

## Things to do

Spoil yourself with a new outfit

Seek out unique gifts

Shop in the lead up to festivals such as Eid, Ramadan, Diwali and Holi

Take home some sweets to share with others

Explore street art

Walk to the nearby Afghan Bazaar Cultural Precinct

Share your visit on social media

Book into one of our food & cultural tours

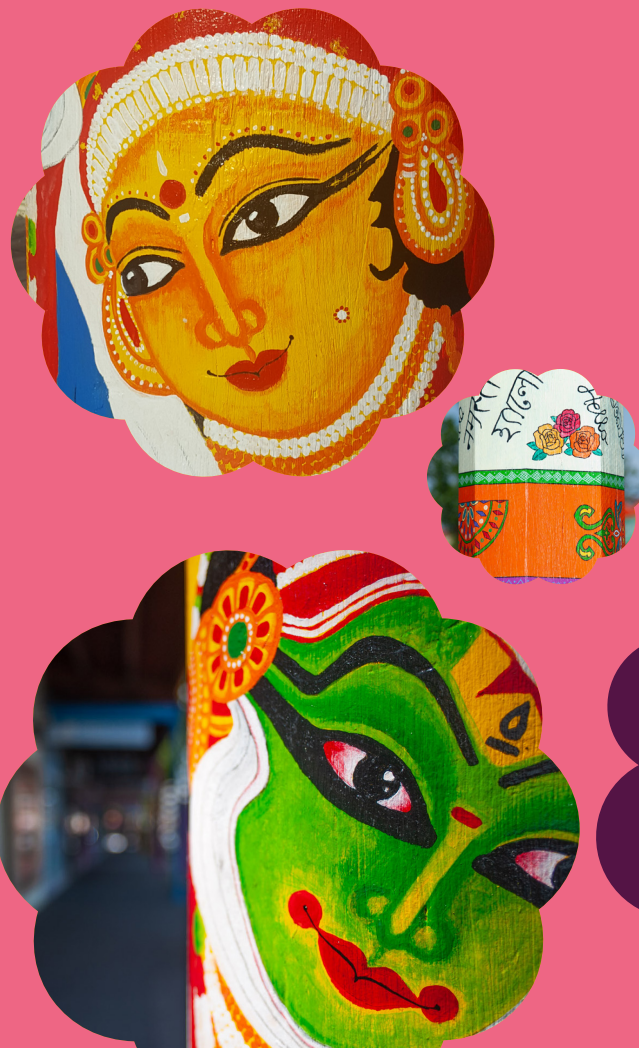


## Street art

Explore street art in Little India when you visit.


Soak in murals by leading Melbourne artists practising Indian and Subcontinent styles. Together, they celebrate aspects of Indian culture, its symbols, colours and storylines unique to the precinct's heart and soul.


You will find more than ten artworks from large 17 x 4 metre walls to more intricate Indian style paintings on electricity poles.



# Explore Little India

Foster Street Dandenong

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**Little India**  
Dandenong

## Where it is

Just 35km south east of Melbourne, with excellent access to transport, services and a culturally diverse and friendly community, Dandenong is full of surprises.

One of these is Little India - Dandenong's most enduring cultural precinct and the spiritual heart of Indian and subcontinent culture since 1990. It is recognised as Melbourne's first and most authentic cluster of Indian and Subcontinent shops.

Right next to Dandenong Railway Station, Little India Dandenong spreads over two city blocks along Foster Street. Here you can experience the authentic flavours of North and South India without needing a passport.

Indian specialty shops delight the visitor, with a host of fashion and wedding retailers, groceries, eateries and delicious sweet shops.

Experience authentic India by meeting the local traders, ask questions and soak in this regional gem!



### What's happening in Little India?

-  Public Transport
-  Car Parking
-  Retail
-  Restaurants & Cafés
-  Other Services
-  Visual Art

## Fashion

Textiles from Pakistan and India are a significant feature. The precinct is renowned for casual, wedding and special event couture with Sherwanis, Jodhpuri and Punjab suits for men, and a large selection of Salwar Kameez, Churidars, Sarees and Lehengas for women. Children are catered for as well with a colourful array of dresses, Kurta Pyjama and more.

Large wedding parties will find all they need with an extensive range of jewellery, shoes and accessories such as bangles, decorative flowers, bindi's, dance jewellery and Henna products. The precinct caters for all age groups offering contemporary fashion in a variety of styles, from casual wear to Bollywood.

Traders will skilfully guide your selection and custom tailoring is on offer to achieve the perfect fit.



## Eating In or Out

Little India offers a tasty choice of foods and cuisines from India and the Subcontinent.

Delicately flavoured vegetarian dishes are a feature alongside classic curries, Biryani, tandoori dishes and snake style samosa.

Eateries draw their menus and recipes from Northern India, Bengal, Punjab, Rajasthan, Pakistan and Hyderabad in Southern India – you are spoilt for choice!

There is an abundance of home style sweets made from common base ingredients, syrup, almonds, coconut, cashews, sweetened milk, cottage cheese and cardamom, including Galub Jamun, Sandesh, Jalebi, Kaju Katli Ladoo and Masala Chai. If your sweet tooth needs satisfying, Little India is the place to be!



## Groceries

Little India has a niche offer of groceries and Indian cosmetics for its loyal following of Indian, Fijian, Sri Lankan, Pakistan and Afghan customers.

While the grocery shops are small they offer an array of product lines including; basmati rice, ghee, mustard oil for cooking, chilli, coriander and cumin seeds, frozen veggies, green chilli, 'okra' a popular green vegetable, frozen roti bread, samosa, Indian sweets, sweet baked Indian biscuits and popular Atta biscuits.

Popular lines of nuts and dried fruits are sourced from Australian, American and Middle Eastern suppliers and to quench your thirst there are convenience items and cold Indian drinks Thums Up, a brand of Indian cola and 'limca' a lemon / lime soft drink made primarily in India.

