

THE CHALLENGE

Melbourne on \$50

—The mission: spend a fabulous day in the world's second most liveable city... with just \$50. David Allegetti has a pineapple in his wallet, a plan in his head and 24 hours but can he do it?—

How'd I get that \$50?
Who knows. Point is, I've got fifty bucks to spend and I'm in Melbourne...

Brunetti

\$4.10

> **First things first. Coffee. Absolute essential. My favourite spot for catching up with somebody who isn't from Melbourne is Brunetti. It's something of an institution. Their flagship store on Flinders Lane is massive, without losing intimacy, and the authentic Italian-style coffee is out of this world.**
brunetti.com.au

Queen Victoria Market

\$11.00

> Two words: Free. Samples. The Queen Vic Market is prime territory for the shameless among us to go nuts on an almost endless supply of incredible food products – from cured meats, cheeses and jams to fruit and veg. Eventually you're going to want to nibble something that doesn't have a toothpick sticking out of it, so head over to the friendly ladies at the Borek Shop and grab a \$5 slice of heaven. These stuffed filo pastries are best washed down with a fresh fruit smoothie from Market Juice.
qvm.com.au

KIRK'S WINE BAR



THE LA TROBE READING ROOM AT THE STATE LIBRARY

Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria

FREE

> Ain't nothing like a stroll in the Botanic Gardens I always say. Yep. Always say that. It's kind of my catchphrase actually. Because, when you've got 38-hectares of the finest heritage-listed landscaped gardens right here, it would be wrong not to get amongst some nature. Climb a tree! It's fun and possum-like. (Just joking, it's definitely not permitted to climb trees here, find a park bench to sit on instead.)
rbg.vic.gov.au

Melbourne's laneways

FREE

> Look, I know it's ultra touristy but there's a reason people from all over the world flock to Hosier Lane. So get off your high horse and get lost amongst some sick street art.

People-watching at the State Library

FREE

> Humans are strange creatures and the good thing about them is they're free to observe, for the most part. The world is your zoo and sitting in front of the State Library gives you a front row view to one of the most culturally diverse cross-sections of homo sapiens on the planet. So sit back and look at how bloody weird all these hairless monkeys with iPhones are. For slightly more cerebral stimulation, go inside – entry to the library is also free and the spectacular La Trobe Reading Room in particular, is not to be missed.
slv.vic.gov.au

The National Gallery of Victoria

FREE

> I love this place. The oldest and most-visited art gallery in Australia, it houses more than 70,000 unique works. The art is trippy and free – perfect combo. ngv.vic.gov.au

Asian Beer Café

\$5.00

> A whole pizza? For \$5?! No way, I hear you say. And to that I say: Way. In fact, it used to be \$4 back in the good old days but hey, inflation. Of all the cleverly-named flavours, my favourites are The Road to El Dorado (spicy meat lovers), Babar the Elephant (tandoori chicken) and The Snow White (four cheeses). Best of all, the marvellous view from the grand balcony overlooking the State Library comes free! asianbeercafe.com.au

Kirk's Wine Bar

\$11.00

> Kirk's Wine Bar as the sun sets. Need I say more? No, I needn't. Just trust me. Get yourself their cheapest glass of red – they change up their wine list weekly but you're always assured it will be quality – and enjoy the hustle and bustle of this primo real estate right on the corner of Little Bourke and Hardware Lane. kirkswinebar.com

The Beechworth Sweet Company

\$2.50

> Time for a quick pit stop on the way to dinner. A day in Melbourne just isn't complete without some fudge from The Beechworth Sweet Company, which you'll find in the absolutely gorgeous Block Arcade. About \$2.50 will get you 50 grams of the good stuff. beechworthsweetco.com.au



ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS

ShanDong Mama Mini

\$10.80

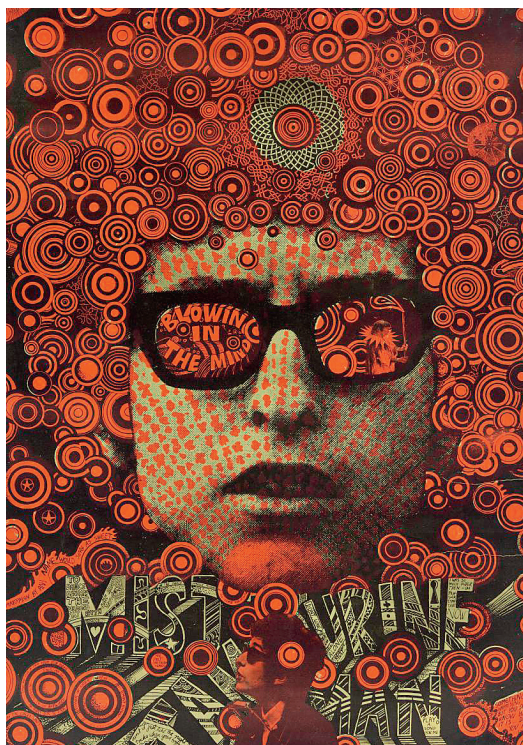
> Nestled in busy Centre Place, this tiny gem has only a handful of tables in a space no bigger than your bedroom so the atmosphere is cosy bordering on chaotic. The little sister of ShanDong Mama in Midcity Arcade, the dumplings here are other-worldly. Try exciting flavours such as their signature Melbourne dumpling with chicken and mixed seafood, lemon rind, olive oil, parsley and garlic, inspired by the city's multicultural food scene. shandongmama.com.au

Curtin House's Rooftop Bar

\$5.50

> Melbourne Star Observation Wheel? Pffft. Just head to Rooftop Bar for some stunning (and free) views of the skyline. Grab yourself a pot of Furphy, because nothing says Melbourne quite like a beer brewed in Geelong, and bask in what a solid day you've had. Well done. curtinhouse.com

Oh, you've still got 10 cents. Um, yeah, I totally meant that. That little guy is for tossing into the Yarra, Trevi Fountain style! That's right. It's an old Melbourne tradition, so toss that sucker and make a wish.



MR TAMBORINE MAN BY MARTIN SHARP AT THE NGV

ROOFTOP BAR AT CURTIN HOUSE

