

TOP 10 SIGHTS & EXPERIENCES IN MOUNT GAMBIER

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1. **Mount Gambier Visitor Centre**

The Mount Gambier Visitor Centre provides a warm welcome. The qualified staff are ready to assist you to get the most out of your visit to Mount Gambier. The full size replica of the HMS Lady Nelson is onsite – you can't miss it.

2. **The Blue Lake**

The Blue Lake is situated in one of three extinct volcanic craters and exposes the crystal clear water that has filtered underground through the limestone, passing slowly beneath the city. Beautiful all year round, in November the lake starts to change colour from winter steel blue to brilliant turquoise blue and then in March changes back to steel blue. Tours are available through Aquifer Tours and take you down the original dolomite well shaft in a glass-panelled lift. Learn about the hydrology of Mount Gambier's water supply and the aquifer system and hear the interesting stories of local history, European settlement, folklore and Aboriginal legend. Visiting the Blue Lake is free but a fee applies for tours. Café on site.

3. **Valley Lake and Centenary Tower**

Drive down into the Valley Lake area and enjoy the free Wildlife Conservation Park, nature walks, free barbecues and adventure playground. It is an ideal place for families to enjoy many hours of fun and discovery. You can also take a hike up to Centenary Tower. The magnificent view is worth the short, steep walk to the highest point in the area. Take a great photo of the Valley Lake and view other volcanic craters. On a clear day enjoy breathtaking views of the sand dunes and ocean in the distance. Tower open when the flag is flying, gold coin donation to enter.

4. **Umpherston Sinkhole**

The lush beauty of the Umpherston Sinkhole, also known as the sunken garden, has to be seen to be believed. Appreciate its size and depth from the viewing platforms or marvel at the beauty from the inside. The resident colony of possums make an appearance at dusk and enjoy being fed fresh fruit. There is an on-site kiosk with a large undercover shelter including seating and free barbecues.

5. **Engelbrecht Cave**

Take a guided tour to learn about the underground water system and how and why qualified cave divers swim through the water filled passages under the streets and roads of Mount Gambier. Fee applies. Café on site.

6. **The Main Corner and Riddoch Art Gallery**

The historic dolomite building connects us to Mount Gambier's history, with interactive displays, diorama and touch screens that appeal to adults and children alike. The Main Corner and Riddoch Art Gallery is home to an outlet for South Australia's iconic chocolatier Haigh's Chocolates and a gift shop featuring works by local artists. The Riddoch Art Gallery is South Australia's premier regional gallery and features a collection of artworks that depict the people and history of the Limestone Coast. The gallery also showcases local artists, community groups and both state and national touring exhibitions.

7. **Volcano and Sound and Light Exhibits**

The Volcano movie features in the Main Corner Complex and is the story of Earth, Fire and Water. Starting with the Aboriginal Dreamtime story of the Craitbul and his giant ovens, this big screen cinematic experience wows the senses as it weaves its way through an incredible story. This exciting adventure takes you through the spectacular history of eruptions that shaped Mount Gambier and the Kanawinka region. Every evening historic local photos and pictures are projected onto the back of the buildings within the Cave Garden, followed by stories of our local dreamtime legends. The windows of the Main Corner also feature dramatic vision of volcanic eruptions and cave divers.

8. **The Railway Lands**

The Mount Gambier Railway Lands is a dynamic, multipurpose, public space converted from an unused rail corridor. It is a unique environment in the heart of the city where a range of community events and activities take place. The unique areas within the space include an amphitheatre, a large events plaza, raised platform areas and open grassland, along with a labyrinth designed for meditation. There is also a large nature play area to be enjoyed by children of all ages. A bitumen path runs all the way through the space as part of the Rail Corridor, ideal for walking, running or cycling.

9. **Cave Garden**

The Cave Garden features a beautiful sinkhole, with several lookouts and a suspended viewing platform. During periods of high rainfall waterfalls into the Cave can be enjoyed from the viewing platforms. The rose gardens are a stunning feature of the famous Cave Garden which is a State Heritage area.

10. **Mount Gambier Library**

The Library is a dynamic space for people of all ages to connect, play, learn, socialise or sit, read and enjoy. Named as the best small public library in the world, it offers free Wi-Fi, access to computers, children's play area featuring a fantasy world of caves and underwater adventures for children to explore. Café on site.

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