



STREETS TO EXPLORE



A FEW OF OUR FAVOURITE CAFES



PULLMAN AND MERCURE



PICTURESQUE WALKS

400 m (5 minute walk)

NEARBY PRECINCTS



1) Greville Street: A mix of clothing and food, it's just fun to soak up the atmosphere. ArtBoy Gallery at number 99 features emerging Melbourne artists. Kit and Ace is a store made up of technical clothing which opened in Greville St last year. (146 Greville) Toko Melbourne, at number 142, is fancy but fun Japanese.

2) Fitzroy Street (and Acland Street) Grungy and eclectic, it's filled with little cafes and will take you towards Acland Street, where European cake stores, hip eateries and boutique stores await. Luna Park is close by if you like a roller coaster ride.

3) Chapel Street, Windsor: The new area to be for hip, funky restaurants. The brand new one is Hawker Hall, but be prepared to wait for up to an hour (or go super early). Next to that, while you wait, is a sandwich place called Boston Sub. Go through the fridge door at the back to discover a tiki-themed bar – Jungle Boy. If you can't get into Hawker, try these: Tokyo Tina, Mr Miyagi, Saigon Sally (all on Chapel or off them), or on nearby high St, Hanoi Hannah or Charlie Dumpling. People watch at Morris Jones & Co. If you go up to the top of Chapel Street (near Toorak), there are tons of Australian designer stores: Scanlan Theodore, Sass & Bide, Alice McCall, Mimco.

4) Albert Park Shopping Village: go to Filly's Stable, (130 Bridport St, Albert Park) Boutique store with emerging Australian designers. All of Bridport Street makes for a picturesque walk. Husk has designer clothes and a sweet café at the back (123 Dundas Place, Albert Park) and a couple of doors down is a fabulous bookstore – The Avenue. (127 Dundas Place, Albert Park)

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1) Along the beach (and bikes for hire!)

2) Albert Park Lake

RESTAURANTS



Breakfast and Lunch

1) The Petty Officer: Brekkie and lunch every day (7am-4pm), you go here for the Espresso coffee but you stay for other delights: corn and zucchini fritters, buttermilk pancakes with baked apple ice cream, soft baguettes filled with beef short ribs or a Wagyu beef burger. Bread made onsite. 113 Victoria Ave, Albert Park (www.thepettyofficer.com.au)

2) Truman Cafe (381 Montague St, Albert Park): Outside tables when the sun is out, fuss-free space inside. The all-day breakfast features brioche French toast with banana jam and bacon, while the signature Truman is a feast of scrambled eggs and potato and leek hash. Lunch is limited to sandwiches (including a steak one) and a couple of specials. Fabulous coffee. Open daily.

3) Kettle Black (50 Albert Rd, South Melbourne): Some would say the best coffee around town, anywhere in Melbourne. So busy that a coffee cart sits out front some days, to help people through the wait. Relaxed vibe but high-octane food, including King Island crayfish and Flinders Island wallaby.

Dinner

4) Misuzu's: This Japanese restaurant is a three-parter, including take away and a lunch spot, but it's the dinner that's the highlight. Innovative, fun, chic – it's an experience made better with truly delicious food. It's been around for yonks in Melbourne, making it an Albert Park icon, and is especially good for the health-conscious. <http://www.misuzus.com.au/> 3-7 Victoria Ave, Albert Park

5) DOC Albert Park: Classic Italian menu, contemporary setting, hip pizza, the sibling of other D.O.C.'s around Melbourne (135 Victoria Ave, Albert Park, ph: 9690 7960) Mon-Thurs, evening only (5-1030), Fri, Sat, Sun: noon til 11pm.