

Quick guide to staying in Melbourne

1. Airport

Melbourne has two airports, Avalon and Tullamarine. Avalon fares are cheaper, because it's based an hour out of Melbourne. The Skybus will cost ~\$24.00. From Tullamarine, it about 35 minutes, costing ~\$19.00. Cabs from Tullamarine cost ~\$35.00 and takes 20 minutes.

The Skybus will take you to Southern Cross/Spencer Street train Station. To the dojo. You can get the number 12 or 86 trams, taking about 25 minutes. Closest tram stop is Peel/Smith Street # 16 on the 86 tram.

Nearest train station to the dojo is Collingwood, on the Hurstbridge or Mernda lines (13 minutes from Southern Cross).

2. Transport

Uber is a good way to get around. The cabs are ok, but not a great standard. Public transport - you'll need a MYKI for any public transport travel. These can purchased at station machines and topped up with funds. Trips are about \$3-\$4.00.

Using the Trip Planner website (if not Google maps) is a useful way of getting bearing and public transport: <https://www.ptv.vic.gov.au/journey>

3. Accommodation that is near *Pure Aikido 8 Robert Street Collingwood*.

Ideal suburbs would be Collingwood, Carlton, East Melbourne, Abbotsford or Fitzroy (they're small suburbs!), as the dojo is 15 minutes' walk away from most of these. The dojo is 30 minutes if walking from the CBD.

BUDGET (< \$100 nightly)

The Nunnery 116 Nicholson St, Fitzroy <http://nunnery.com.au/> - quirky place, good prices, highly rated, 20 mins walk to dojo

Hostel Plus Collingwood 177 Johnston St, Collingwood VIC 3066 • (03) 9416 0472 10 mins

City East Motel 181 Langridge St, Abbotsford VIC 3067 cityeastmotel.com.au 10 mins

Nomad's (198 A'Beckett St, Melbourne VIC 3000) <https://nomadsworld.com/australia/nomads-melbourne/>

MID RANGE (\$100 - 200 nightly)

15 Charles Abbotsford Mansion 15 Charles St, Abbotsford 15charlesmansion – actually budget friendly at 100 nightly

Quest Abbotsford 611 Victoria Street Abbotsford questapartments.com.au

Jasper Hotel (489 Elizabeth St, Melbourne VIC 3000) www.jasperhotel.com.au

Pegasus Apart'Hotel (206 A'Beckett St, Melbourne VIC 3000) <https://www.pegasussuites.com.au/>

COMFORTABLE (\$200 + nightly)

District Apartments Fitzroy 160 Argyle St, Fitzroy districtfitzroy.com.au

Rydges Melbourne 186 Exhibition Street rydges.com

Hotel Grand Chancellor 131 Lonsdale St, Melbourne grandchancellorhotels.com

The Adelphi (187 Flinders Ln Melbourne , 3000) <https://adelphi.com.au/>

Playhouse Apartments 20 Shamrock St, Abbotsford playhouseapartments.com.au This area is quite new and therefore clean and shiny

AIRBNB: has some OK rates in the area: for example (~ \$500 for 3 nights for 2 people) for the Nov dates
– [example 1](#), [example 2](#), [example 3](#).

4. Food near to dojo

- Cafes

Gontran Cherrier Patisserie 140 Smith St, Collingwood stalwart bakery

Proud Mary 172 Oxford St, Collingwood - excellent branded coffee

Allpress Espresso - 80 Rupert St – serious coffee place

Three Bags Full 60 Nicholson St, Abbotsford threebagsfullcafe.com.au

Huxtaburger - 106 Smith St, Collingwood – great burgers

- Restaurant hubs

West of the dojo there is Smith Street, and Gertrude Street which have loads of restaurants, cafes, bakeries, ramen etc, and bars. Bit north west is Johnston Street, much the same. These are all ~ 5 – 10 minutes walk away. Another 600m west is Brunswick Street Fitzroy which is a hub for food, shops, bars etc.

Victoria Markets is just north of city and 30 mins from dojo and is good for food supplies, whole meals, or meat, cheeses, fruit/vegetable and bread supplies.

Lygon Street, Carlton – ubiquitous Italian strip that has DOC pizza, gelato places, and so on. Also has a Hakata Gensuke ramen shop. 30 minutes walk from the dojo, west.

Gelati: Levezzi 334 Lygon Street Carlton 3053; Pidapipo 299 Lygon Street Carlton 3053

The CBD –has loads of food places. The Emporium shopping complex off Lonsdale St has a big restaurant section with multiple choices. Melbourne Central has a train station and loads of food and shopping. Chinatown has fab dumplings, yum cha, etc.

- When In Rome:

Near Elizabeth and Franklin, north part of the CBD there are some good ramen joints (Shujinko, open 24 hours); also Menya Ramen, Torasan Ramen, and Isshin Ramen slightly south on Elizabeth..On Lonsdale street there is some good sushi places. Sakura Kaiten Sushi II is a good train one.

On Brunswick St Fitzroy there is also Ichi Ni Nana Izakaya (127 Brunswick St)

- Restaurants close to the dojo:

Le Bon Ton – 51 Gipps St, Collingwood - open late, deep south BBQ style food in dark wooden insides

- Bars/pubs close by

Stomping Ground Brewery and Beer Hall 100 Gipps St, Collingwood – big popular beer hall

Rupert on Rupert 73 Rupert St, Collingwood – casual bar

5. Things to see and do

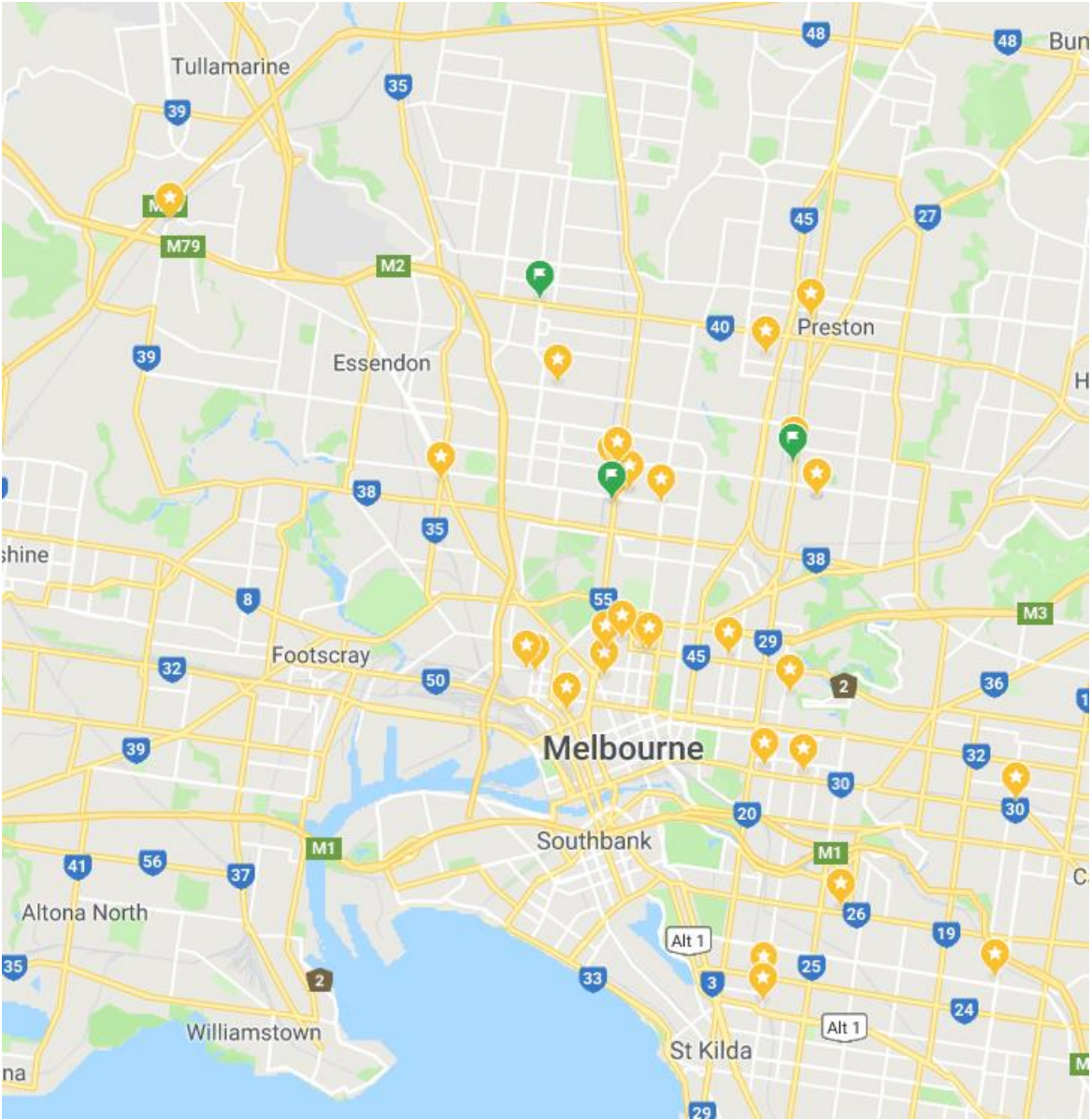
- Victoria Markets – the markets themselves are a bit ordinary but the food and deli sections are rad.
- Royal Exhibition Building and gardens – usually has something on, it's a nice building and grounds
- Catch a free city circle tram for a bit of trip around the CBD.
- Fed Square is walkable.

6. Other random things

Tan's Martial Arts (79-81 Munster Terrace, North Melbourne) <https://www.tansmas.com/>

Japanese Bath House 59 Cromwell St, Collingwood japanesebathhouse.com just around the corner from Roberts St

Melbourne general location from Tullamarine Airport



Dojo location relative to CBD

