

GETTING TO AND AROUND MELBOURNE

How to get to Melbourne City: Transportation from the Melbourne Tullamarine International and Domestic airports is by taxi or bus.

- **Taxi ranks** are available right outside the arrivals hall at the airport. It is a well organised system and you shouldn't have to wait too long for a taxi to arrive. The fare to city accommodation is about A\$ 40
- **SkyBus** operates an airport service that can take you to many of the hotels in the **Melbourne Central Business District (CBD)**. It departs the airport every 15 minutes for most of the day (30 mins in off-peak times) and is a 24 hour/7 day a week service. Adults one way A\$ 12.00 per person Adults return trip A\$ 21.00 per person Contact Sky Bus at Telephone: (03) 9670 7992. Or visit the Sky Bus website at <www.skybus.com.au>
- There are also **Car Hire services** available at the international terminals once you are in the main area of Melbourne Airport. <MelbourneOnTheWeb.com> makes it easy for you to book your car online.

Trams: Melbourne is a very easy city to get around, and with the streets in the CBD in the form of a grid, it's easy to navigate yourself around. Melbourne is the only city in Australia which still has trams as part of its public transport system. Trams are an efficient way of transport within the city as well as to the inner suburbs of Melbourne. Most routes provide services towards and away from the CBD, however, in the inner eastern and southern suburbs, some routes provide convenient travel to a wide range of destinations. The brown City Circle Tram is a free service that travels around the city and links with other tram and train routes in and around Melbourne. The tram will take you past shopping malls and arcades, and major attractions such as the Old Treasury Building, Parliament House and the Princess Theatre. To catch the free City Circle Tram service, just wait at any of the specially marked stops on the route. They run in both directions every twenty minutes, from 10am to 3pm on weekdays and 10am to 6pm on weekends. Around the CBD and immediate suburbs, if its not brown, you must buy a ticket from an on board machine, or from newsstands. For maps and timetabling, see <<http://www.metlinkmelbourne.com.au/>>

Trains: Melbourne also has an extensive train service. All lines radiate from the central city. Apart from the underground city loop, stations are above ground, and are spaced at one to two kilometre intervals. Unlike tram services, which are largely confined to the inner suburbs, Melbourne's rail network reaches out to distant suburbs. Train services: every 15-20 minutes (weekdays), every 20 minutes (Saturdays), and about 30 minutes (Sundays).

The Multi-modal **metcard tickets** allow you to travel on trains, trams, and buses in Melbourne, giving you convenience and saving you time. Furthermore, tickets are available for 2 hour travel, daily travel, weekly, and yearly travel, with student concessions available upon presentation of the Student PTC Concession Card.

Urban taxis: Most taxis in Melbourne are yellow and have a large light on the roof. There are taxi ranks in various spots throughout the city and taxis can also be hailed or booked by telephone, but will incur an extra cost. Extra costs also apply if the taxi passes any toll booths. Prices are quite reasonable and tipping isn't expected. Most taxis will accept credit cards or EFTPOS. Phone: Taxis Combined : 13-1008, or ABC Taxis: 13-2522

CONFERENCE INTERNET / COMPUTING FACILITIES

RMIT is situated directly opposite Melbourne's State Library of Victoria, 328 Swanston St. <<http://www.slv.vic.gov.au/about/visiting/location.html>> Inside the State Library you will find computer access, photocopying facilities, and in many parts of the building, wifi and bluetooth access to the www. as well as an extensive academic library, with the top floor of the LaTrobe reading room holding an extensive array of Australiana materials, well worth a visit.

Online computing facilities are also available in the RMIT University Library opposite the the IAPL Registration and Book Exhibit located in RMIT Building 8, Level 5. A guest login will be available from the conference Information Desk in the RMIT Research lounge. Internet access is the only facility available with the guest login.

ATM FACILITIES AND CURRENCY

Australia's currency operates on a decimal system, with the dollar (AUD\$) as the basic unit and 100 cents (¢) equaling \$1. Bills come in \$100, \$50, \$20, \$10, and \$5 denominations, differentiated by color. Coins are minted in \$2, \$1, 50¢, 20¢, 10¢, and 5¢ denominations. The Australian 1 cent and 2 cent coins are no longer in circulation, so totals are rounded up or down to the nearest 5 cents. For security and longevity, Australian banknotes are made of a durable plastic that make it difficult to reproduce. Banks are open Monday to Thursday 9:30am to 4pm and on Fridays from 9:30am to 5pm. Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) are available throughout the city round the clock.