Melbourne Walks

Walk number 1

A Walk in the Park

Walking time 2 hours
Distance 3.75 Kilometres

Magnificent cathedrals, lush parklands and delightful Flinders Lane.

that's melbourne city

Let your imagination guide you

Opposite Federation Square (1), begin by taking the 10-minute tour of St Paul's Anglican Cathedral (2). Pick up a brochure inside the entrance to guide you.

Near the Swanston Street entrance notice the statue of Matthew Flinders (3) who bravely circumnavigated the continent in 1801-03.

Continue back along Flinders Street to Hosier Lane (4). As you walk up the cobblestones to Flinders Lane (5), take in the dramatic street art, and funky bars' Once the home of the city's rag trade, today the old warehouses and factories hide apartments, artisans and galleries and some of the city's grooviest bars.

At 129-131 Flinders Lane, look out for Levy and Robinson's Warehouse (6) that dates back to 1857. Near Spring Street you'll pass Milton House (7), built as a hospital in 1901. The Aboriginal Art Gallery on the corner of Spring Street and Flinders Lane is one of the many temptations for browsers and collectors in Flinders Lane.

At the top of Spring Street the view widens to an expanse of green. Cross Spring Street and enter the Treasury Gardens (8). With their beautiful avenues of Moreton Bay Figs, the gardens are full of history - dating back to the early period of European settlement. As you stroll through them, look for the monuments to Scottish poet Robert Burns (9) and the assassinated American president John F. Kennedy (10).

Cross Lansdowne Street into Fitzroy Gardens (11), and discover more historic and botanic treasures. Fitzroy Gardens was laid out in the 1850s and named after Sir Charles Augustus Fitzroy, Governor of New South Wales and Governor General of the Australian Colonies. Today, more than two million local, interstate and international visitors come to enjoy the gardens every year.

Follow the green signs to the graceful Conservatory (12) built in 1930. Go in and see what's in bloom (it's free!) and walk around to admire the statues outside. Five major flower displays are staged each year, attracting large crowds of garden lovers.

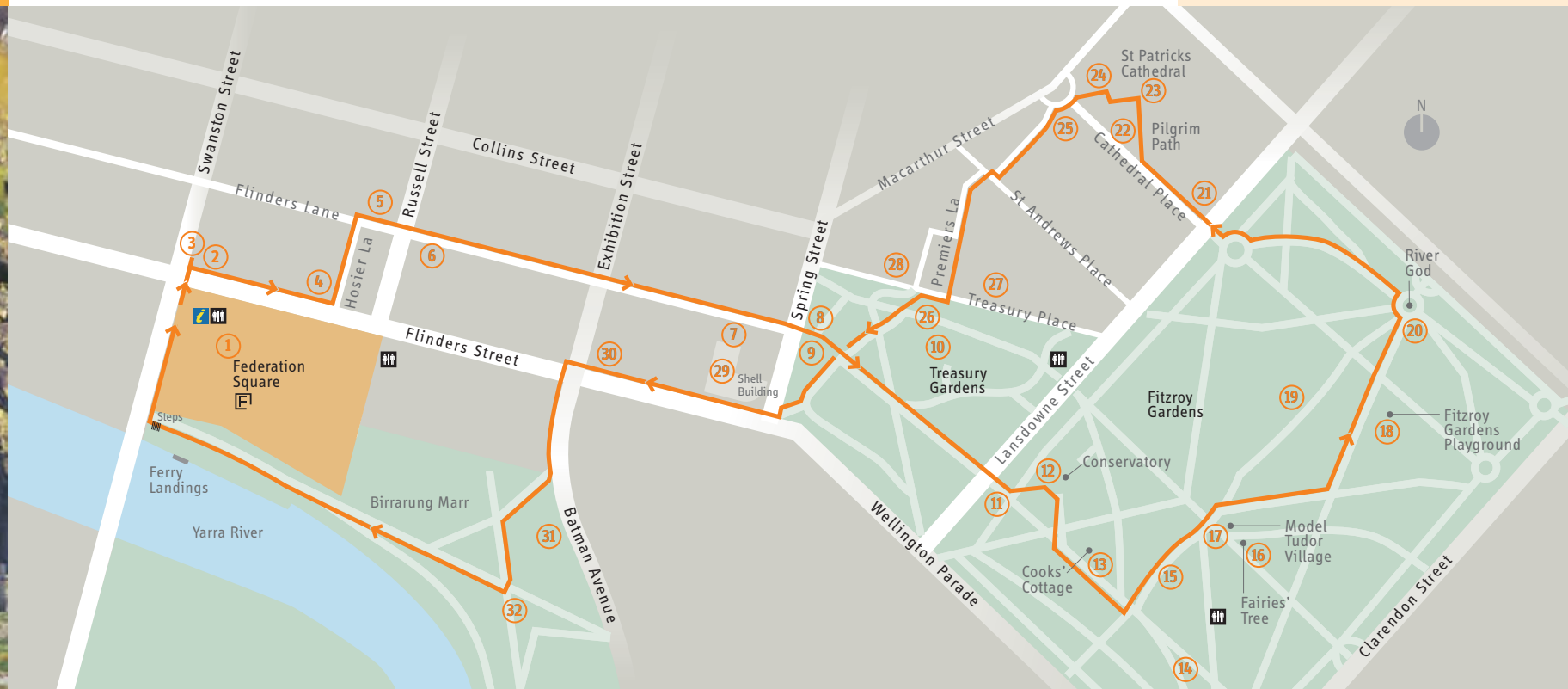
Your next stop is Cooks' Cottage (13), which was shipped from Great Ayton in Yorkshire and re-erected in Fitzroy Gardens in 1934 as a Victorian centenary gift. The explorer James Cook may never have lived in the cottage, but his parents probably did. For a small fee, you can go inside the cottage and see the reconstruction of a modest English home of the mid 1700s.

Just up the small path to the east, a Scarred Tree (14) is a reminder Aboriginal people were here long before.

You will walk by Sinclair's Cottage (15). Built in 1864, it was the home to James Sinclair and his family. Sinclair was a renowned horticulturalist who established the Fitzroy Gardens in the 1860s. Follow the signs to the Pavilion Café - a great spot to relax and unwind. The nearby carved Fairies' Tree (16) and Model Tudor Village (17) are popular with young children, while adults enjoy the elegant fountains and rotundas.

Flinders' Lane

Cooks' Cottage



Birrarung Marr

Pilgrim Path and St Patrick's Cathedral

Don't miss the **children's playground** (18) - slide down the dragon's tail, swing on the giraffe's ears, see how the dragon glows in the dark!

If you look carefully, you'll spot maybe a possum or two in the trees overhead.

The English Elms (19) in Fitzroy Gardens are among the oldest and finest in the world. Along a glorious avenue, climb to the **River God** (20) fountain and walk west towards the Cathedral spires at Lansdowne Street.

Cross Lansdowne Street to Cathedral Place, where a lonely tower is all that remains of **St Patrick's College** (21). Then take the serene **Pilgrim Path** (22) to **St Patrick's (Catholic) Cathedral** (23), the architectural triumph of William Wardell.

The cathedral was built between 1858 and 1897, with spires added in the 1930s. During restoration work in the 1990s, a stonemason secretly carved a gargoyle in the image of recent Victorian Premier Jeffrey Kennett. You can spot 'Jeff' on high, to the right of the South Transept Door.

From the forecourt, where Aboriginal and Christian spiritual symbols are reconciled in the **Stone Inlay** (24), enter the Great West Doors and walk through to the seven beautiful chapels surrounding the sanctuary.

Leaving the Cathedral, walk down Macarthur Street, towards the towering city buildings, passing the **Lutheran Church** (25) built in 1853.

Cut through Treasury Reserve to see John Cain, Sir Henry Bolte and other Premiers of Victoria at the end of Premiers' Way. The Kennett State Government introduced **Premiers' Statues** (26) for Premiers serving 3000 days or more in office.

Look along Treasury Place to some of Victoria's finest **Government Buildings** (27). The current Premier's Office is **1 Treasury Place** (28).

Cross Treasury Gardens and turn right into Flinders Street. Stop for coffee or a snack at the **Hotel Lindrum** (29), formerly the Lindrum Billiard Rooms. All-time billiards champion Walter Lindrum made a world record break of 4,137 on an English tour in 1932!

Walk past the old **Herald Building** (30) and turn left into Batman Avenue that leads down to **Birrarung Marr** (31), the city's newest park by the river. Birrarung means 'river of mists' in the language of the Wurundjeri people who originally lived here, and 'Marr' means 'side of the river'. The 21st century parkscape is a popular outdoor venue for Melbourne's many festivals and performances.

Cross the bridge to **Federation Bells** (32) sound sculpture where 39 electronic bells chime three times daily (currently 8am-9am, 12.30pm-1.30pm and 5pm-6pm). Then go down the steps and follow the river back to **Federation Square** (1), enjoying fabulous city views on the way.

Federation Square

The Ian Potter Centre NGV Australia

Australian Centre for the Moving Image

Arts and Culture

ArtPlay
Bookings essential, www.artplay.com.au
Tel: 9664 7900

Champions: Australian Racing Museum and Hall of Fame
Mon-Sun 10am-6pm

The Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia
Tue-Sun 10am-5pm
Thu until 9pm

National Design Centre
Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun noon-5pm (closed public holidays)

Restaurants, Cafes and Bars

ACMI Lounge Café & Bar
Mon-Fri 8.30am-late
Sat & Sun 9.30am to late

Arintji
Mon-Thu 10am-late
Fri 7am-late
Sat-Sun 8am-late

Beer Deluxe
Mon-Wed 7.30am-10.30pm
Thurs 7.30am-midnight
Fri-Sun 7.30am-1am

Bokchoy Tang
Mon-Sun 11.30am-late

Café Chinotto
Mon-Sun 8am-late

Chocolate Buddha
Mon-Sun Noon-late

Feddish
Mon-Sun Noon-late

Jolimont Expresso
Mon-Fri 7.30am-5.30pm
Sat & Sun 9am-5.30pm

Riverland Barr and Café
Mon-Sun 7am-late

Time Out Café
Mon-Fri 7am-late
Sat-Sun 8am-late

Transport
Mon-Sun noon-late

Taxi Restaurant
Mon-Sun noon-late

Tjanabi
Mon-Sun 9am-late

Transit Lounge
Wed-Fri 5pm-late
Sat & Sun 4pm-late

Shops and Retail

Best of Souvenirs
Open same hours as Melbourne Visitor Centre

Kirra Gallery
Mon-Thu 10am-6pm
Fri 10am-9pm
Sat-Sun 10am-6pm

7-Eleven
Mon-Sun Early-late

National Design Centre Shop
Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun noon-5pm (closed public holidays)

Tourist Information

Melbourne Visitor Centre at Federation Square
Open 7 days 9am-6pm

Melbourne Visitor Booth in the Bourke Street Mall
Mon-Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10am-5pm

City Ambassadors
Keep an eye out for our roving City Ambassadors in their distinctive red outfits roaming the City.
Mon-Sat 10am-4pm

Melbourne Greeter Service
Discover from a local what locals love about Melbourne. English orientations available 7 days per week. Other languages on request.

Melbourne City Tourist Shuttle
Hop on and off any of the 11 stops as this free shuttle makes its way around some of Melbourne's best attractions and sights, complete with an onboard commentary. 7 days a week from 9.30am to 4.30pm (excluding Good Friday and Christmas Day).

For further information, visit www.thatsmelbourne.com.au/touristinformation

Useful Numbers

Victorian Tourist Information	132 842
Best of Victoria Booking Service	9650 3663
Metlink – train, buses and trams	131 638
V/Line – country and interstate transport	136 196
Travellers' Aid	9654 2600
CityLink etag information	132 629
Airport Bus – Skybus	9335 3066
National Trust of Australia	9656 9800
Ticketmaster 7	136 100
Ticketek	132 849
Melbourne Mobility Centre	1800 735 266
Directory Assistance	1223
Emergency – police, fire and ambulance	000
Weather	9669 4916

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