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With Shaynna Blaze, the latest judge on The Block.

### Where do you...

**Get some culture?** Melbourne Art Deco Architecture Tour (visit [meltours.com.au/architecture.htm](http://meltours.com.au/architecture.htm)) will show you our historic buildings and the history that goes with them. Art Deco is one of my favourite periods and it has a little of Melbourne's notorious history entwined.

**Go to relax?** Our Royal Botanic Gardens (Birdwood Avenue, South Yarra) are one of the most divine and relaxing inner-city escapes. Take a picnic, walk through the rainforest and, if you time it well, hang around for a movie under the stars.

**Indulge yourself?** Shannon Bennett's Vue De Monde (Rialto, 525 Collins Street, call 9691 3838). From the exquisite food and lush interior to the spectacular view, this is on the must-do indulgence list.

**Unleash your inner child?** The Melbourne Observatory (Royal Botanic Gardens) is like going back to the age where every moment of your life was about discovery.

**Spend your last \$10?** Hop down to Degraves Street for a pot of tea, a mini-cupcake from Little Cupcakes (7 Degraves Street, call 1300 887 228) and take in the street theatre of watching Melbourne walk by.

**Buy something new?** Flinders Lane's galleries for some art for clients and handmade wares for a bit of self-indulgence. It's a great way to build up stock for that pressie drawer.

**Go on your own?** There is always an exhibition at the NGV and ACCA, and the State Library (328 Swanston Street, call 8664 7000) is a work of art on its own. You can spend a whole day walking into galleries and exhibitions, then finish it off with a bit of shopping and a sidewalk snack.

**Stay up late?** You can't go past the Melbourne Supper Club (2nd floor, 161 Spring Street, call 9654 6631). It was the place to finish the night after a gig when I was playing in a band, and its low-key atmosphere still makes it the perfect place to wind down after a big night.

**Take someone you want to impress?** A game at the MCG (Brunton Avenue, East Melbourne, call 9657 8888), walk to Taxi Dining Room (Level 1, Transport Hotel Federation Square, call 9654 8808), soak up the evening lights over the Yarra and walk down one of the laneways to a club or cocktail bar.

**Want to keep a secret?** That's not fair; then it isn't a secret! But I will hint that it is under a bridge, it is a bar and cafe, and it might be called Ponyfish Island (Southgate Pedestrian Bridge, call 0426 501 857).



Shaynna Blaze.

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