

WINTER 2026

Your ultimate guide to Winter fun in Melbourne –
events, day trips + more!
June-August 2026

what's on +
things to do

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What's On in CBD: June 2026



EONARIUM Enlightenment

 17 Until 5 July 2026 |  Immigration Museum | 

Ticketed

Melbourne Watch Vivaldi's Four Seasons come alive through spectacular projections, immersive sound and dazzling light filling the historic Long Room.

Queen Victoria Winter Night Market

 17 Wednesdays until 26 August 2026 |  Queen

Victoria Market |  Free |

Rug up and devour street food, sip mulled wine and browse artisan stalls at Melbourne's favourite Wednesday night winter tradition.

K-Publishing: Korean Art and Book Making for All

Kids

 17 Sat 20 June 2026 |  Immigration Museum | 

Free; bookings required

Kids aged 7-12 team up with Kids' Own Publishing and the University of Melbourne to create an original Australian-Korean picture book.


Follow Me! Activity Trail

 17 Open Daily |  NGV Australia |  Free

Pick up an activity trail from the information desk to explore the [MOTHER exhibition](#) at NGV Australia.

Discover baby echidnas, the drama of dinnertime, and what baby bottles were made from long ago.




Lightscape

 12 June to 2 August 2026 |  Royal Botanic

Gardens |  Ticketed




An enchanting after dark experience that invites you to wander through glowing pathways, illuminated floral displays, and soundscapes.

Machu Picchu: Journey to the Lost City

 17 Until 31 July 2026 |  Bourke Street |  Ticketed

Melbourne Explore the ancient Inca citadel through groundbreaking VR, guided by a robot companion across breathtaking terraces and mountain vista.

IMAGINATOR

 17 Until 12 July 2026 |  The District Docklands | 

Ticketed

Step inside a future playground of shimmering light sculptures, giant rotating beanbags, AI encounters and high-energy movement games.




Polly Woodside Pirate Day

 17 First Sunday of Every Month |  South Wharf

|  Ticketed

A fun-filled adventure for little pirates, with treasure hunts and storytelling aboard the historic Polly Woodside tall ship.

Play School: Come and Play Exhibition

 17 Until 12 July 2026 |  ACMI |  Free

Kids can pretend to be presenters, directors or camera operators, sing favourite songs, hear stories under the Rocket Clock and meet beloved characters like Big Ted and Jemima.

What's On in CBD: Winter School Holidays

ROME: Empire, Power, People

 17 Until 25 October 2026 |  Melbourne Museum | 

Ticketed

A Melbourne-exclusive show with 180+ Roman objects. Statues, mosaics and frescoes covering gladiator spectacle and imperial power.




Melbourne Museum - Winter School Holidays

 17 27 June - 12 July 2026 |  Melbourne Museum | 

Ticketed, kids free museum entry

Explore, create and discover from colourful hands-on making to playful stories that bring history to life for kids.

Children's Play: Ragnar Kjartansson

 17 26 June-4 October 2026 |  NGV International | 

Free




Interactive exhibition transforms the NGV's children's gallery into a playful theatrical world where kids can perform, draw, create and tell stories.

Melbourne Magic Festival

 17 29 June-11 July 2026 |  Arrow on Swanston (CBD hub) + multiple venues |  Ticketed




The southern hemisphere's largest magic festival with 59 shows and 400+ performances, with dedicated kids shows for under 10s and family shows.

Kids' Flicks with Feelings - ACMI

 17 29 June - 10 July 2026 |  Fed Square |  \$9-14

Two films exploring time travel, empathy and how small actions shape the people around us. Each session opens with a short curator-led introduction to emotional intelligence, and kids take home an activity kit afterwards.

The Wall – ArtPlay

 17 2-5 July 2026 |  Birrarung Marr |  \$15

A curious world where things are upside down – kids step into an immersive performance and making workshop designed and hosted by a collective of 9-12 year olds.

Kids Explorer Bus

 17 27 June - 12 July 2026 |  Royal Botanic Gardens | 

Ticketed


Children ride half price. Hop aboard and soak up the sights, sounds and scents of the Gardens on this family-friendly tour.

Firelight Festival

 17 3 - 5 July 2026 |  Docklands, Melbourne |  Free

Marvel at dazzling fire installations, roving performances and delicious food stalls as the waterfront comes alive over three spectacular winter nights.

Alison Lester: 15 Years of Noni the Pony

 17 1 July 2026 |  The Wheeler Centre |  \$5

Australia's first Children's Laureate Alison Lester celebrates 15 years of her beloved Noni the Pony with a live event full of rhymes, stories and activities for little ones.

The Epically Awesome Odyssey with R. A. Spratt

 17 8 July 2026 |  The Capitol |  \$10

Nanny Piggins takes on The Odyssey – man-munching monsters, furious Greek gods and sirens with cake batter included. R. A. Spratt reads from her new book, takes questions and sets the record straight on what Homer apparently left out.

What's On in CBD: July - August 2026

Open House Melbourne Weekend

 17 24-26 July 2026 |  Various |  Free

One weekend a year, hundreds of Melbourne's most interesting buildings throw open their doors for free – from heritage landmarks and hidden laneways to cutting-edge architecture and working studios.

PAW Patrol Live! Race to the Rescue

 17 22 - 23 August 2026 |  Margaret Court Arena |

 Ticketed

Ryder and the pups are back for their 10th anniversary, racing to rescue Mayor Goodway in an interactive live show with sing-alongs and the Pup Pup Boogie.

How to Train Your Dragon 2 in Concert

 17 27 - 30 August 2026 |  Hamer Hall |  Ticketed



Watch Hiccup and Toothless battle to save the future of man and dragons on the big screen, while the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra performs John Powell's thrilling score live.

Classic Kids: Carnival of the Animals

 17 29 August 2026 |  Hamer Hall |  Ticketed

Stomp, swoop and splash through Saint-Saëns' wild musical adventure with the MSO. Kids can even submit animal drawings to be projected live during the show.




Saboteurs: Crewmates and Impostors

 17 Until 31 December 2026 |  The Wheel |

 Ticketed

A real-life Among Us-style game where Crew members complete tasks around a Moon base while Impostors secretly eliminate them one by one.

Chocolate Adventure Day

 17 Until 27 September 2026 |  Docklands | 

Ticketed

Crack clues, create chocolate masterpieces and finish with a pancake lunch on this creative family adventure designed for kids aged 5 to 12.




Melbourne International Film Festival

 17 6 - 23 August 2026 |  Various CBD Cinemas |

 Ticketed

MIFF's family stream brings the best animated features and international children's shorts to the big screen across three weeks of world-class cinema.

Solar Tours – Melbourne Observatory

 17 Select Sundays until 23 Aug 2026 |  Royal Botanic Gardens | 

Go inside the Melbourne Observatory – kids get to view sunspots and solar granulation through a restored 1800s telescope, with guides from the Astronomical Society of Victoria.

Winter Warmer – The Street Social

 17 22-23 August 2026 |  Docklands |  Free entry

The second of three themed weekends from The Street Social – sweet and savoury crêpes, galettes and hot drinks alongside paellas and restaurant-quality seafood including fish and chips.




Ballet of Lights: Sleeping Beauty in a Sparkling Show

 17 2 August 2026 |  Capitol Theatre | 




Watch dancers in illuminated costumes bring Sleeping Beauty to life in this dazzling blend of light, colour and classical dance.

What's On in Melbourne: June 2026




Bubble Planet

 Until 31 August 2026 |  Brunswick |  Ticketed
Step into a sensory wonderland of themed rooms, VR technology and fantastical bubble-filled landscapes. An immersive experience that delights kids and adults.




World Play Day at EGOLAND® Discovery Centre Melbourne

 1-20 June 2026 |  Chadstone Shopping Centre |  Ticketed
Kids take part in a brick-building Click Challenge, leave their mark on a giant Never Stop Playing mosaic, and show off their builds in a Playmaker Playback.




Frozen In Time

 7 May – 28 June 2026 |  Greensborough Plaza |  Free
Journey back to the ice age with life-size prehistoric creatures, a centre-wide scavenger hunt and free craft sessions every Saturday and Sunday.




Elmo's Circus Dream

 Until 21 June 2026 |  Tarneit Gardens Shopping Centre |  Ticketed
Join Elmo and his Sesame Street friends under the heated big top for a spectacular circus show packed with acrobatics, dazzling costumes and live music.




Dinos at the Zoo

 Until 12 July 2026 |  Melbourne Zoo |  Free with zoo admission
Come face to face with over 30 animatronic dinosaurs on Melbourne Zoo's brand-new Dino Trail, complete with a fossil dig zone and roaming dinosaur puppets throughout the grounds.




Seaworks Winter Solstice Festival

 19 June 2026 |  Williamstown |  Free
Celebrate the longest night of the year with circus performances, live music, roaming performers and delicious food along the Williamstown waterfront.




Children's International Film Festival (CHIFF)

 6 June – 5 July 2026 |  Various cinemas |  Ticketed
A curated selection of international children's films and animations from around the world, bringing diverse stories and cultures to the big screen.




Light to Night Chadstone

 11 June – 12 July 2026 |  Chadstone Shopping Centre |  Free (bookings required)
A month-long winter festival of art, food and music featuring RONE major exhibition in three years, live performances and a school holiday program.

Firefly Winter Solstice




 Saturday 20 June |  Kew |  From \$11.90
An enchanting after-dark walk through the historic cemetery grounds with immersive light projections, live music, roving performers and guided tours, finishing with a fireworks display.

Collingwood Children's Farm – Winter Solstice Bonfire

 27 June |  Abbotsford |  Ticketed
A towering bonfire on the banks of the Yarra as the longest night of the year falls. Kids' games, live music, food and drink stalls and mulled wine for the grown-ups.

What's On in Melbourne: Winter School Holidays




Scienceworks – Winter School Holidays

 27 June - 12 July 2026 |  Scienceworks | 

Ticketed, kids free museum entry


Catch live science shows, a Solar System Scavenger Hunt and planetarium sessions. Plus explore the Colour exhibition and Fulldome Flicks festival.

Colour: See the World in a New Light

 Until 26 January 2027 |  Scienceworks, Spotswood |  Ticketed

Test optical illusions, mix coloured light and design creatures in the Colour interactive exhibition.

Polyglot Theatre Takes Over the Gallery

 7 - 11 July 2026 |  Wyndham Art Gallery |  Free




Two magical Polyglot Theatre installations transform the gallery into an immersive playground where kids build a cardboard forest world and turn their own drawings into live soundscapes.

Kew Traffic School – Winter School Holiday Sessions

 School holidays |  Kew |  Ticketed




Public ride sessions where kids ride bikes and pedal cars through a scaled-down road system, learning road rules in the most fun possible way.

Immerse – Knox Arts Festival

 26 June–26 July 2026 |  Various |  Free




Interactive works, light projections, performances and pop-ups spread throughout Knox's streets and parks. Includes a NAIDOC Week program, community art installations and guided bus tours.

School holidays at Bunjil Place

 26 June - 11 July 2026 |  Narre Warren |  Free + Ticketed

Across the season you'll find hands-on music workshops, a lively MIFF family film and the vibrant world of The Offbeat Sari unfolding in the Gallery.

Kingston Arts for Kids: Holiday Program

 29 June 2026 |  Kingston Arts |  Ticketed

Hands-on creative workshops for kids aged 7–12 covering acting, music, visual arts and crafts, all guided by professional artist facilitators.




Family Fiesta at MPAC

 1 July -4 July 2026 |  Monash University |

 Ticketed


The MPAC precinct transforms into a forest world, packed with theatre, dance, music, immersive art installations and free hands-on workshops for kids.

Diamond Valley Railway – Winter Light

Spectacular  4 July 2026 |  Eltham |  Ticketed

miniature steam train running through the Eltham bushland at night, lit up with light shows and decorated locomotives.

Dinos After Dark – Werribee Open Range Zoo

 4-11 July |  Werribee South |  Ticketed

See illuminated animatronic dinosaurs after dark plus fire performers, a glow zone, DJ, marshmallow roasting and a snow zone.




What's On in Victoria: Winter 2026

Winter Wonderlights at Sovereign Hill

 26 June -19 July 2026 |  Sovereign Hill, Ballarat |  Ticketed

A magical Christmas-in-July experience with light projections, live performances, hands-on workshops and enchanting snowfall for the whole family.

CURIOSITY: Building Breakthroughs in LEGO® Bricks




 Until 29 November 2026 |  Bendigo |  Ticketed
Explore LEGO creations covering engineering, maths and science, then build your own designs.

Echuca Moama Winter Blues Festival

 23 - 26 July 2026 |  Echuca Moama |  Free + Ticketed

A weekend of blues music performances across various venues, with daytime events and activities suitable for families.

Knights of Fire at Kryal Castle

 27 June - 19 July 2026 |  Kryal Castle |  Ticketed




Watch full-contact jousting, breathtaking fire performances and dark magic battles this school holidays, then meet enchanted princesses and try sword fighting, archery and potion making.

Trail of Lights Mildura

 Ongoing |  Mildura |  Ticketed




An immersive light installation featuring thousands of glowing fireflies lighting up the night sky, creating a magical and unforgettable walk-through experience.

Electric Wonderland

 26 June -12 July 2026 |  Rosalind Park, Bendigo |  Ticketed

An enchanting after-dark experience featuring interactive exhibits, immersive light installations, and magical projections.

Darker Days Festival




 20 June 2026 |  Bright |  Free + Ticketed
Celebrate the winter solstice with live music, local food and drink, and family-friendly entertainment in the picturesque town of Bright.

East Gippsland Winter Festival

 19 June - 19 July 2026 |  Various East Gippsland locations |  Free + Ticketed

A celebration of art, food, and culture with family-friendly events.

Moonlit Sanctuary – Keeper Kids Program

 29 June - 10 July 2026 |  Pearcedale |  Ticketed

Kids can get hands-on with wildlife care including feeding animals, preparing food, and learning about conservation efforts.




Island Whale Festival

 3 - 5 July 2026 |  Phillip Island |  Free + Ticketed




Celebrate the annual whale migration with educational exhibits, talks from researchers, film screenings, and the chance to watch passing humpback and southern right whales.

Shows to Book: Winter School Holidays




Bluey's Big Play The Stage Show

 1 – 12 July 2026 |  Comedy Theatre |  Ticketed
Bluey and Bingo are back on stage with puppets, new music and an original story by creator Joe Brumm.




The Wobbly Wallaby and the Absolute Bandicoot

 8 July 2026 |  Kingston Arts Centre |  Ticketed
A musical celebration of neurodiversity by Giggle & Hoot's Jemma Armstrong – puppetry, songs and interactive fun for ages 3–8. Puppet meet-and-greet after each show.




Cirque du Soleil: KOOZA

 Until 19 July 2026 |  Flemington Racecourse |  Ticketed
A breathtaking return to circus traditions with nail-biting acrobatics, bold slapstick comedy and a vibrant cast of characters.




Saltbush

 26 – 28 June 2026 |  Bunjil Place |  Ticketed
Narre Warren A breathtaking interactive theatre experience for young children where kids become part of the story, moving and playing within a stunning digital landscape inspired by First Nations culture.




Room on the Broom

 11 July 2026 |  Bunjil Place |  Ticketed
The beloved Julia Donaldson picture book comes to life on stage with songs, laughs and scary fun. A rollicking 55-minute adventure for children aged 3 and up.




Disney On Ice: Magic in the Stars

 2 – 6 July 2026 |  Rod Laver Arena |  Ticketed
Watch beloved Disney characters glide across the ice in a dazzling show packed with music, costumes and magic.




Spot

 27 – 28 June 2026 |  Clocktower Centre |  Ticketed
Spot and his friends head to the farm in this charming live stage show featuring puppetry, songs and audience puzzles.




K-Pop Live

 1 July 2026 |  Drum Theatre |  Ticketed
A high-energy one-hour concert packed with dazzling costumes, dynamic choreography and the biggest hits from BTS, Blackpink, Stray Kids.

The Alphabet of Awesome Science




 30 June 2026 |  Karralyka Centre |  Ticketed
Race through the alphabet with Professors Lexi Con and Noel Edge in this award-winning science show featuring 26 explosive, messy and fascinating demonstrations.

Victorian State Ballet: Cinderella

 3 July 2026 |  Hamer Hall |  Ticketed
The Victorian State Ballet brings the timeless fairytale to life with exquisite choreography set to Prokofiev's iconic score. Elegant, accessible and magical for first-timers and ballet lovers alike.




Ice + Snow Adventures in + near Melbourne

Winter Glow at Adventure Park

 20 June – 29 August 2026 |  Adventure Park |  Ticketed



Step into Victoria's largest snow festival with 300 tonnes of real snow, a brand new Ice Toboggan ride, a 20-metre Drop Zone and unlimited theme park rides.

Ballarat Winter Festival Ice Rink



 27 June – 19 July 2026 |  Ballarat |  Ticketed

The pop-up ice skating rink part of the Ballarat Winter Festival, bringing icy thrills and frosty fun to the CBD.




O'Brien Icehouse

 Open year-round |  Docklands, Melbourne
Melbourne's premier ice sports venue offers public skating sessions, lessons, and themed events.

iceHQ

 Open year-round |  Reservoir, Melbourne
A modern ice-skating facility featuring themed nights, public sessions, and programs for beginners and families.

Olympic Ice Skating Centre

 Open year-round |  Oakleigh South, Melbourne |  Ticketed
A family-friendly rink offering public skating, lessons, and affordable fun for all ages.

FROSTED - A Winter Spectacular

 19 June – 19 July 2026 |  Westfield Fountain Gate |  Ticketed



A heated big top packed with artificial ice skating, an inflatable toboggan slide, PAW Patrol live shows, Mrs Claus, reindeer and a biscuit-decorating kitchen.

Mt Donna Buang Snow Play



 June – August 2026 |  Warburton

A popular spot for families to enjoy snow play and tobogganing, just a short drive from Melbourne.

Lake Mountain Alpine Resort

 6 June – September 2026 |  Marysville
Offers tobogganing, snow play areas, and cross-country skiing, making it perfect for a family day trip.



Mt Baw Baw Alpine Resort

 6 June – September 2026 |  Mt Baw Baw
Melbourne's closest downhill ski resort provides tobogganing, snow play, and gentle slopes ideal for young children

Mt Stirling

 June–September 2026 |  Mirimbah
A quieter, less-crowded alternative to the big resorts – free toboggan slope at Telephone Box Junction, hire available on site. Cross-country ski lessons also on offer.

Mt Buller

 6 June – September 2026 |  Mt Buller, VIC
Just a 3-hour drive from Melbourne, Mt Buller offers tobogganing, snow play areas, and beginner ski slopes for families.



Ticketed Galleries + Museums for Kids

Pauline Gandel Children's Gallery – Melbourne Museum

 Carlton |  Ticketed




A dedicated play and learning space for babies to 5-year-olds, with a dinosaur dig, discovery garden, climbing net and a camouflage disco with mirror walls and light projections.

Scienceworks

 Spotswood |  Ticketed

Over 100 hands-on exhibits, a Planetarium, live Lightning Room demonstrations and the historic Spotswood Pumping Station.

ArtVo Trick Art Gallery




 Open Daily |  The District Docklands |  Ticketed
An interactive trick art gallery in Docklands where kids and adults alike can step inside and become part of the artwork.

Old Melbourne Gaol

 Open Daily |  Melbourne |  Ticketed

Walk three levels of Australia's oldest surviving prison, see Ned Kelly's death mask and the actual cells and gallows.

SEA LIFE Melbourne Aquarium

 Open Daily |  Flinders St & King St |  Ticketed

Dive into 12 themed zones packed with sharks, rays, jellyfish and King and Gentoo penguins, including internet superstar Pesto. Don't miss the brand new Rocky Shores rockpool zone.

Australian Sports Museum

 East Melbourne |  Ticketed



Inside the MCG, this museum tells the story of Australian sport through over 2,500 pieces of memorabilia. Add a stadium tour for the full experience.

Museum of Play and Art (MoPA)

 Thomastown, Sandringham, Geelong, Nunawading

An interactive museum offering creative play experiences for young children.

National Communication Museum

 Hawthorn |  Ticketed

Australia's national museum of communication. Kids can blast back to the 90s in a fully interactive cyber café, play retro games and explore how we've talked to each other across centuries.

Pentridge Prison Tours

 Coburg |  Ticketed

Australia's most infamous prison – open for guided family tours through B Division and the notorious H Division. Suited to all ages on the family tour.

Fire Services Museum of Victoria

 East Melbourne |  Ticketed

Australia's largest collection of firefighting memorabilia, with vintage engines, helmets, equipment and interactive displays on fire safety. Every Friday at 10:30am there's a Fire Safety Display.

Free Galleries, Libraries + Museums in Melbourne

National Gallery of Victoria (NGV)

📍 Melbourne CBD | 💎 Permanent collection free
Australia's most visited art gallery, across two venues. The Children's Gallery at NGV International has a dedicated interactive exhibition and kids' activity sheets are available for self-guided exploring.

Children's Quarter – State Library Victoria

📍 Melbourne CBD | 💎 Free
A light-filled space designed for families, with reading nooks, interactive games, and creative play areas perfect for little learners and book lovers.

The Story of the Moving Image – ACMI

📍 Melbourne | 💎 Free
permanent interactive exhibition tracing cinema, TV, gaming and digital art from shadow puppets to the present day. Kids can animate shadows, build optical toys, edit film scenes and create soundscapes.

Shrine of Remembrance

📍 Melbourne | 💎 Free
The Shrine runs dedicated family programs including Shrine Kids, designed to introduce younger visitors to the stories of Australians in wartime through interactive, age-appropriate activities.

Science Gallery Melbourne

📍 Parkville | 💎 Free
Free gallery at the University of Melbourne running thought-provoking exhibitions aimed at curious minds of all ages. Great for teens especially.

Heide Museum of Modern Art

📍 Bulleen | 💎 Sculpture park & gardens free
Sixteen acres of gardens and sculpture park with works by Anish Kapoor and Inge King. The indoor galleries showcase Australian modernist and contemporary art in beautiful heritage buildings.

Koorie Heritage Trust

📍 Federation Square | 💎 Free
Victoria's only public collection dedicated to Koorie art and culture. Guided Walking Tours (ticketed) let kids hold replica artefacts while learning their significance.

Victoria Police Museum

📍 Docklands | 💎 Free
Australia's largest collection of Kelly Gang armour lives here, alongside 300+ objects covering 150 years of Victoria's crime and policing history – forensic technology, notorious cases and real detective work.

Australian Music Vault – Arts Centre Melbourne

📍 Southbank | 💎 Free
Exhibition celebrating the full story of Australian music – from pub rock to hip hop, Kylie to Archie Roach. Interactive listening zones, iconic costumes and a 360-degree immersive Amplifier experience.

narrm ngarrgu Library

📍 Melbourne | 💎 Free
Melbourne's newest library has a dedicated children's library, secure outdoor play terrace overlooking Queen Victoria Market precinct, playgroups for 0-6 year olds, and a creative makerspace.

Galleries + Museums near Melbourne for Kids

Sovereign Hill

📍 Bradshaw St, Ballarat | 🎫 Ticketed

An open-air living museum where Ballarat's 1850s gold rush comes to life through costumed characters, working trades and real gold panning.

Discovery Centre Bendigo

📍 Bendigo | 🎫 Ticketed

A hands-on science and technology centre in a heritage railway goods shed. Over 100 interactive exhibits, a Planetarium, a 7-metre vertical slide and special holiday programs.

Central Deborah Gold Mine

📍 Bendigo | 🎫 Ticketed

Descend 61 metres underground into the tunnels of a real gold mine that operated through the gold rush era. On the surface, explore heritage buildings and do gold panning.

Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery

📍 Mornington | 🆓 Free

Large public gallery with a strong program of Australian art and regular activities for kids and families. Guided tours on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Shepparton Art Museum (SAM)

📍 Shepparton | 🆓 Free

A beautifully purpose-built gallery housing one of Australia's largest ceramic art collections, a growing Indigenous art collection and children's gallery.

Golden Dragon Museum

📍 Bendigo | 🎫 Ticketed

The story of Chinese Australians in the goldfields and home to one of the world's oldest imperial processional dragons, Chinese gardens and a temple.

McClelland Sculpture Park + Gallery

📍 Langwarrin | 🆓 Free entry to parklands

A unique outdoor art experience where kids can roam among giant sculptures, then warm up inside the gallery or grab a treat at the café. Free entry to the parklands.

Pt. Leo Estate Sculpture Park

📍 Merricks | 🎫 Ticketed, kids free

Seventy-plus large-scale works – including pieces by KAWS and Yayoi Kusama – spread across 16.5 acres of vineyard and coastal grounds on the Mornington Peninsula.

Bruno's Art & Sculpture Garden

📍 Marysville | 🎫 Ticketed

Hundreds of life-sized terracotta characters – goblins, goddesses, wizards and more – scattered through a lush rainforest garden near Steavenson Falls. Bruno makes everything on site.

MOVE – Museum of Vehicle Evolution

📍 Kialla | 🎫 Ticketed

Classic cars, motorbikes, trucks, buses, vintage bicycles, a costume collection and a small children's area in a contemporary, interactive space just south of Shepparton.

Best Winter Day Trips from Melbourne

Peninsula Hot Springs

📍 Mornington Peninsula

Soak in natural thermal mineral pools surrounded by bushland – the Bath House has a dedicated family bathing area with shallow pools, barrel baths and a cave pool.

Warburton Redwood Forest

📍 Cement Creek Road, Warburton

Wander through towering Californian redwoods and explore the Yarra River trails nearby for a magical winter forest adventure.

Ballarat Wildlife Park

📍 York Street, Ballarat

A family favourite for wildlife lovers, this compact zoo offers hands-on experiences with kangaroos, reptiles, and meerkats. The crisp winter air makes it perfect for exploring without the summer heat.

Mount Macedon

📍 Mount Macedon

Take in the wintery beauty of Macedon's gardens, stop by the Memorial Cross for panoramic views and a brisk winter walk - you might even see snow.

Enchanted Adventure

📍 Purves Road, Arthurs Seat

Tackle the tube slides, explore hedge mazes, and wander through giant sculptures and gardens. The lush setting is just as magical in the cooler months—with fewer crowds!

Puffing Billy Railway

📍 Belgrave

Victoria's most iconic steam train chugs through misty fern gullies in the Dandenong Ranges. Wrap up, hang your legs over the side, and ride to Emerald Lake where there's a café and playground waiting.

Organ Pipes National Park

📍 Keilor North

Short hikes to unique basalt rock columns, birdwatching, and picnic spots in a compact, family-friendly park.

Trentham Falls

📍 Falls Road, Trentham

Victoria's highest single-drop waterfall is at its most powerful in winter. View the roaring cascade from the lookout, then warm up with hot chocolate at one of Trentham's charming cafés.

Ngurrak Barring

📍 Dandenong Ranges

39 km of interconnected trails with towering forests, vibrant villages and artworks connecting a rich creative heritage to a thriving contemporary culture.

Lerderberg State Park

📍 Lerderberg Gorge Road, Bacchus Marsh

Enjoy family bushwalks and creek-side rambles through dramatic gorges. In winter, the river runs full and the landscape is lush with mossy greens.

Best Indoor Play Spaces

Legoland Discovery Centre

📍 Chadstone Shopping Centre

A must-visit for LEGO lovers, with creative build zones, immersive rides, a 4D cinema and MINILAND showcasing iconic Melbourne landmarks in miniature.

Ark Play Cafe

📍 Epping

A calm, less crowded play cafe where kids explore through creative, purposeful play with premium felt toys while families enjoy nutritious food and quality time together.

Diggerland

📍 Braeside

A construction-themed indoor play zone for kids aged 6 months to 7 years, with 50+ tonnes of real sand, mini excavators, cranes, RC vehicles and a dedicated toddler zone.

SuperPark Melbourne

📍 Maribyrnong

A supersized indoor adventure park with 15+ activities including trampolines, ninja courses, pedal cars, and digital sports games.

Landing Playcentre

📍 Bundoora, Ravenhall, Altona North

Offers separate zones for babies, toddlers, and older children, with a focus on soft play and safety.

Eden Play

📍 Mill Park

A clean indoor play centre for children aged 3 and under, with thoughtfully designed play hubs and a café.

Dreamscape Melbourne

📍 The District Docklands

Thrilling game challenge rooms, a 7D visual rollercoaster and 3D movies aimed at families and teens looking for high-energy indoor fun.

Pixieland Kids Play Cafe

📍 M-City Shopping Centre

Combines a magical indoor play space with freshly made snacks, meals and barista coffee, so little ones can adventures in fairyland while grown-ups recharge in comfort.

Imaginationation

📍 Chadstone Shopping Centre

A design-led, architecturally built play centre for kids aged 6 months to 7 years, with immersive zones, a sensory room, CONNETIX builder area and a café serving Le Puree baby food and proper coffee.

We Rock the Spectrum

📍 Various locations

Inclusive indoor gym and play centre designed for all abilities with sensory-safe equipment like swings, crash mats, trampolines, and fine motor activities.

Rainbow Town Play Centre

📍 Glen Waverley

Offers bumper cars, trampoline park, interactive climbing walls, and enclosed toddler areas.

Funtopia


📍 Carrum Downs, Cranbourne


An indoor adventure playground with climbing walls, obstacle courses, and toddler play areas.


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What's On in Melbourne: July - August 2026

The Australian Ballet

 17 - 18 July 2026 |  Bunjil Place |  Ticketed The Australian Ballet brings classical highlights and bold contemporary works to Bunjil Place, including Act II of The Nutcracker performed with The Australian Ballet School. Magical for first-timers and longtime fans alike.

Bluey's Big Play The Stage Show at Drum Theatre

 17 1 August 2026 |  Drum Theatre |  Ticketed Dandenong Bluey and Bingo are back on stage with puppets, an original story by creator Joe Brumm and new music by Joff Bush. VIP tickets include a post-show meet and greet with Bluey.