e: mel.concierge@langhamhotels.com

Melbourne Visitors Centre at Federation Square

Located corner of Swanston and Collins Streets

t: 03 9655 1900

w: www.fedsquare.com

Explore the Hidden Laneways

Melbourne's central business district (CBD) contains many central streets and laneways with obscure cafes, shops and galleries. Cross the footbridge over the Yarra River to Flinders Street and turn right along to Degraves Street, a laneway alive with small shops and both indoor and outdoor dining venues.

A short distance further along is the historic Block Arcade with charming little shops and a café or two. The Royal Arcade, also lovely, contains still more intrigues, ranging from hand made chocolates to a purveyor of magical wares and spells. At night, laneway venues transform into bars and clubs to suit every taste.

Hidden Secrets Tours

Join Hidden Secrets Tours for a three-hour walk through Melbourne's beautiful lanes and arcades. Discover local designers and see over 30 specialty retailers that often are only found in the city. Included in the tour are a goodies bag, morning tea, Shop Guide, city map and gourmet lunch. Tours are held at 10am on Mon/Tue/Wed/Thu/Fri/Sat (group bookings and other times by arrangement).

t: 03 9663 3358

w: www.hiddensecretstours.com

City Circle Trams

Across the Yarra River from The Langham, the City Circle Trams depart regularly and stop at each major intersection on a route circling the CBD. Trams are free to use and stop at such prominent destinations as the Royal Exhibition Building (World Heritage listed), Melbourne Museum, Docklands Stadium and Queen Victoria Market.

Explore Gardens of Melbourne

The Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne are considered one of Australia's most significant. Established in 1846, the gardens cover 36 hectares and are home to over 12,000 varieties of animal and plant species. Other significant gardens in Melbourne include the Fitzroy Gardens and Birrarung Marr.

Eureka Skydeck

The Eureka Tower, next door to The Langham, Melbourne offers awe-inspiring views from the highest viewing platform in the Southern Hemisphere. Skydeck 88 can give you the world's only "Edge Experience" – a switchable glass cube which slides out from the building with you inside!

Galleries and Museums

Melbourne boasts an exceptional collection of museums, many hosting world-renowned displays, while public galleries house some of Australia's most important colonial and contemporary works. They include:

- National Gallery of Victoria (NGV)
- Melbourne Museum
- The Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia

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Queen Victoria Market

This historic landmark is a tourist attraction and an institution for Melburnians. The market offers everything from fruit and vegetables to local and imported gourmet foods, fashion and general merchandise. Open Tue/Thu/Fri/Sat/Sun.

t: 03 9320 5822
w: www.qvm.com.au

Werribee Open Range Zoo

Only 30 minutes from Melbourne, Werribee Open Range Zoo is full of amazing animals living in a wide, open savannah. Discover grazing rhinos, giraffes and zebras, see monkeys and cheetahs at play and get close to a pride of lions.

t: 1300 966 784
w: www.zoo.org.au/WerribeeOpenRangeZoo

Melbourne Cricket Ground

For the true Melbourne sporting experience head to the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) to watch an Australian Football League (AFL) game. Experience the excitement of one of Melbourne's favourite sports – where an average match can attract almost capacity crowds of vocal, yet peaceful supporters.

t: 03 9658 8888
w: www.mcg.org.au

Free Bus Shuttle to Chadstone Shopping Centre

Departing from Melbourne's CBD, the shuttle will zoom you to Chadstone and have you shopping in just 30 minutes. With the best selection of Australian and International brands under one roof, Chadstone is a must for every visitor to this fashionable city.

t: 1300 668 467
w: www.chadstoneshopping.com.au/tourists

City to Williamstown Ferry Cruises

For a great day out, take a return trip from the city to Williamstown. Cruise past Melbourne's shipping channels on your journey to the old maritime seaport of Williamstown where there is a range of activities, restaurants and attractions to explore for everyone. Ferries conveniently depart from Berth 1, Southgate at the front of The Langham, Melbourne and stop on request along the way.

t: 03 9517 8444
w: www.williamstownferries.com.au

Chocoholic Tours

Chocoholics, sweet tooths and travellers alike can discover Melbourne's world of chocolate and experience charms of the city's streets, lanes and arcades, all in one tour. There is one regular tour on Fridays at 2pm and five on Saturdays at 10am, 12pm, 12.15pm, 2pm and 2.15pm. Bookings are essential.

t: 03 686 4655
w: www.chocoholictours.com.au

Other activities to consider:

DFO Factory Outlet on Spencer Street

Melbourne Aquarium within walking distance of The Langham, Melbourne

Yarra Valley Wineries Tours can be arranged through Langham Hotel Concierge

Hot Air Balloon Flights can be arranged through Langham Hotel Concierge