



New Year in Melbourne

Featuring cultural gems, scenic adventures and the Puffing Billy

5 Days | Monday 29 December 2025 to Friday 2 January 2026

Experience the best of Melbourne on this enriching five-day escape. From the National Gallery of Victoria and the historic charm of Flagstaff Gardens to iconic landmarks like Melbourne Town Hall and a scenic Yarra River cruise, the itinerary blends culture, history, and natural beauty. Enjoy lunch at Queen Victoria Market, explore stories of migration, and ring in the New Year with a special celebration. A highlight of the trip is a nostalgic journey aboard the beloved Puffing Billy steam train through the lush Dandenong Ranges.

Highlights

- Explore world-class art at the National Gallery of Victoria
- Visit the vibrant and iconic Queen Victoria Markets
- Learn personal and national stories at the Migration Museum of Victoria
- Step inside history on a guided tour of Melbourne's Historic Town Hall
- Relax on a scenic Melbourne River Cruise along the Yarra
- Discover the beauty of the Royal Melbourne Botanical Gardens
- Celebrate New Year's Eve and enjoy the spectacular city fireworks
- Puffing Billy Train Experience through the scenic Dandenong Ranges

Inclusions

- Pre/post transfers (ex Perth, WA)
- Airfares and taxes (ex Perth, WA)
- 9 meals – 4 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 4 dinners
- 4 nights' accommodation
- Tours and attractions
- Professional Villa Tour Leader

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Your holiday itinerary (ex Perth, Western Australia)

Day 1. Perth to Melbourne (D)

We collect you from home and transfer you to the coach for your journey to the airport. On arrival in Melbourne, you will be welcomed by your local coach captain and transferred to your centrally located hotel. After settling in, enjoy a relaxing evening meal with your fellow travellers as you prepare for the week ahead in this vibrant city.

Overnight each night: Crowne Plaza Melbourne

Day 2. Melbourne's Art, Culture and Stories (BD)

Today begins with a visit to the National Gallery of Victoria, where you will explore a stunning collection of classic and contemporary works from Australia and beyond. Lunch at your leisure in the iconic Queen Victoria Market, known for its lively atmosphere and global flavours. In the afternoon, delve into personal and national journeys at the Immigration Museum, where stories of those who shaped modern Australia come to life. Return to your hotel for dinner and an evening at leisure.

Day 3. New Year's Eve Celebrations (BD)

This morning, we begin with a visit to the peaceful surrounds of the Royal Melbourne Botanical Gardens. Immerse yourself in the stunning flowers, quaint garden spaces and rich history as you enjoy a relaxing start to the day. We then make our way to the Yarra for a scenic Melbourne River Cruise, meandering through the heart of the city and taking in some of its most iconic landmarks along the way. This afternoon, we continue with a guided tour of Melbourne's historic Town Hall, one of the city's most treasured buildings and the site of many proud moments. Tonight, we celebrate the New Year with a delicious dinner and festive cheer, including early fireworks.

Day 4. Puffing Billy Steam Train (BLD)

Embark on a charming day trip to experience one of Victoria's most beloved attractions – the iconic Puffing Billy steam train. Travel through the scenic Dandenong Ranges aboard this historic railway, soaking in the lush forest landscapes and picturesque views. We stop mid-way to enjoy a delicious lunch, offering a perfect way to relax and savour the region's hospitality. Return to the city in the afternoon and enjoy a relaxed farewell dinner at the hotel.

Day 5. Melbourne to Perth (B)

Bid farewell to Melbourne and commence the journey home to Perth. Upon arrival we will see you safely home.

Itinerary subject to change. Terms and conditions apply. Call 1800 066 272 for details.

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Cost per person twin share (inc GST)

Price: \$ 4,790

Single option: \$ 1,045

Earn 96 villabucks



Moderate

Required to walk confidently and unaided. Expect guided walking tours of attractions with occasional inclines and stair climbs, some long days and multiple hotel changes during the holiday. Your accommodation may require access via stairs, a short walk to reach hotel facilities and have showers over baths. Can walk confidently on mostly level ground and gravel. Travellers with walking sticks are welcome. Please advise Villa staff at time of booking.

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