



Eating your way through South Wharf

South Wharf is an island within the bustling Melbourne city precinct. Spacious alleyways duck and weave along the water's edge, filled with treasure troves of culinary delights. Tucked away on the Yarra River, the area has a long and rich history. First established in 1870, the South Wharf was once a maritime boat building yard. Artifacts both big and small still remain from this time, scattered amongst the modern, comfortable refurbishments.



With a huge variety on offer, you can start your South Wharf adventure at any time of the day. When the caffeine hour strikes or you need a hearty brekkie, wander down a few cobbled laneways until you find Citizen Cafe and Bar, or down on

the water at Charlie Lovett's. Both are specialty coffee houses, offering a variety of blends and breakfast foods.



For later in the morning, Common Man has got the heartier options. There's an all-day breakfast menu, and heaps of huge plates to share. Choose from crispy fried chicken, salt and pepper squid, tacos, burgers, pizza, fish and chips, beef

brisket and more. Big bright windows fill the high ceilings with soft sunlight, providing the perfect place to lounge away. When the sunshine hits the Yarra's surface, you can't resist the outdoor garden setting, which sprawls toward the water's edge.

If you're craving some tapas at this time, you can't miss Bohemian. Tucked away on the little street corner, its European influenced menu and aesthetic is home to

authentic Spanish cuisine. If you think to book ahead, they even hold the occasional paella cooking class.



If you've had lunch and you're in the market for some cheeky frothies, get down to the waterside for one of the biggest pubs in town. The General Assembly features 17 varieties of lager on tap. Take your time with a list filled to the pint glass of new and old favourites. There's also an array of pub food if you're feeling peckish, with the charcoal oven always burning to serve up something delicious.



Should your thirst be of the German variety, trundle across to Munich Brauhaus. It's loaded with German ales galore, with a variety of steins to choose from. Embrace the sweet sounds of the live German band, while munching on your choice of schnitzels, sausages, pork knuckle and more. Wunderbar!

If beer isn't so much your thing, jump to The Boat Builder's Yard. On the same boards that once lined the docks of the maritime, you can sit along the river's edge and chill



to your heart's content. It's easy to forget that you're in the very heart of Melbourne. The Boat Builder's Yard also has a huge capacity, allowing people to freely wander without ever yearning for more space. At this stage of your journey, why not throw

in some historical appreciation as well? Beyond The Boat Builder's Yard is a towering ship at bay, with a life longer than most. The billowing sails of Polly Woollside have set upon the seas since 1885 - when it was built as a cargo ship travelling from England to South America. Chuck a selfie with a real life ship, or take one for a friend.



Before you know it, it's dinner, and you're busting for a feed. BangPop catches the eye - probably with the bar made entirely of Lego. The bright atmosphere also features an outdoor setting by the river, decorated with lovingly restored vintage bicycles.

The menu caters to both the hungry and thirsty, with a huge array of traditional Thai tidbits and cocktails.



If you'd prefer something meatier, walk down the laneway or just along the water to hit Meat Market. The rustic setting of wood and high ceilings best showcase the restored boards underfoot, made of the same that once lined the dock. The

overall feeling of Meat Market is warmth, and their menu is a delectable cut above.



Should the night be a special one, Akachochin is in a prime position to host. Enjoy a Japanese menu so renowned, the restaurant was named for best sushi by the Good Food Awards. Stay warm with a selection of gourmet sake, or

simply graze on the immense selection of Tokyo-style treats.



Once dinner is done, roll on over to Plus 5 for a night cap, or enjoy the way those famous city lights bounce along the water as you take a moonlight stroll.

Suffice to say, there's a plethora of activity going on down at South Wharf every day - or night - of the week. Without even naming all 20 operators in the area, it's easy to see that there's something for everyone. You can find all this information, including operating hours and more, at the newly launched South Wharf website.

www.southwharf.melbourne