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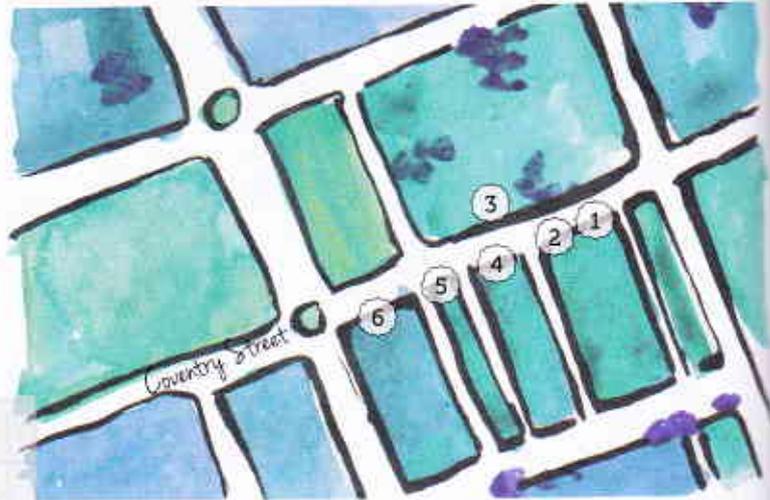
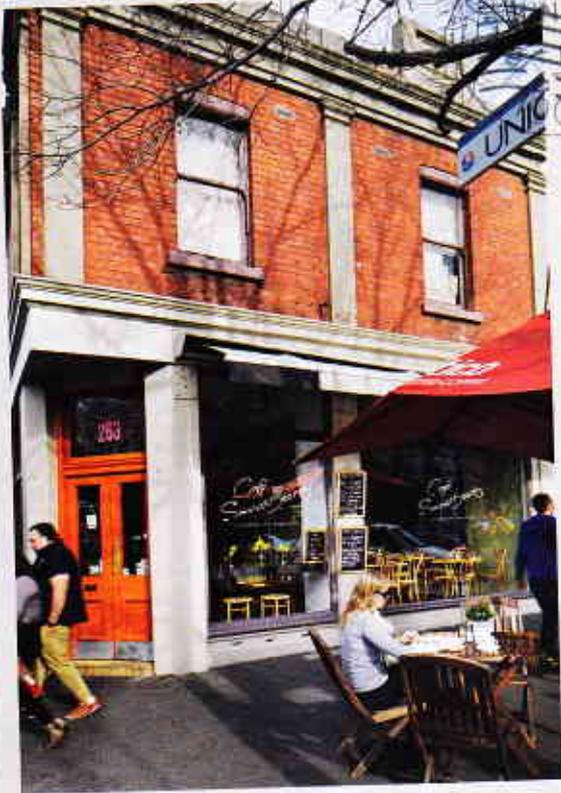
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Coventry Street, South Melbourne, Vic

Each month, we reveal Australia's must-visit destinations and uncover their hidden gems

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Known and loved by locals for its bustling village-like atmosphere, heritage shopfronts and cobblestone alleyways, Coventry Street is home to a number of longstanding stores and the iconic South Melbourne Market, as well as a bounty of new homewares boutiques that focus on the special, unusual and delightful.



STOP 1: Pomegranate

Housed within one of South Melbourne's beautiful classic buildings, Pomegranate brings bright, vintage-inspired home decor to Coventry Street. Inside this cheerful and welcoming destination, you'll find a range of quirky one-of-a-kind gifts and colourful must-have pieces for the home.

Discover: The mix of handbags, jewellery and ceramics are interspersed amongst artworks, French fabrics and lighting.

Must-have: Cute Scandinavian vases and tumblers by Helbak, from \$25 (below right), and Lightly handwoven rattan pendant lights, from \$280 (below right).

Open: Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm; Sat 9am-5pm; Sun 10am-5pm.

Visit: 251A Coventry St, (03) 9686 9110, pomegranate.com.au.



STOP 2: Little Darcy

A newcomer to the area, Little Darcy is all about catering to kids. Although there's a focus on furniture, toys, clothing and pint-sized accessories for the small ones in your life, the store has also embraced local designers and artists to help adorn its walls.

Discover: Incy Interiors beds, cosy Uimi throws, eye-catching mobiles, decorative artworks and the coolest of wooden toys.

Must-have: A Janod toy stove for the budding masterchef, \$190 (above), and a Kiddimoto 'Kurve' balance bike, from \$125 (above).

Open: Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm; Sat 9am-5pm; Sun 10am-4pm.

Visit: 257 Coventry St, (03) 9696 7330, littledarcy.com.





STOP 3: Great Dane Furniture

Great Dane Furniture, an *HB* favourite, is stocked with Scandinavian designer items for the home. The handcrafted Danish furniture and timeless accessories are all carefully hand-picked by store founder Anton Assad and his team, which means this chic, contemporary showroom is filled with quality pieces built to last.

Discover: A diverse range of Scandi furniture and lighting brands, such as Wegner, Wikkelsø and Mogensen, plus textured animal skins and elegant Muuto accessories.

Must-have: The 'Prime Time' easy chair for sinking into, \$4950 (above), and the Wegner 'Plank' chair and matching footstool to rest your feet in style, \$7500/pair (above).

Open: Mon-Sun 9.30am-5.30pm.

Visit: 276-278 Coventry St, (03) 9682 2777, greatdanefurniture.com.

Soak up the energy flowing along Coventry Street

you shop for one-of-a-kind home decor

STOP 4: Cafe Sweethearts

An institution for egg lovers, Cafe Sweethearts still has people lining up for their famous brekkie – even after almost 30 years of service.

Discover: Over 53 items on the breakfast menu alone.

Must-have: The eggs benedict with a delicious dollop of homemade hollandaise sauce, \$14.

Open: Mon-Fri 7am-3pm; Sat-Sun 8am-3pm.

Visit: 263 Coventry St, (03) 9690 6752, cafesweethearts.com.au.



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STOP 5: Household Linens

Luscious linens of the highest quality and thread count can all be found here. What began on an old Singer sewing machine in the basement of her home has flourished into a boutique business for Jacqueline Nelson, who knows her thread counts like the back of her hand. Sound advice and gorgeous products await.

Discover: Crisp Egyptian cottons and cosy waffle linens – this store is truly bedlinen heaven!

Must-have: Household Linens' own 'Ruby' range of polka dot bedlinen and the 'Florence' quilt set in Duckegg, from \$295 (above).

Open: Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm; Sat 9.30am-5pm; Sun 11am-4pm.

Visit: 279 Coventry St, (03) 9696 5544, household-linens.com.



STOP 6: Nest

Uber-stylish Nest is a must-see for those wanting inspiration for a beautiful home. Iconic brands such as Aesop line the shelves, alongside an enviable collection of cushions, linen and babywear. Their free gift-wrapping service makes every purchase a treat.

Discover: Blankets, bedlinen and the cutest of kidswear.

Must-have: The gorgeous geometric cushions, from \$79 (above right), and hand-carved wooden mobiles, from \$69 (above left).

Open: Mon-Sat 9.30am-5.30pm; Sun 10am-5pm.

Visit: 289 Coventry St, (03) 9699 8277, nesthomewares.com.au 