



World Congress
of **Sociology**

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MYKI TRAVEL CARD

Myki cards are the smart ticket system for public transport in Melbourne and Victoria. It is recommended that attendees planning to travel on public transport should obtain a Myki card.

Myki cards are available at all train stations, and attendees arriving at Melbourne Airport can collect a Myki card at the information desk. There are other Myki retailers including selected newsagents, convenience stores and supermarkets.

Plan your trip with the PTV App

The app provides real time information about local train, bus and tram times, locations and walking distance to your next location.

Tap on and Tap off

Hold your Myki card or single Myki card ticket against the Myki reader until it turns green - tap upon arrival and tap off upon exiting.

How to add money to your Myki card

Topping up your card is simple and easy - pay by card or cash at any train station and selected tram stops using the Myki top up machine or at any Myki card retailer or download the Myki Travel App and apply money to your Myki card via your phone online. Please allow up to one hour for your card balance to update.

Tram routes 96, 109 and 12 (Stop 124A Casino/MCEC) will all take you to the Clarendon Street entrance. Otherwise, tram routes 70, 75 and the City Circle (stop D5) take you to Flinders Street. From there, it's just a short walk down Clarendon Street until you reach the MCEC. For tram timetables or further trip planning, please refer to Public Transport Victoria's Journey Planner.

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AIRPORT AND TRANSPORT

Melbourne (Tullamarine) Airport

Melbourne Airport is 20 kilometres and approximately a 25-minute drive from central Melbourne.

It services regional, domestic, and international travellers in one building.

Bus services

A shuttle bus service, SkyBus, operates 24 hours a day between the airport and Southern Cross Railway Station (in the city). The service runs approximately every 10 minutes at a cost of \$19.75 one way AUD (\$39.50 return AUD).

Transfers from the main city bus terminal to major city hotels are included. For further information or to book your ticket online or view the complimentary CBD hotel shuttle bus information visit www.skybus.com.au or phone 1300 759 287.

Taxi

There is a designated taxi rank located out the front of the airport, directly outside of the terminal. From the taxi ranks, a \$3.58 AUD fee applies. A taxi into the city will cost approximately \$50.00 AUD. We recommend avoiding taxi touts that may approach you near the baggage carousels.

Melbourne Cabs

Phone: 1300 9091 9422 (Airport transfers)

Silver Top Taxis Melbourne

Phone: + 61 3 9091 9440 (City transfers)

Phone: 131 008

Web: www.melbournecabs.com.au

Web: www.silvertop.com.au

Wheelchair Accessible Taxis Melbourne

Phone: + 61 3 9277 3877

Web: www.silvertop.com.au

Uber

An Uber is approximately \$45.00 - \$57.00 AUD from the Airport to Melbourne's City Centre. Please note your pickup location depends on your terminal and ride option.

Follow the below steps if you would like to utilise an Uber service:

- Download Uber on your mobile device. Simply search 'Uber' and install the app.
- Create an account and add in your details.
- Request when you are ready to walk outside - choose a ride option that suits your group size and luggage storage needs, and enter your pickup location in the app.
- Exit the terminal - the pickup location will depend on the type of vehicle you select. Please refer to the instructions below to find out where to meet your driver.
- Look for your driver - if you can't find your driver, contact him or her through the app.
- If departing from Terminal 1, 2 or 3, follow the signs for 'Rideshare' towards the Pickup Zone, between the bus lane and the short-term car park. For Terminal 4, turn right to head to the T4 car park and take the escalator or lift to the pickup bays on Level 2.
- For fare estimates, visit the Uber website.





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PARKING

There is car parking located at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre – enter at 16 Normanby Road, Southbank. Parking can be booked ahead of time for convenience and to save money. Prices range from \$10.00 - \$15.00 AUD.

Parking is also available at Crown Melbourne, with over 5,000 parking spaces as well as valet parking services.

For more information visit,
<https://www.crownmelbourne.com.au/general/parking/information>

MELBOURNE CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE CAR PARK





LOCAL GENERAL INFORMATION

Banking and Currency

Decimal currency is used in Australia with the dollar as the basic unit (100 cents = A\$1). Notes come in A\$100, A\$50, A\$20, A\$10 and A\$5 denominations. Coins come in 5c, 10c, 20c, 50c, A\$1 and A\$2 denominations. Currency exchange facilities are available in most banks, hotels and airports and operate normal business hours. Credit cards are accepted at most restaurants and shops, the most widely used being MasterCard, Visa and American Express.

Climate and Clothing

At the time of the XX ISA World Congress of Sociology, it will be winter in Australia. A typical winter's day in Melbourne, Victoria will see temperatures reaching a high of 14°C (57°F) and a low of 7°C (45°F).

Generally Australians are informal dressers. We suggest you bring a jacket and tie with you for special occasions. A warm jacket is highly recommended for evenings.

Dining

Bistros, restaurants, cafes and coffee shops offer varied menus, prices and decor. Local specialties such as seafood and Australian wines are worth trying. At some restaurants you can keep the liquor bill down by taking your own wine or beer. These are called "BYO" restaurants, an abbreviation for "bring your own".

Electricity

Electrical current is 240/250V, AC 50Hz. The Australian three-pin power outlet is different from that in many countries, so you will need an adaptor. If your appliances are 110V, check if there is a 110/240V switch. If not, you will need a voltage converter. Universal outlets for 240V or 110V shavers are usually found in leading hotels.



Goods and Services Tax (GST) / Tourist Refund Scheme (TRS)

Most goods and services purchased in Australia are inclusive of 10% GST (Goods and Services Tax), unless otherwise specified. The Tourist Refund Scheme (TRS) is administered by the Australian Customs Department and enables travellers departing from Australia to claim a refund of the GST and Wine Equalisation Tax (WET) paid on goods bought in Australia. For detailed information on the Tourist Refund Scheme, visit the [website of the Australian Border Force](#) of the Australian Government.



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Insurance

It is strongly recommended that at the time you register for the Congress and book your travel you take out an insurance policy of your choice. The policy should include:

- Loss of fees/deposit through cancellation of your participation in the Congress or through cancellation of the Congress
- Loss of international/domestic air fares through cancellation for any reason
- Loss of tour monies through cancellation for any reason including airline or related services strikes within Australia
- Failure to utilise tours or pre booked arrangements due to airline delay
- Force majeure or any other reason
- Medical expenses (including sickness and accident cover)
- Loss or damage to personal property
- Additional expenses and repatriation should travel arrangements have to be altered

International Travel to Australia (COVID-19)

Please refer to the [website of the Department of Home Affairs](#) of the Australia Government for the latest travel advisory and rules to enter Australia.

Quarantine

Australia is free from many plant and animal diseases prevalent in other countries. Very strict quarantine rules apply to the import of animals and plants which cannot be brought into the country without prior application. Animal and plant products are also restricted. For more information, please visit the [website of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry](#) of the Australian Government.

Shopping

Melbourne shops usually open from 09:00 to 17:00 hours during the week with late night shopping on Friday until 21:00 hours. The hours in the Central Business District (CBD) and shopping centres on Saturdays are generally from 09:00 to 17:00 hours and on Sundays from 10:00 to 16:00 hours.

Time Zone

Melbourne is 10 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time and program sessions will take place in Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST).

Tipping

Tipping is not as widespread or regulated in Australia as it is in other parts of the world. Tipping is at your prerogative; a reward for service. A gratuity of about 10% is usual in restaurants if good service is received. Tips for taxis are regarded as optional.

