

# Experience *Luxury and Indulgence*

You deserve a break – and Melbourne has everything you need to completely unwind and indulge in a little pampering.

## Day 1



### Serenity Awaits

South Yarra's **Como Hotel** is located in the very heart of South Yarra. In this cosmopolitan setting, and just 10 minutes drive from the centre of Melbourne, The Como is a luxurious 5-star retreat. Apart from its beautiful accommodation, there are many services and facilities to help you relax – including an indoor/outdoor heated swimming pool and sundeck, a spa and sauna, and a gymnasium. If you feel the need for serious activity, mountain bikes and scooters are available for hire. And with the **Royal Botanical Gardens** just a stroll away, there are ample opportunities for walkers and joggers to enjoy a daily workout with the locals!

### An Early Lunch

**Harvey's** is just a couple of blocks from The Como. Its beautiful menu reflects Melbourne's passion for seasonal local produce. A once elegant, turn-of-the-century residence is now a dining favourite, with cosy open fires for those cooler days and evenings.

### Explore the Locale

After lunch a little light shopping. **Toorak Village** is a delightful stroll from The Como and is surrounded by the leafy suburbs of **Armadale, Malvern, South Yarra** and **Toorak** – Melbourne's most exclusive residential addresses. The busy, bustling 'Village' is a very civilised place to shop, with high quality fashion boutiques, books and homeware

stores, street cafés and food shops as well as flower shops, supermarkets, beauty parlours and pharmacies, all contained within a lively and genuinely friendly atmosphere.

### Creative Dining

Tomorrow's a big day – but before retiring to your gorgeous suite, venture over to the heart of seaside St Kilda and **Mirka at Tolarno**, where famous Melbourne chef, Guy Grossi has revamped this fine location with inspired interiors by architect Peter Elliot and colourful murals from Melbourne artist Mirka Mora. The menu is a mix of classic bistro and Italian dishes – and even the odd burger and fries!

## Day 2



### Up, Up and Away

It's up at dawn this morning for a sunrise balloon flight over Melbourne with **Global Ballooning**. Your pilot will give you a short briefing before you are transported to the launch site where you can help with the launch, or stand back and watch the action. There are few major cities in the world that can be traversed by hot air balloons and in the early morning light you will get a bird's eye view of the city's majestic skyline. And as the city wakes you'll see some of its iconic sporting venues such as the **MCG, Melbourne Park** and the **Albert Park racetrack**. After your flight, it's back to earth for a celebratory champagne breakfast.

### Designer Designs

It's been a magical morning so keep the adrenaline running with a little designer browsing. You might even be tempted

by what's on offer at some of the world's most exclusive stores. From your champagne breakfast, travel into the central business district and the **GPO Building**. Melbourne's GPO has had a journey from postal hall to fashion hub and is considered one of Australia's most important public buildings. **Rhodes & Beckett** has a wall of magnificent ties to choose from; you'll find your feet's desire at Spanish leather label **Camper**; Melbourne designer **Lisa Gorman** knows how to match the latest styles with her city's changeable temperatures; and **Belinda**, synonymous with chic and casual elegance, offers a unique range of clothing, shoes, bags and accessories.

From the GPO, you can walk or tram it to the 'Paris end' of **Collins Street – Tiffany & Co, Le Louvre, Hermes, Louis Vuitton** and **Chanel** are all here. As is Melbourne chocolatier, **Koko Black**, where you can pick

up some exquisite chocolate delicacies! After a sugar hit you may still have the energy to venture to **Crown** and its collection of the world's leading designers all under the one roof. **Burberry, Prada, Versace**, and **Montblanc** are just some of the international designer names you'll discover.

### A Perfect Place

For dinner tonight, it's a short distance from The Como to **Pearl** where owner and chef Geoff Lindsay creates modern Australian dishes with the freshest ingredients, using inspiration from near and far. There's always new additions to the menu, but regular diners insist on access to long-time favourites such as the legendary duck curry. The extensive wine list has something for everyone, and is extremely well-matched to the mouth-watering food.

# Day 3

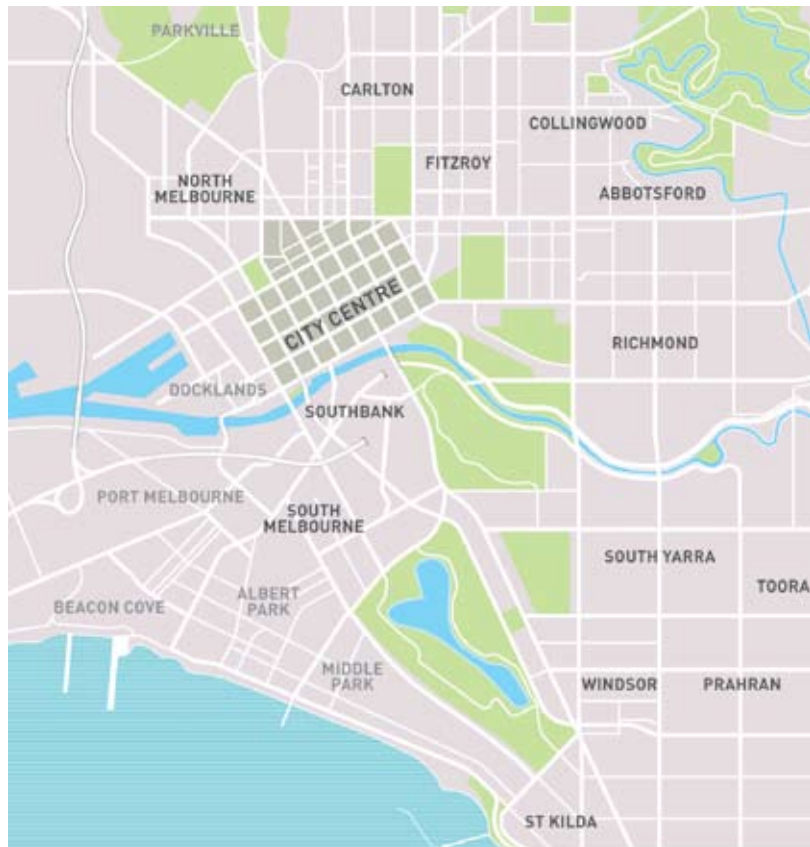


## Get Up – and Lie Down

After yesterday's busy schedule you will be ready for some pampering at the **Aurora Day Spa** a luxury boutique spa integrating health and wellness into St Kilda's urban seaside environment. There are 22 treatment areas and more than 50 staff, and the complex incorporates state-of-the-art wet and dry therapies, spa, steam, express studio, relaxation lounge, pool and deck. With treatments taking from two hours to a whole day, the primary objective of Aurora is to provide its guests with a place to restore and maintain optimum health and wellness. You'll love it!

## Maintain the Feeling

Depending on the treatments you choose, you might want to indulge in a leisurely lunch. There's a multitude of choice around St Kilda, and very close to the Aurora Day Spa – in fact, in the same building – is the splendid **Circa, The Prince** one of Melbourne's most revered restaurants. Also in the same building but at street level is **Il Fornaio** an Italian-style baker. And the historic **St Kilda Sea Baths**, a short walk away, have been around since the 1850s and are home to Australia's only indoor heated sea-water pool. There's a variety of restaurants and cafés to choose from – all right on the beach.



## Contemporary Cuisine

Back at The Como, slip in to one of your new purchases and travel to Fitzroy and **Interlude** where British chef Robin Wickens challenges diners' perceptions of everyday ingredients, producing deliciously original 'avant-garde' cuisine. Seating just 45, this experience will certainly be a fitting end to your Melbourne indulgence.



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