

## Hobart



### INSIDER TIP

Walk from the iconic waterfront precinct to the Botanical Gardens and rest halfway at the Baha'i Centre. The **Taste Café** does good coffee and fresh lunches under the attractively designed dome. 1 Tasman Hwy, www.tasbcl.com.au

### SHOP TALK

Buy low-priced cakes, biscuits, preserves, knitted beanies and toys like Nana used to make at the **CWA Gift Shop**. 165 Elizabeth St, www.cwaintas.org.au

### CHEAP EATS

Every Sunday, feast on gourmet burgers, salmon sausages, sushi, soup, bread, fresh yoghurt and fudge at the **Farm Gate Market**. Get in early for cannoli from Sirocco South. 49 Melville St, www.farmgatemarket.com.au

### TOP TABLES

**Ristorante Da Angelo** is a casual dining spot, but it serves the best Italian classics with the biggest smiles. Book ahead. 47 Hampden Rd, Battery Point, www.daangelo.com

### LATE & LIVELY

Check out music, comedy and dance performances at the historic Theatre Royal. The risqué 2013 finals of Miss Burlesque Tasmania take place on 23 February. 29 Campbell St, www.theatreroyal.com.au

### OVERNIGHT

**Hatcher's Manor** is set in picturesque surrounds 20 minutes from the CBD. Walk to historic Richmond Village from this stylish property or take a carriage ride with a Clydesdale. 73 Prossers Rd, Richmond, www.hatchersmanor.com.au

## Mackay

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### INSIDER TIP

Mackay is a great place to get up close and personal with the wonders of nature. To spot the elusive platypus, hook up with **Reef Forest Adventure Tours** and journey to Eungella National Park. tel: +61 (0)7 4959 8360, www.reefforest.com

### SHOP TALK

Those with a sweet tooth should check out **Sarina Sugar Shed**, a miniature sugar-processing mill and distillery. Off the Bruce Highway. www.sarinasugarsshed.com.au

### CHEAP EATS

For some seriously well-priced sandwiches, head to **Jamaica Blue**. Its food offerings are matched by the standard of its coffee. National Australia Bank Bldg, Victoria and Wood Sts, www.jamaicablue.com.au

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**Burp Eat Drink** brings city sophistication and a touch of style to town. Chef Adrian Connors is highly regarded for his creative dishes. 41 Wood St, tel: +61 (0)7 4951 3929, www.burp.net.au

### LATE & LIVELY

The Centrepoint Shopping Centre is home to three clubs — **Movida**, **Dirty Martini's** and **The Rabbit Hole** — offering everything from DJs to cocktail-lounge intimacy. Wood St, tel: +61 (0)7 4969 1000

### OVERNIGHT

For serious solitude in a beautiful part of Queensland, try the **Broken River Mountain Resort**. Accommodation is rustic with great appeal for outdoor enthusiasts. Eungella Dam Rd, tel: +61 (0)7 4958 4000, www.brokenriverm.com.au

## Melbourne



### INSIDER TIP

Most people head to Ballarat to see historic Sovereign Hill, but on 19 January you can combine that with the **Ballarat Beer Festival** to taste some of the state's finest brews. http://ballaratbeerfestival.com.au

### SHOP TALK

For the latest in hipster fashions, head to Fitzroy's **Gertrude St**, which has been transformed into Melbourne's trendiest shopping strip.

### CHEAP EATS

Burgers and bratwursts are all the rage in Melbourne, but **Meatball & Wine Bar** has recently sparked a new craze. Quality meatballs are available in sliders, heroes or on their own. 135 Flinders Ln, www.meatballandwinebar.com.au

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At the newly opened **Horn Please**, you'll find variations on classic Indian dishes as well as uncommon ones like *papdi chaat* — India's version of nachos. 167 St Georges Rd, Fitzroy North, http://hornplease.com.au

### LATE & LIVELY

A record store by day, an intimate music venue by night, **Pure Pop Records** is one of the best places for tunes south of the river. Currently, well-known local artists are performing classic albums from their favourite musicians. 221 Barkly St, St Kilda, www.purepop.com.au

### OVERNIGHT

The **Tooborac Brewery and Hotel** offers great food, craft beer and the chance to stay the night. It's a slice of real Australian history an hour north of Melbourne. www.tooborachotel.com.au

## Perth



### INSIDER TIP

To start your morning off right, you can't beat a breakfast burrito at **Little Willy's** in Northbridge. There's a vegetarian option and the coffee here is great, too. 267 William St, Northbridge, tel: +61 (0)8 9228 8240

### SHOP TALK

If you're after beautiful one-off pieces with a design focus, then head to **Mr Sparrow**, a quaint gift, home and garden store. Shop 3, 223 Bagot Rd, Subiaco, www.mrsparrow.com.au

### CHEAP EATS

**The Twilight Hawks Market** is the place to fill your belly before a night on the town. Held every Friday night from 5-9pm throughout the summer. Forrest Place, Murray St

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Located in the beautiful, old Newspaper House, **The Apple Daily at Print Hall** has been pulling in crowds since its September opening thanks to delicious, Asian-inspired dishes that are meant to be shared. 125 St Georges Terrace, www.printhall.com.au

### LATE & LIVELY

Enjoy a glass of wine or two at **Mechanics' Institute**, the city's cool new rooftop bar. Order a burger and chips from Flipside, the gourmet burger joint downstairs, and they'll bring it up. 222 William St, Northbridge, tel: +61 (0)8 9228 4189

### OVERNIGHT

Head out of town for a night at the historical **Rose & Crown Hotel** in Guildford and do a spot of antique shopping down the road. 105 Swan St, Guildford, www.rosecrown.com.au

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