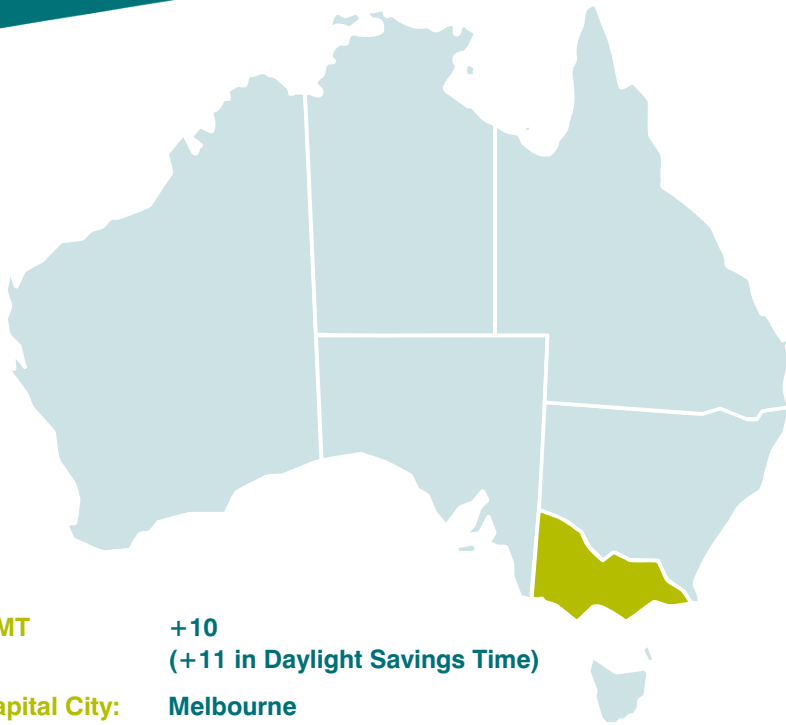




Victoria



GMT	+10 (+11 in Daylight Savings Time)
Capital City:	Melbourne
Population:	6,9.6,000
Land Size:	227,444 km2
Iconic Places:	12 Apostles, Royal Exhibition Building

Climate and Time zone in Victoria



Victoria primarily operates on Australian Eastern Time (AET), which includes two variations, Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) at GMT+10:00 and Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT) at GMT+11:00 during Daylight Saving Time. Daylight Saving Time typically starts in early October and ends in early April. This means that clocks are set one hour ahead to make better use of daylight during the longer days of summer.



Victoria experiences a diverse climate due to its varied geography. The state generally has a temperate climate, with four distinct seasons. Summers (December to February) are warm to hot, with temperatures often exceeding 30°C. Winters (June to August) are cool to cold, particularly in the alpine regions where snowfall is common. Spring (September to November) and autumn (March to May) are mild and pleasant, with moderate rainfall. Coastal areas tend to have milder temperatures, while inland regions can experience more extreme conditions. This diversity in climate makes Victoria a unique place with a range of weather patterns throughout the year.

Dates to remember

New Year's Day: Celebrates the first day of the Gregorian calendar.

Australia Day: the day of arrival of the first British fleet in Australia, and is marked on January 26.

Labour Day: Celebrates achievements of workers and is marked on the second Monday in March.

Easter: There are four public holidays each year held to celebrate Easter: Good Friday, Easter Saturday, Easter Sunday and Easter Monday.

Friday before Grand Final: A Victorian state public holiday celebrating the Australian Football League Grand Final.

Anzac Day: A national day of commemoration that honors the sacrifice of Australian and New Zealand soldiers in all wars, and is celebrated on April 25.

King's Birthday: Celebrates the birthday of the monarch, with various events and ceremonies.

Christmas: celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ which often includes family gathering, gift-giving and meals. Public holidays usually include Christmas Day (25th of December) and Boxing Day (26th of December).

Leisure and Lifestyle in Victoria

Victoria offers a lively and multicultural lifestyle that caters to a wide range of preferences, from the energetic busyness of metropolitan areas to the serene charm of regional towns. This diversity ensures that residents and visitors alike can find activities and environments that suit their tastes and interests.

Metropolitan Areas

- In metropolitan areas especially Melbourne, the lifestyle is dynamic and culturally rich. Melbourne is renowned as Australia's cultural capital, offering an excellent array of restaurants, cafes, art galleries, and theatres. The city's iconic laneways are filled with street art, boutique shops, and hidden bars, creating a unique urban experience. Melbourne also hosts numerous festivals and events throughout the year, celebrating everything from food and wine to music and arts. Additionally, the city offers plenty of green spaces and recreational areas, providing residents with the enjoyment of outdoor activities and relaxation year-round. Melbourne's coffee culture delivers a high quality and variety of coffee across the city. It has become an integral part of its residents' daily routine.

Regional Areas

- In contrast, regional Victoria offers a more laid-back and nature-oriented lifestyle. Coastal towns such as Torquay and Lorne are popular for their beautiful beaches and excellent surfing spots, attracting both locals and tourists. Inland areas like the Yarra Valley and the Grampians provide stunning landscapes, wineries, and hiking trails, perfect for those who enjoy outdoor adventures and a slower pace of life. These regions foster a strong sense of community and offer a peaceful retreat from the busyness of city life, allowing residents to connect with nature and enjoy a more relaxed lifestyle.
- The Central Highlands area is historically known for its goldrush heritage. Gold discovery in Ballarat in 1851 has left the town, which attracts about 2.2 million visitors a year, with remarkable colonial-era architecture and an open-air museum.
- Nestled in the heart of Victoria, with a similar goldrush history as Ballarat, Bendigo's charming heritage architecture and its renowned Art Gallery which boasts over 80,000 artifacts give the residents a sense of pride.

Did you know?

You can see wild penguins on Phillip Island.



Find out more:

[Newcomers Network](#) – This site offers extensive information for people moving to Melbourne and Victoria, including networks, groups, and communities to help you settle in and make connections.

[City of Melbourne – New Residents' Checklist](#) – This checklist provides essential information for new residents, including details on local services, health centres, childcare centres, and libraries.

[Live in Victoria](#) – A resource for people considering migrating to Victoria, offering information on visas, employment, and settling in the state.

[Regional Living Victoria](#) – Useful resources for people who consider moving to regional Victoria.

[Multicultural Hub](#) – Located near the Queen Victoria Market, this hub is a great place to connect with people from diverse backgrounds and participate in various community activities.

