

MELBOURNE CHRISTMAS WALK



START LOCATION: Start at the Melbourne Town Hall, corner of Swanston and Collins Street.
DURATION: Approximately 2 hours, depending how long you spend at each installation

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| 1 | The magnificently decorated Melbourne Town Hall is the hub of Christmas in Melbourne. From the portico, the Beatles waved to crowds in 1964. Outside the Town Hall and the Visitors Centre next door are nutcracker soldiers and Santa's throne . Sing along with the reindeer and giant penguins singing Christmas songs . |
| 2 | Head across Swanston Street to the Capitol Arcade , named after the Capitol Theatre, designed by Walter Burley Griffin and Marion Mahony Griffin. See the windows, decorated with festive images , as you head to the next destination. |
| 3 | Walk to the end of the arcade to Howey Place . Under the Christmas baubles , kids will be excited to discover Santa busy in his workshop . |
| 4 | Enjoy the Giant Christmas candy canes and koalas , and Christmas floral arrangements adding to the Christmas spirit as you pass through Bourke Street Mall . |
| 5 | Melbourne GPO: The location of the old post office (now a shopping mall) is still used as a point of reference for the measure of distances from the centre of Melbourne. During the festive season, the building is a blaze of red and green decorations . |
| 6 | Melbourne's laneways are famous, continue west up the hill along Bourke Street to Hardware Lane (5 minutes) to see the classic Christmas decorations which adorn this laneway. Then retrace your steps to Myer in Bourke Street which has been trading in this location for more than 100 years. |
| 7 | The Myer Christmas Windows celebrate a 68 year long tradition and guess who features in this year's windows? The popular Aussie icon, Bluey! |
| 8 | From the Bourke Street Mall, head along the gracious old Royal Arcade (on the south side of the Mall) and then through Block Place to Block Arcade. Both arcades are adorned with Christmas decorations. Huge Christmas baubles decorate the trees all along Collins St from Elizabeth St to Spring St. |
| 9 | You are in the free tram zone and can walk or take any tram heading WEST on Collins Street and hop off at Spencer St (Stop 1) . See all the beautiful old buildings along Collins St decorated for Christmas . At the Collins Street entrance to Southern Cross Station you will find stacks of presents (9) . Originally known as Batman's Hill Railway Station, it opened in 1859 with a single main platform. |
| 10 | Walk through the station under the wave shaped roof on the Spencer Street side to see lots of Christmas themed decorations (10) that brighten up the space. |
| | Make your way to the upper level via the escalators or stairs to the northern entrance to the station and head towards Marvel Stadium. From here it is a short walk to Victoria Harbour . The area known as Docklands was an important meeting place for tribes of the Kulin nation. As Melbourne began to grow, the early 1850s Victoria Dock (now Victoria Harbour) was created to meet the demands of mass migration. For more than 50 years it was Melbourne's busiest dock. |

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On all sides of the harbour there are Christmas decorations:

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- **Present boxes (11)** can be found along Victoria Harbour Promenade and as you stroll along be on the lookout for the gorgeous **Giant golden reindeer (12)**. If you get as far as the award winning and very popular Docklands library, you will see their foyer filled with Christmas themed decorations.

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- **Present boxes (13)** can be found along Harbour Esplanade and at the end of La Trobe Street there is a **giant Christmas tree made from baubles (14)** and a **Merry Christmas greeting** for you (15).

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- **Christmas crackers** line the New Quay Promenade along the waterside.

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- As an optional detour, you can also head to the New Quay Central Park to the **Christmas Maze** (11am–5pm Wed–Sun, 29 Nov–24 Dec). Find all the elves in the maze and go in the draw to win a weekly prize.

You are still in the free tram zone and from Docklands you can now catch the tram (Routes 35, 70, 75) back to **Market Street (Stop 3)** and then head across to the Yarra River to Sandridge Bridge.

OR TAKE AN OPTIONAL DETOUR

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Take the tram (Routes 35, 70, 75) and get off at **Docklands Park (Stop D4)** or walk back to the Yarra River to Webb Bridge. The shape of the bridge is modelled on a traditional Koorie fish trap, used to catch eels. At the **Yarra's Edge** the large **star decorations** will light up at night.

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Continue beside the Yarra to the WEST and you will come to **Point Park** where a **huge 6 metre Christmas tree** has arrived in the park. Retrace your steps to Webb Bridge and continue on the south side of the Yarra to Sandridge Bridge.

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The “Travellers” (2005) along **Sandridge Bridge** celebrates both the Indigenous presence and the meeting of cultures through migration. Both sides of the bridge have a **Christmas message – sing along to Sleigh (say) my name, sleigh my name**.

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The late Prof Evan Walker is the visionary behind the creation of the Southbank precinct and on the bridge honouring the former planning minister there is a **Christmas message** and a **giant golden star**.

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Continuing along Southbank, where you might like to have a bite to eat, you will reach **Princes Bridge** where the **giant candy canes** create a festive entrance to the city. This bridge (opened in 1888) is the third at this site - the first one was a wooden trestle, toll bridge that was constructed in 1844.

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Cross the bridge and you will see **Federation Square** dominated by a huge **17.5 metre Christmas Tree**. The Main square is paved in 470,000 ochre coloured sandstone blocks from Western Australia and has been turned into a magical Christmas wonderland for the season.

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OPTIONAL DETOUR: Christmas Carnival (15 min) – Birrarung Marr

Enjoy festival thrills on the banks of the Birrarung at the **Christmas Carnival** (2pm–10pm, 14–24 Dec)

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A quick trip down Flinders Street and you will find **presents** high above the Elizabeth Street entrance of **Flinders Street Station**.

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Melbourne is renowned for its café culture and **Degraves Street** is one of Melbourne's most iconic laneways in an area filled with dozens of cafes. Stunning **Native flower baubles** hang overhead along Degraves Street.

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Celebrate ‘The Little Things’ that make Christmas in Australia unique, with **new artwork in Scott Alley** from local artist Lemon Chicken Por Favor/ Tonia Composto. Tonia's distinctive post-it note doodles bring the quirks of Southern Hemisphere Christmas celebrations to life with prawns and cricket, cheese platters and watermelon. Presented by the Metro Tunnel Creative Program. Neon LED flex by Electric Confetti.

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First Nations artist Robert Michael Young celebrates the **Twelve Days of Christmas with native Australian animals at City Square**. See galahs giggling, dingos dancing and koalas cuddling in this **stunning series of paintings**. Presented by the Metro Tunnel Creative Program.

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You are now back to where you started at the Town Hall. If you have the time just a little beyond our walking route you might like to walk, cycle, tram or scooter to find these destinations for a little more Christmas in Melbourne:

- **Melbourne City Baths**, Swanston Street – The building is tied up with a **giant bow and ribbon (29)**.
- **Lygon Street**, Carlton – **Giant Christmas Bon Bons (30)** line this iconic street.
- **Argyle Square**, Carlton – A **Christmas mural, Giant Bell Swings, Present Boxes** and big **Christmas tree (31)**.
- **Fitzroy Gardens** – Another beautifully decorated big **Christmas tree (32)**.
- **Queen Victoria Market** – A **“Merry Christmas” greeting (33)** is on the roof of the sheds facing Peel Street.

NOTE: Locations 29–32 are outside the Free tram zone.

The City of Melbourne respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land we govern, the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung and Bunurong / Boon Wurrung peoples of the Kulin and pays respect to their Elders past and present. We acknowledge and honour the unbroken spiritual, cultural and political connection they have maintained to this unique place for more than 2000 generations.

We accept the invitation in the Uluru Statement from the Heart and are committed to walking together to build a better future.