

# **Best brunches in Melbourne**

What the first thing that comes to mind when you think of Melbourne? World class coffee and indulgent brunches, of course. Have a read of our top picks for the best places to sample some of the finest brunch dishes this city has to offer.

## **Higher Ground**

If you only have time to sample one of Melbourne's highly sought after brunches, make Higher Ground your number one choice. Yes, you may have to queue for an hour to get yourself a table (no bookings are taken for breakfast) but it is worth it just for the incredible setting. Housed in a disused power station, the bare brick walls with minimal and leafy interior, create a pleasant ambience to enjoy a delicious brunch whilst sipping away at a fresh fruit bellini cocktail.

For a classic and unbeatable dish try their ricotta hotcakes and pair them with the lamb fry-up for an Instagram worthy brunch.

## **The Grainstore**

If you're struggling to get yourself a table at Higher Ground, The Grainstore is just round the corner and a close second when it comes to brunching in the city. The setting is a little simpler, but the incredible cake display and selection of coffees on offer really sets this place apart from the rest. Their menu is inventive, and we are yet to have a bad dish, despite some of the risky and unusual combinations often seen on the menu. Think pork belly, sweet potato rosti and a chilli caramel on the side...

Make sure you ask about the specials on offer, they're often the best dishes, using the freshest and most seasonal produce!

## **The Premises**

If you're looking for something a little further out of the hustle and bustle of the city centre, The Premises is your best bet. Located in Kensington, a friendly, family suburb, this café has recently become a popular hide for mid week brunch. They offer a limited but quirky brunch menu and a selection of homemade cakes, including plenty of gluten free and vegan options.

The smoothie bowl comes highly recommended, perfect to restore all those nutrients after a busy weekend.

## **Industry Beans**

In the quirkier suburb of Fitzroy you can find Industry Beans, a café that has become somewhat of an institution in Melbourne. With a coffee roaster on site you'll find a fresher coffee hard to come by. In fact, they have won an award for the Best Boutique Coffee Roaster in recent years. On a sunny day the outside

annex is perfect for a leisurely lunch, whilst the cosy indoor seating area with an open kitchen suits those dining during the colder Melbourne months.

Whatever you decide to order from their menu, make sure you order it with a side of polenta chips... you won't regret it. Promise.

## **AU79**

A newcomer on the block in the last year, this very trendy, Abbotsford based café, had a rocky start, being accused of being more 'style than substance'. However, this café quickly turned things around, upped its game, and now offers customers vast selections of goodies from its onsite bakery, patisserie, chocolatier, café and bar. As the name suggests, the interior is shiny and golden. Offset with the abundance of leafy greens decorating the place the café offers a sophisticated, yet cosy option for brunch.

Their latte art is some of the best seen in the city, and a definite contender for your next social media post.

## **The Hardware Societe**

If you're not one for fancy brunches and just fancy a good feed to wane off that hangover, The Hardware Societe should be your go-to. The food is big, greasy and filling. Think breakfast burgers, eggs benedict and the good old Full English Breakfast. Couple that with one of their soul restoring coffees and you'll be set for the day.

Take advantage of their phone up and take away service! An absolute winner after a night out.

## **Cumulus Inc**

Got a special occasion to celebrate, a potential employer to impress or a hot brunch date? Cumulus Inc is your place to go. A bit more upmarket than the other brunch haunts you'll find in Melbourne, Cumulus offers an air of sophistication to a brunch, and at pretty good value.

Their beechwood smoked bacon is drool-worthy, make sure it's somewhere on your plate.

## **Ginger Boy**

Fancy a bottomless brunch coupled with bottomless booze? Well, that's exactly what the guys at Ginger Boy offer you every Sunday. With a slight twist on the average Melbourne brunch, they serve up Asian style dishes alongside bottomless mimosas. Expect to be heading home for a tactical midday nap after this absolute feast.

How much can you eat in two hours?

