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Melbourne



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The History of Melbourne

The indigenous people of the area that would become Melbourne lived in the area for at least 31,000 years before European contact. Dutch explorers first encountered Australia in 1606, but no European visited the area of Melbourne until 1797. That year, British explorer George Bass was the first European to enter the waters between Australia and the land that would become Tasmania. In 1803, David Collins, British administrator of Australia, was sent from Sydney to establish a settlement. In 1834, English pioneer Edward Henty established the first long-term European settlement in the area. Melbourne was officially founded in 1835, and in 1847, Queen Victoria of Great Britain declared it a city. Victoria, in which Melbourne is located, officially became a colony in 1851. By 1861, the population of the city of Melbourne had reached 125,000. Melbourne's population grew larger than that of Sydney by 1865. In 1901, Victoria and the other five colonies of the continent combined to form the Commonwealth of Australia. Melbourne became the capital of the new commonwealth. In 1956, Melbourne hosted the Summer Olympics.

Tourist Attractions & Famous Locations

The Royal Botanic Gardens were established in 1846 and are considered some of the most important in the world. The Melbourne Zoo opened in 1862 and houses 320 species of animals. The Melbourne Cricket Ground was built in 1853 and is the largest stadium in Australia. The National Gallery of Victoria is the oldest public art gallery in Australia, and holds more than 68,000 works of art in its two locations. The Block Arcade is a shopping center built in the 19th century. The historic Queen Victoria Market has sold fresh produce to locals and tourists alike since 1878. The Royal Exhibition Building was built in 1880 to hold the first Commonwealth Parliament of Australia in 1901. Beside it stands the Melbourne Museum and Royal Exhibition Building, a gallery full of hands-on activities especially for kids.



Famous Melburnians

Savannah Guthrie • Steve Irwin • Chris Hemsworth • Liam Hemsworth • Kylie Minogue • Rupert Murdoch • Vance Joy • Paul Jennings

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