

MELBOURNE CHRISTMAS WALK

NIGHT



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

Number	Description	
1	The magnificently decorated Melbourne Town Hall is the hub of Christmas in Melbourne. Guarded by the Nutcrackers , the Town Hall is wrapped in a gorgeous bow and ribbons , adorned with wreaths. Enjoy the stunning Christmas light projections on this heritage-listed building from 9.00pm to 11.00pm each night.	
2	Head west down Little Collins Street and turn into Howey Place . Formerly known as “Cole’s Walk”, the lane was covered in 1896 with a glass canopy and glass showcases were created along the street. Follow the illuminated Christmas baubles that hang overhead through Howey Place.	
3	4	Melbourne is renowned for its laneways. From Howey Place, go through Block Place and Block Arcade to Collins Street. Cross to Manchester Lane (3) , adorned with Christmas lights , to Flinders Lane and then enter one of Melbourne’s most iconic laneways, Degraves Street (4) just down the road. Stunning Native flower baubles hang overhead along Degraves Street. Keep walking south until you reach Flinders Street.
5	Giant Christmas presents have been placed above the Elizabeth Street entrance of Flinders Street Station .	
6	Continue up Elizabeth Street to Swanston Street. Built above railway lines, Federation Square was opened in 2002. The unique architectural shape has seen the square recognised on the Victoria Heritage Register, making it the youngest building in Australian history to gain heritage status. The site has been transformed into a Christmas wonderland, dominated by a huge 17.5 metre Christmas Tree . A nightly sound and light show runs from 9.00pm–11.00pm.	
7	<i>OPTIONAL DETOUR: Christmas Carnival (15 minutes) – Birrarung Marr</i> Enjoy festival thrills on the banks of the Birrarung at the Christmas Carnival (14–24 December, 2pm–10pm).	
8	Cross Princes Bridge where the giant candy canes create a festive entrance to the city and then either walk down the stairs or catch the lift near Hamer Hall down to the Promenade below.	
9	Evan Walker Bridge . The late Prof Evan Walker is the visionary behind the creation of the Southbank precinct (1982) and on the bridge honouring the former planning minister is a Christmas message and giant golden star .	
10	Enjoy the Christmas laser, light and water show which will light up the water with festive cheer each night along the Yarra River . Shows run every 15 minutes between 9.00pm and 11.00pm each night.	
11	The “Travellers” (2005) along Sandridge Bridge celebrates Indigenous presence and the meeting of cultures through migration. Both sides of the bridge light up at night with a Christmas message . You are likely to hear crowds singing along to Sleigh (say) my name, sleigh (say) my name.	

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NOW YOU HAVE SOME OPTIONS FOR HEADING TO DOCKLANDS:

A. Head back to Flinders Street and as you are in the free tram zone, you can catch the 35, 70 or 75 trams west along Flinders St to Docklands (**Stadium Precinct - Bourke St/Harbour Esp, Stop D3**).

OR

B. Catch the 35, 70 or 75 trams west along Flinders Street as far as **Spencer Street** (Stop 1) and walk the short distance to **Southern Cross Station**. Inside the station concourse you will find **giant silk Christmas lanterns (12)**. Make your way up the escalators or stairs at the northern entrance of the station and head towards Marvel Stadium. From here it is a short walk to **Victoria Harbour**.

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C. Continue walking along the south bank of 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 (13)** the **large star decorations** will light up at night.

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Continue beside the Yarra a little further to the WEST and you will come to **Point Park (14)** where a huge, brightly lit, **6 metre Christmas tree** has arrived in the park.

Now retrace your steps to Webb Bridge and cross over the bridge to Harbour Esplanade and the short walk up to **Victoria Harbour**.

15 – 18

Docklands

On all sides of the harbour there are Christmas decorations:

- As you stroll along **Victoria Harbour Promenade** be on the lookout for the gorgeous illuminated **Giant golden reindeer (15)**
- On **Harbour Esplanade** at the end of La Trobe Street there is a **giant Christmas tree adorned with baubles (16)** that lights up at night and a Christmas greeting for you - **Merry Christmas letters (17)**
- **Christmas crackers (18)** line the New Quay Promenade along the waterside.

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Walk or take the tram (Routes 30 and 35 within the Free Tram Zone) along La Trobe Street and hop off at **Swanston Street (Stop 6)**. Take some time to enjoy the **Christmas light projections** on the magnificent **State Library of Victoria** building. Established in 1854, it is Australia's oldest public library and one of the first free libraries in the world. Projections run from 9.00pm – 11.00pm every night.

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The much-loved tradition of a visit to **The Myer Christmas Windows** in **Bourke Street Mall** has been a part of Christmas in Melbourne for 68 years. To finish the walk, spend some time enjoying their Bluey theme for Christmas 2023.

OPTIONAL DETOURS:

If time permits you might like to enjoy the Christmas decorations in Lygon Street and Argyle Square and explore Melbourne's laneways that are all lit up for the festive season.

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Lygon Street is the birthplace of Melbourne's Café culture. **Christmas crackers** line this famous street between Queensberry and Elgin Streets. Lygon Street is a great place to get a drink or a bite to eat.

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Argyle Square is full of Christmas cheer. You can enjoy this inner urban park lit up with **giant tree made of baubles** and harness your inner child on the **giant bell swings**.

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Many of **Melbourne's laneways** come to life during the festive season with **Christmas light displays**. Between Lonsdale and Bourke Streets **Tattersalls Lane (23)**, **Market Lane (24)**, **Crossley Street (25)** and **Liverpool Street (26)** have all been lit up for Christmas. Christmas lights also light up **Bank Place (27)** which is a little further to the west.

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Just on the edge of the city there is another **huge Christmas tree** in **Fitzroy Gardens**.

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.