

SOSORT International Congress 2023

1 - 5 May, 2023



Melbourne Convention
and Entertainment Centre
(MCEC)



www.sosort2023.com
www.spineweek.org

Flights to Melbourne

Melbourne's international airport is located at Tullamarine, just 20 minutes from the city-centre. Australia's main airline is Qantas, however there are other airlines that fly to Australia including Etihad Airways, American Airlines, Emirates, Delta and Singapore Airlines. Skybus is a good option to get you into the city. Purchase tickets when you exit the airport.

Flight Times to Melbourne



London via Singapore, Bangkok or Dubai **21-22 hours**



Milan via Singapore, Bangkok or Dubai **21 hours**



Madrid via Abu Dhabi, Dubai or Doha **22.5 hours**



Los Angeles (direct) **15 hours**

New York via Dallas, LA, or Vancouver **22 hours**

Temperature in May

Autumn/Fall, Mild to Cool, 10C/50F - 17C/63F

Melbourne Accommodation

Novotel Melbourne South Wharf



1 minute walk from MCEC



\$232 AUD per night



Pan Pacific Melbourne



1 minute walk from MCEC



\$369 AUD per night



Melbourne Holiday Apartments Flinders Wharf



4 minute walk from MCEC



\$312 AUD per night



Travelodge Hotel Melbourne Docklands



15 minute walk from MCEC



\$229 AUD per night



Immigration



- Non-Australian passport holders require a visa before entering Australia
- Apply for your visa via Australia's Electronic Travel Authority (ETA)
- 30+ countries can access an instant online application through ETA (3 month stay)
- If your country is not listed under ETA, your visa will be processed by the nearest Australian visa processing office.

Make sure you check your own immigration requirements for your country

Getting Around Melbourne

Public transport is the easiest way to get around Melbourne. Myki is the fare collection system for public transport in Victoria and can be purchased from 7-elevens and at the train stations. Debit cards can also be used. Trams are a great way to get around Melbourne and are free in the city centre: melbourneinfo.net.au/transport/trams/



Things To Do In Melbourne

- Melbourne's street art is an every-changing landscape and is a must see in the lane ways of the city centre.
- Take a day trip along the Great Ocean Road. Starting in Torquay (1.5 hours from the CBD) there are many places to stop and enjoy great food, wine, and family friendly activities.
- Visit the Royal Botanic Garden, located in the middle of the city. The Gardens even have a designated children's play area, the Ian Potter Children's Garden.
- Melbourne is Australia's culinary capital and is known for its food and wine. You'll find delicious meals in restaurants and vineyards in and around the city: whatson.melbourne.vic.gov.au/eat-and-drink

Activities in Other Australian States

- The Harbour Bridge and Opera House are iconic Australian landmarks in Sydney. BridgeClimb offers a guided climb up the Harbour Bridge at dawn, day, twilight, and night.
- The Great Barrier Reef is located in Queensland and is one of the seven wonders of the world. See it from above or below with snorkeling and aircraft tours. Cairns or Port Douglas are a good base.
- Uluru, formerly Ayers Rock, is a sandstone monolith located in the Northern Territory. Fly to Alice Springs and travel to the rock from there or fly directly to Connellan Airport for a quicker visit. Climbing is discouraged however you can still see it via helicopter or even touch it during a Base Walk.



Melbourne Zoo



Laneway Street Art



Opera House & Harbour Bridge



Great Barrier Reef