



Melbourne Secrets

Cuisine, Culture, Fashion, Interiors

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- Richly illustrated guide, with a comprehensive look at the latest in the historic and contemporary architecture of Melbourne, including historic buildings, streetscapes, art and sculpture, gardens and public landscapes, cultural spaces and contemporary, and designer outlets
- Will appeal to the tourism market, architecture buffs, foodies, fashionistas, urban aesthetes, art aficionados, armchair travellers
- Showcases a variety of projects that will hold wide-ranging appeal, including designer fashion ateliers, sumptuous interiors of boutique hotels, innovative art studios, galleries, as well as unique retail outlets, cosmopolitan foodie hotspots, from trendy cafés to high-end restaurants

Melbourne is a stately European-style city that emanates elegance and charm. The city's laneways are filled with surprises, and the generous parklands and wide boulevards make for an enjoyable afternoon stroll. The city's vibrant café culture and sartorial splendour add to this European sensibility. By exploring Melbourne's bustling streets and laneways you will encounter a rich architectural legacy and extraordinary contemporary artistic flair. There are also gems hidden in the basement of a building, or via a flight of stairs leading above the street. Make sure you look up, too, as some of the interesting decor is way above eye level. Capturing the essence of Melbourne is a challenge. Many of the city's unique places are difficult to find, often discovered by word of mouth or simply by getting lost. Rather than try and list every great place and every 'local', this book focuses on a few of the most fascinating areas and their attractions.

Melbourne Secrets tempts the reader with a taste of the delights this capital has to offer, through lavish photography and insightful suggestions. This book trails two very successful books in the series, *Paris Secrets* and *Rome Secrets*. This latest volume is a modern guide for the urban aesthete - it's perfect for those who are already in love with Melbourne, or those planning a memorable first visit - it is both a beautifully illustrated travel resource and a love letter to the city that captures Melbourne's unique history and atmosphere in spectacular detail. Also available: *Paris Secrets* ISBN 9781864703085 *Rome Secrets* ISBN 9781864705225

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