

















CHECKLIST – Restaurant & Cafe recommendations

Restaurants





To Do	Explanation/Tips	Check
Chin Chin	<p> 125 Flinders Ln – CBD</p> <p>Asian Fusion restaurant that is a little bit pricey but 100% worth it! It's also a local's favourite, so definitely book in advance to secure a table.</p>	
Arbory Afloat Bar & Eatery	<p> 2 Flinders Walk – CBD</p> <p>One of my all-time favourites! The boat restaurant sits alongside Flinders Street Station, parallel to the Yarra River and has an amazing atmosphere that reminds of an Italian summer. Great for having a drink and/or shared plates.</p>	
Empress of China	<p> 120 Little Bourke St– CBD</p> <p>Cheap, but delicious Chinese food. BYO is allowed.</p>	
Hochi Mama	<p> 35 Little Bourke St – CBD 65 Swan St - Richmond</p> <p>Another Asian Fusion restaurant with a hip and modern ambiance. Great shared plates with which you can taste through the entire menu.</p>	
Soho	<p> 2/4 Riverside Quay - Southbank</p> <p>Italian-style restaurant and bar next to Yarra River.</p>	
Lona Misa	<p> 234 Toorak Road – South Yarra</p> <p>100% vegan restaurant, a bit prices but definitely worth it. Try their Peri Peri Chicken – very authentic!</p>	
Oriental Teahouse	<p> 455 Chapel Street – South Yarra</p>	










	Stylish restaurant that serves traditional Chinese tea and dishes. Great flavours!	
Smith & Deli	 107 Cambridge St – Collingwood Another fully plant-based restaurant that you will not recognise as one when walking in. They also have their own merchandise, homewares and grocery store in one.	
Tahina	 362 Brunswick St– Fitzroy Israeli street food restaurant in a very casual setting. The falafel pita pocket is absolutely delicious.	
+39 Italian Restaurant	 362 Little Bourke St – CBD My favourite Italian Restaurant! They serve Neapolitan pizza and pasta dishes in an authentic atmosphere. Definitely book a table as they are always full.	
Kai Dining	 5 Commercial Rd – South Yarra If you like sushi, this is the place to go. Kai Dining is known for their incredible sushi/sashimi platters that will blow your mind. Their platter presentation is super stunning, and their seafood is so fresh and delicious. Try their famous Yuzu Kosho Chicken Sando.	
Solo Pasta	 293-295 Smith St – Fitzroy Another Italian restaurant but in this one you can create your very own pasta dishes. Choose your length of pasta, sauce and protein – a very cool way to order your food.	
Poke On	 210 Toorak Road – South Yarra A small and family-owned store with delicious Poke Bowls.	
Master Roll Vietnam	 169 Toorak Road – South Yarra  173 Swan St – Richmond	







	Perfect if you are seeking something quick and delicious. They have very good Banh Mi's and summer rolls.	
Greenstreet	 1/122 Swan St - Richmond New salad bar on Swan St. You can either create your own salad or choose one from their menu. Their interior style is very sophisticated as they set it up more like a market hall with vegetable boxes, big open fridges and their own merchandise.	










Cafes

*As you can see, the list is very long. Coffee culture is iconic for Melbourne, hence why there are heaps of cafes in every corner. This list shows only my favourite cafes but there are so much more good ones. Just have a stroll through the city's laneways and discover your favourite ones.







To Do	Explanation/Tips	Check
Brick Lane	 33 Guildford Ln – CBD Local bakery and cafe – perfect for Brunch!	
SOS Café	 177 Toorak Rd– South Yarra The most famous (and cheapest) spot for bottomless brunch! They serve delicious food and cocktails every day of the week in an outdoor seating area. Bookings are essential as the cafe is always super busy.	
Seedling Café	 275 Flinders Ln – CBD 349 Little Collins St – CBD They have two locations in CBD. Perfect when you are looking for a healthy lunch or snack. Try their protein balls!!	
Industry Beans	 70-76 Westgarth St - Fitzroy 345 Little Collins St - CBD In an old converted warehouse but super clean and white interior. They roast their own coffee and have a multi course brunch menu.	

Patricia Coffee Brewers	 493-495 Little Bourke St – CBD Artisans stand-only cafe with speciality coffee. Really nice spot for when you are looking for a more special coffee break.	
Bench Coffee	 321 Little Collins St - CBD Hidden gem in the middle of CBD. They have speciality coffees like Winter Blossom, yet they are a bit pricier.	
Higher Ground	 650 Little Bourke St – CBD All day dining cafe in an industrial design style. The food is amazing, and it is also a great place for larger groups.	
Midi	 45 Wangaratta St– Richmond Modern cafe with light house music and delicious sandwiches.	
Vacation	 1 Exhibition Street – CBD Another modern cafe in Miami-Style. They roast their own coffee and also sell their own merch.	
Lovabowl	 278 Queens Parade – Fitzroy North BEST Acai Bowls in Melbourne!!!!	
Q Le Baker	 163 Commercial Rd – South Yarra Modern bakery outside of Prahan Market. Perfect when you are craving authentic European bread.	
Terror Twilight	 11-13 Johnston St – Collingwood Stylish cafe with good coffee, brekkie, build-your-own bowls and a vinyl display. They also have another branch called <i>Hi Fi</i> which sells amazing toasties.	
Burnside	 87A Smith St Rd – Fitzroy	

	A local's favourite coffee spot on the corner of Smith and Gertrude Street. If you are early enough, you can catch a pretty sunrise.	
Two Birds One Stone	 12 Claremont St – South Yarra A cosy cafe with 80-seat room on one side and various outdoor seats for when the weather is great. Their food is basic but very delicious.	
Rustica	 501 Chapel Street – South Yarra One of Melbourne's most beloved bakeries. They do not only sell their own bread and pastries but also have an extensive brunch menu.	
Ini Studio & Ini Coffee	 225 Queensberry St – Carlton 62 Smith St - Collingwood My absolute favourite cafe in Melbourne!! They have two locations, one in Carlton and the other in Collingwood. Both cafés are in a minimalistic, all white design with blocks as seats and tables. Their staff is also super lovely – I highly recommend Ini Studio!!	
Morning Market	 59 Gertrude St – Fitzroy Cafe and grocery store in one. This shop serves delicious pastries and sandwiches and sells their ingredients next door.	
Good Measure	 193 Lygon St – Carlton Located in the Italian precinct of Melbourne, Good Measure offers coffee with a twist! Try the famous Mont Blanc – a cold brew with a whipped cream and lemon zest.	
Archie's All day	 189 Gertrude St – Fitzroy This is a super popular café that brings you through the whole day. Try their famous breakfast burger or jump in later in the day for a beer or wine.	

Lune Croissanterie	 119 Rose St – Fitzroy These guys claim to have the best croissants in the world. People line up for them, so get there early for breakfast.	
Austro	 147-149 Cecil St– South Melbourne Austrian-inspired bakery that sells pretzels, sachertorte and delicious cakes.	
Ned’s Bake	 134 Toorak Rd – South Yarra Amazing bakery with a variety of European-style breads.	
Alimentari	 251 Brunswick St – Fitzroy An Italian-style street food deli that brings some Mediterranean spirit to Australia. Their paninis are absolutely mouth-watering. They have two other locations in Collingwood and Prahan.	
Market Lane	 176 Faraday St – Carlton Probably one of the cafes in Melbourne with the most locations.	
Axil Coffee Roasters	 600 Church St - Cremorne	
St. Ali	 12-18 Yarra Pl- South Melbourne	
Seven Seeds	 114 Berkeley St – Carlton	
Overlay Coffee	 320 Little Lonsdale St – CBD Great for a quiet coffee break in the middle of vibrant CBD.	

Desserts

To Do	Explanation/Tips	Check
Pidapipo	<p> 8 Degraves St – CBD 299 Lygon St - Carlton</p> <p>Ice cream shop with very interesting flavour combos.</p>	
Messina Gelato	<p> 164 Swan St – Richmond 136 Weston St – Brunswick 237 Smith St - Fitzroy</p> <p>Another ice cream shop that you can find in every bigger Australian city. They have intense rich flavours and a huge range to choose from.</p>	
Mork Chocolate	<p> 150 Errol St – North Melbourne</p> <p>Ethically sourced hot chocolate. If you are a chocolate fan, this is a must visit!!</p>	
Brunettis	<p> 380 Lygon St – Carlton</p> <p>Italian bakery and cafe on Lygon St. – a Melbourne classic.</p>	
Piccolina	<p> 85 Swan St – Richmond 137 Aceland St – St. Kilda 43 Hardware Ln - CBD</p> <p>Several locations in Melbourne. Try their pistachio and peanut butter flavour.</p>	
Tarts Anon	<p> 29a Gwynne St– Cremorne</p> <p>If you want to treat yourself, this is a must-go cafe. They have classic yet delicious tarts. Try their cherry and almond tart.</p>	