

Living in Melbourne

Melbourne is Australia's cultural centre

....offering the best sporting, fashion and cultural festivals in Australia. It could be easily argued that Melbourne has the best selection of restaurants, bars and art galleries in the country. Melbourne is the second largest city in Australia with a population of over 3.5 million people and the lowest crime rate in Australia. Our city is renowned for its excellence in education with an array of high quality schools and universities with international reputation making a great place to study. Melbourne is one of the world's most multicultural and tolerant cities with over one quarter of our population born overseas. As a result we have an amazing variety of restaurants and cafes.

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Part time job	Accommodation	Weekly transport pass	Grocery costs	Entertainment
(Earning: \$10 - \$20 per hour) 20 hours per week	Sharing a room in the city	Zone 1 Weekly pass	Bread (loaf) \$3.50 Milk (1 L) \$2.50 Pasta (500 g) \$2.20 Rice (1 kg) \$3.00	Movies \$15 Restaurant meal \$25 Big Mac meal \$6 Beer \$4 - 6
\$300 - \$350	\$120 - \$180	\$29	\$50 - \$80	\$100

Cost of living in Melbourne

Below are some estimate pricing of the general cost of living in Sydney and possible earnings (all prices are in Australian dollars):

Employment

Students on a student visa are permitted by the Australian Government to work up to 20 hours per week during their course, and full-time during holidays. Many students find part-time work in such fields as retail, office administration, cleaning, tourism and hospitality.

You may investigate jobs currently available by visiting the following websites and keying in appropriate job descriptions. The websites are

- <http://melbourne.gumtree.com.au/f-Jobs-W0QQCatIdZ9302>
- [www.CareerOne.com.au/Casual Jobs](http://www.CareerOne.com.au/Casual_Jobs)
- <http://melbourneexchange.com.au/classifieds/Find-Work-Melbourne-Get-Job/3009.html>

Public transport

Melbourne has an easy to use, extensive public transport system with trams, trains and buses throughout the city and suburbs. For further information follow the link:

- www.metlinkmelbourne.com.au
- <http://www.metlinkmelbourne.com.au/assets/images/PDFs/2009-Fares-and-Travel-Guide.pdf>

Entertainment

Melbourne is famous for its festivals, sporting and cultural events for more information visit the following sites:

- www.melbourne.vic.gov.au,
- www.visitvictoria.com

Restaurants

Melbourne is one of the most cosmopolitan cities in the world for dining. We have many different types of cuisine, from all over the world. Contemporary chefs enjoy blending interesting flavours from different cultures to develop a completely new type of modern Australian cuisine.

Because there is so much variety of types of restaurants and such good quality food at affordable prices, dining out is very much part of our culture. You may read about many great restaurants on such websites as

- www.melbournarestaurants.com.au;
- www.eatability.com.au/au/melbourne/ -