

WELCOME TO THE MELBOURNE INSIDER COLLECTION

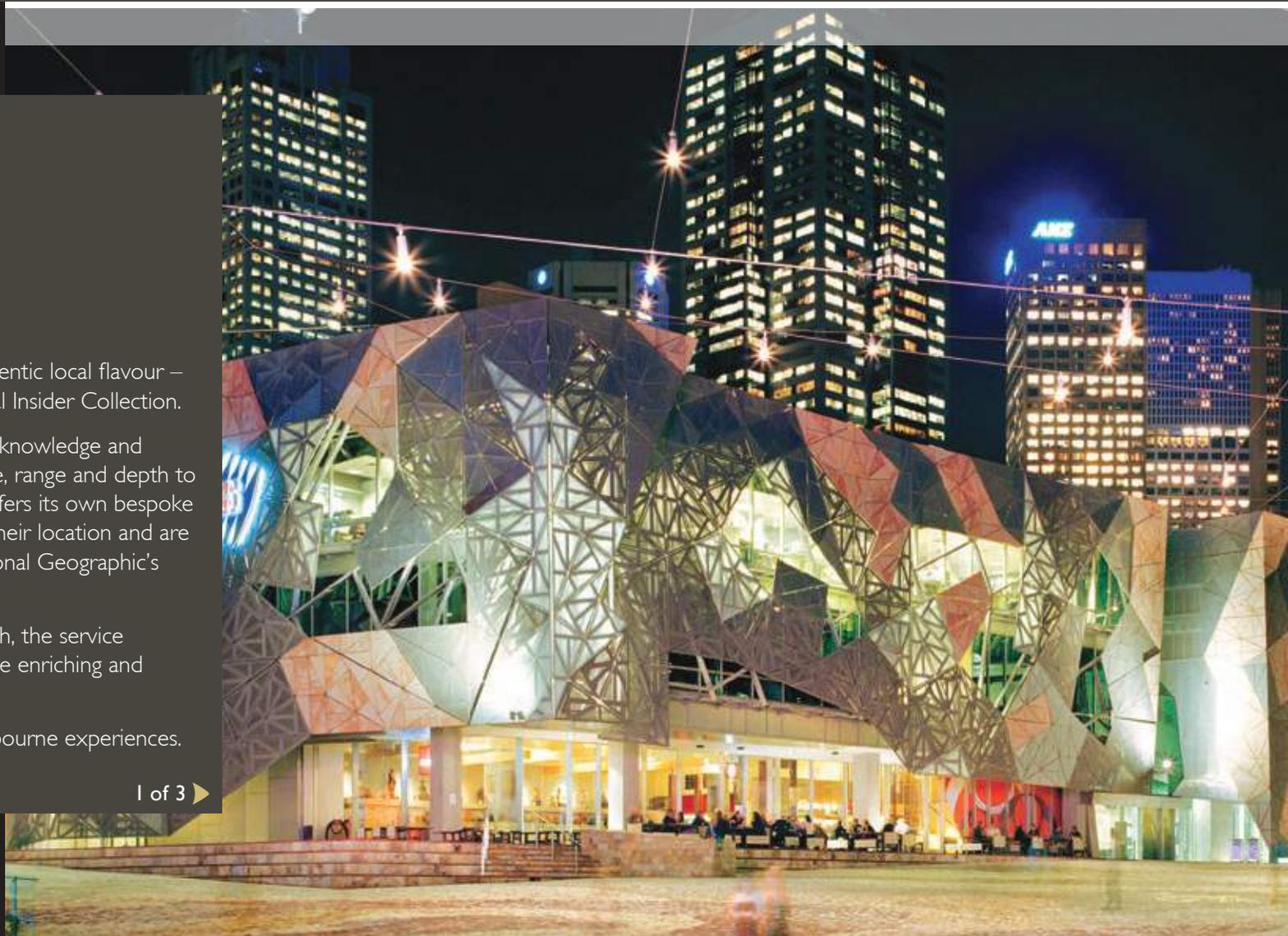
Truly memorable meetings and events with authentic local flavour – that is the inspiration behind the InterContinental Insider Collection.

Our network of hotels and resorts is global; our knowledge and expertise local, giving planners guaranteed choice, range and depth to add to any meeting or conference. Each hotel offers its own bespoke selection of services which are firmly rooted in their location and are responsibly guided by our partnership with National Geographic's Center for Sustainable Destinations.

The options are limitless, the local knowledge rich, the service professional and faultless, the delegate experience enriching and rewarding every time.

Sample for yourself some of our wonderful Melbourne experiences.

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INSIDER LOCATIONS

Choose an InterContinental venue for your event and a world of possibilities opens up. As locals, your hotel team holds the key to a side of your locality tourists never see. What and who they know gives you an exclusive mix of authentic venues and experiences to play with.

INSIDER SPEAKERS

Bring your event to life with an inspirational speaker – someone who can really strike a chord with your delegates and enrich their experience beyond measure. Fascinating and engaging, motivating Insider Speakers range from celebrities and cultural experts to sporting heroes. Whatever their passion, they all have a local connection and you will discover that their unique insights and local know-how make your event one to remember.

INSIDER COMMUNITY

There's nothing quite like immersing yourself in the community to gain an added depth and understanding to your experience in a new destination. Insider Community has been designed to benefit local people and create truly memorable and meaningful experiences for your delegates too.

INSIDER INTERACTIONS

This team-building experience will help your delegates connect with each other as never before. Using the unique character, heritage or geography of your destination to inspire interaction, each experience, whether based on or off-site offer an original way to engage delegates and motivate them to build effective working relationships.

INSIDER BREAKS

With Insider Collection even your breaks are fulfilling experiences. From serving up a delicious lunch of provincial dishes for a taste of regional cuisine to spending some quality time with your Concierge team to get their best insider tips, a few minutes out of your busy schedule becomes a whole experience in itself.

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ENRICHING EXPERIENCES FOR OUR GUESTS AND OUR ENVIRONMENT

We believe that a responsible meeting is not only what you experience in the meeting room but also knowing that your hotel respects the destination around it.

We're proud to partner with the leaders in geotourism, the National Geographic Center for Sustainable Destinations. Our ambition is that guests enjoy enriching experiences that reveal what makes a place truly special – its heritage, culture and tradition – and the importance of protecting it.

At InterContinental we use a holistic approach to being a responsible business: to work from the grass roots up, recognising each individual hotel team as the experts best placed to use their local knowledge for developing community and environmental initiatives that meet the specific needs of the destination. This Insider Collection gives delegates access to some of these unique experiences, and for those meetings that stay in the meeting room, you can be assured our hotel is working behind the scenes to protect what is special about the place for fellow travellers.

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A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

Located in Carlton Gardens, the award-winning Melbourne Museum is a dramatic combination of space, texture and shapes. A soaring glass atrium, curved walls and bold, bright colours combine to make the perfect backdrop for your next event.

The museum's eight main galleries offer ready-made event spaces with imaginative themes. From the beauty of Treetops room, overlooking a living rainforest, to the blank canvas of the Touring Hall, each space offers a fresh opportunity for your next dinner or cocktail reception. During their visit delegates can explore Victoria's natural and cultural history and enjoy a private tour of the museum - after dark!

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SPEND PART OF YOUR MEETING AT ATLANTIC SOUTH WHARF

For an elegant dinner, cocktail reception or post meeting drink, the award winning Atlantic Group offers fine food and wine at a stylish waterfront location.

The four sophisticated event spaces at Central Pier, Docklands (Peninsula, Atlantic, Sumac and Sketch) have quickly earned a reputation as the destination for Melbourne's hottest parties and events. Individual style and variety of venues, coupled with an exceptional culinary offering and an in-house sommelier result in a setting like no other.

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GET THINGS COOKING WITH GUY GROSSI

Guy Grossi is a leading Australian chef, presenter, food media personality and owner of Melbourne's iconic Grossi Florentino and The Merchant, at InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto.

Your delegates will be invited to listen to an uplifting session by Iron Chef, Guy Grossi and share in the secrets to his culinary success.

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INTRODUCING THE HON. JEFF KENNETT

Jeff Kennett entered the Victorian State Parliament in 1977 and governed as the Premier of Victoria from 1992-1999. Under his premiership he reduced the State's debt, reinvigorated its economy and reinstated confidence among the Victorian community.

Today, Jeff is president of the Hawthorn Football Club and the founding chairman of beyondblue, a national depression initiative. Jeff was awarded the Companion of the Order of Australia (OA) in January 2005 for his work with the Victorian Parliament, social and economic initiatives, arts, sport and mental health.

Learn the stories behind Jeff Kennett's premiership! Sometimes famously difficult and now largely reclusive, he's also unexpectedly funny and an undeniable force for change.

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SOUP FOR ALL - HELP THOSE IN NEED

Every night at least 100,000 Australians sleep rough or in temporary housing. Thankfully there are a number of organisations supporting these disadvantaged people. One such organisation is the St Vincent de Paul Society who organise Soup Vans providing more than 500 meals a night, seven days a week.

Your group has the opportunity to contribute to St Vincent de Paul's important work by creating snack packs for the needy and homeless. You will work with InterContinental Melbourne's chefs to make sandwiches, rolls and wraps, and tasty treats such as banana bread and cupcakes for the packs.

In order to truly engage all delegates, a briefing by Society staff will be given prior to the food preparation. This is a great group activity for those who want to improve their culinary skills whilst helping the community.

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BUILD-A-BIKE FOR DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN

Melbournians have embraced cycling as a health and environmentally friendly mode of transport and a great way to explore the city and its surrounds.

Your delegates will make their way around Melbourne as a team and complete challenges to earn pieces of a bike. Once the team has all their pieces they must assemble the bikes and race against each other around an obstacle course. The first team to cross the finish line are the winners.

However, the real winners in this team building activity are disadvantaged children. Once the race is over the bikes will be donated to the charity of your choice so children in need can enjoy the fun of bike riding.

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PLANT-A-TREE AND INVEST IN A GREEN FUTURE

Australia is indeed a spectacular and diverse land but many of our most prized areas are under threat from fragmentation, environmental damage and climate change.

Born from the critical need to protect these diverse landscapes the Habitat 141 project seeks to restore the links between major national parks and nature reserves over a 700km stretch straddling the SA, NSW and Victoria border region.

Your delegates can contribute to this project through Parks Victoria's Plant-A-Tree program. They will have the opportunity to either plant native trees in one of Melbourne's many parks to support Habitat 141 or offset their carbon footprint by donating to Parks Victoria, who will plant trees on their behalf in one of regional Victoria's protected areas.

A horticulturalist will lead the planting day and provide information on the environmental program currently supporting Victoria's parks.

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GRAFFITI TOUR & ART CLASS

The ultimate urban group experience. Let the crew at Melbourne Street Art Tours show you the hidden creativity of our city. The tours takes people through the laneways of Melbourne and shows them who the artists of the street works are, what technical aspects are involved in spray painting, stencil art and paste-ups, and what significant role the artists have made in making Melbourne one of the most important destinations in the world for Street Art.

As you are led down hidden laneways and arcades you will discover some of the most interesting street art in the world. The tour finishes at The Blender Studio, and here you will get to see artists at work. Enjoy the massive art space with a beer, wine or soft drink and a delicious cheese platter from the Victoria Markets. Then discover your inner street artist with a 45-minute stencil class at the studio. All students will have a genuine piece of canvas art to take home. Or continue the mural in the hotel's private laneway, Robbs Lane, while learning the intricacies of stencil street art and leaving your mark on our very own iconic hidden laneway.

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AUSTRALIA'S COFFEE CAPITAL

Melbourne has become known as the coffee capital of Australia, with so many great places to enjoy a coffee and a population that knows and demands the best from this humble bean.

In the CBD, the cobblestoned laneways are filled with the aroma of espresso courtesy of the famous baristas and myriad of cafés nearby.

Use your break-time to discover the art of the latte and try your hand at brewing the perfect coffee.

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AN AUTHENTIC TASTE OF AUSTRALIA

Have you ever wondered what finger limes, bush tomatoes and quandongs taste like? Local knowledge of which indigenous plants were edible, palatable and delicious, as well as the best time for harvest and preparation was passed down from generation to generation in Australian Aboriginal communities.

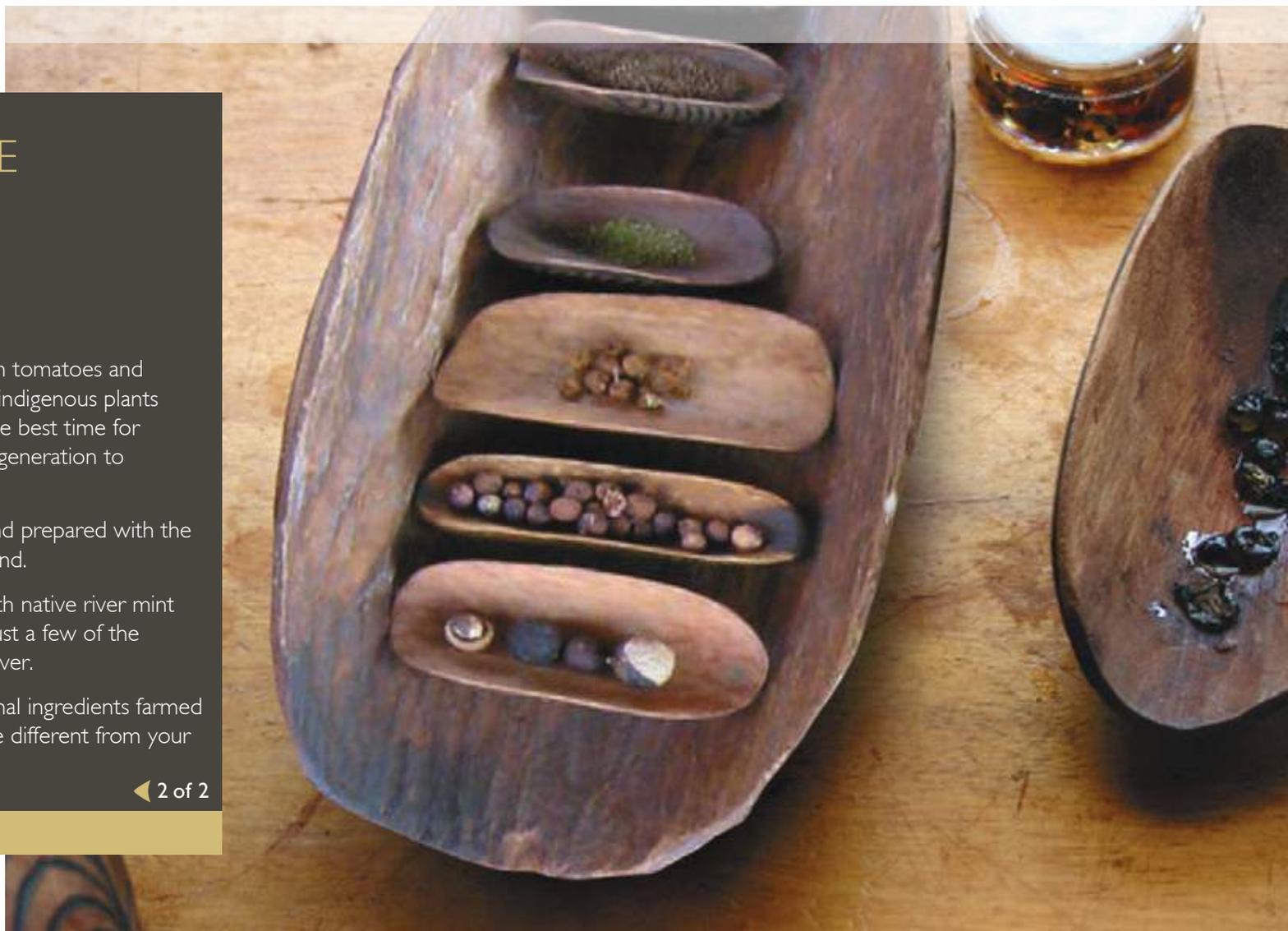
Today, "Bush Tucker" is much more palatable and prepared with the modern palate and contemporary produce in mind.

Pairing local ingredients like Dandenong lamb with native river mint and creating mini pavlovas with quandongs are just a few of the exotic and diverse flavours your guests will discover.

This break is hosted by a key supplier of Aboriginal ingredients famed from around Melbourne, and is guaranteed to be different from your usual coffee break.

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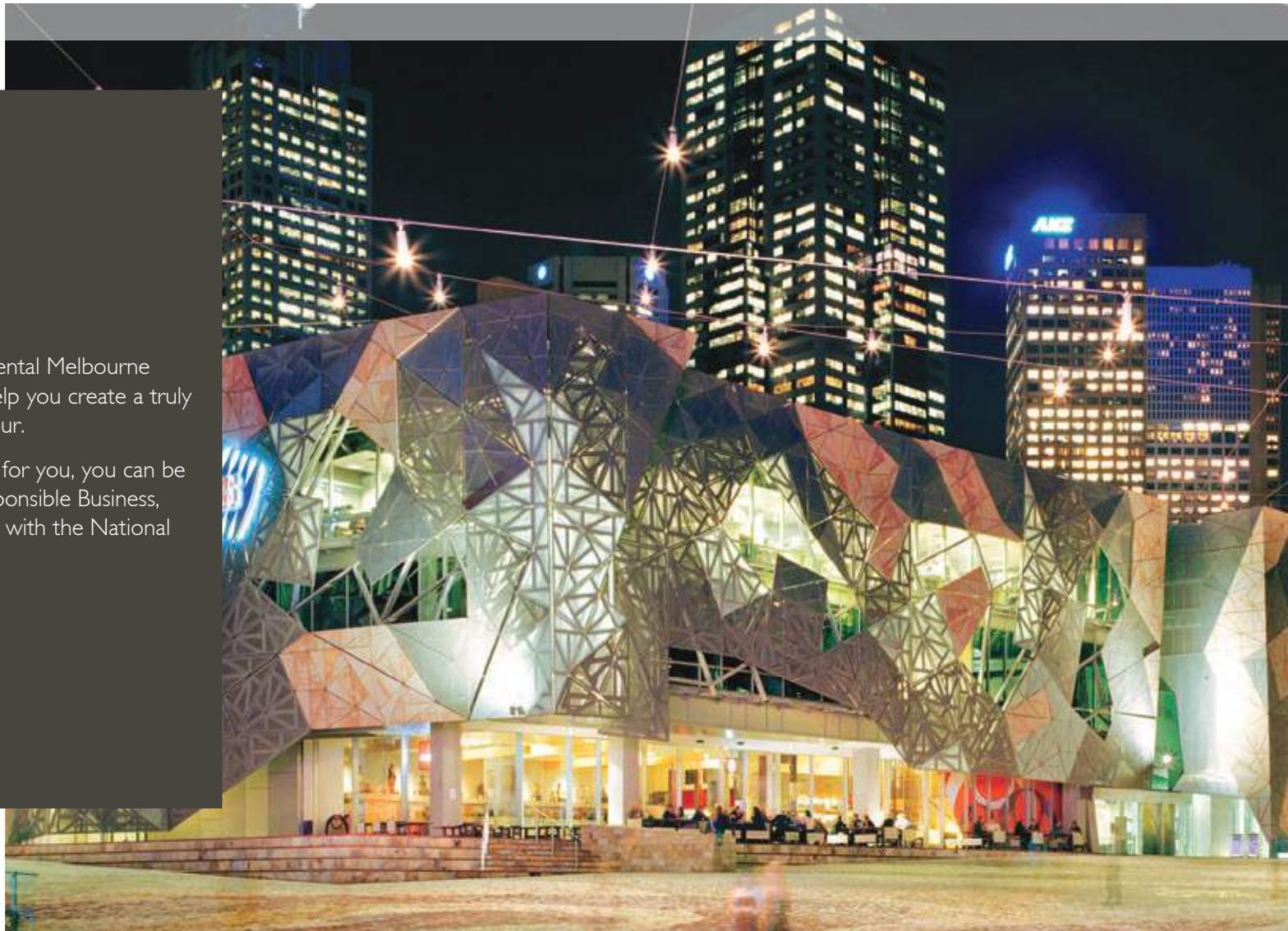


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Contact us to learn more about the InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto Insider Collection and how we can help you create a truly memorable experience with authentic local flavour.

Whichever Insider Collection experience is right for you, you can be assured that it reflects the best principles of Responsible Business, a commitment demonstrated by our partnership with the National Geographic Center for Sustainable Destinations.

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