

Enjoy the splendour that is our CBD

The heart of the city is invariably its CBD. I recently overheard some tourists commenting to each other that our inner city, with its Mediterranean look, reminded them of the French Riviera. Clearly for those of us who live locally, we tend to take the inner city's ambience and attractive surroundings for granted which, in turn, can numb our sense of appreciation.

So next time you're in need of a boost or get the travel bug, come into the inner city with your imagination and pretend you're in France!

Another common compliment we receive is that our streets are so tidy and free of litter and graffiti. There are many people who work behind the scenes to make this possible. They are our unsung heroes.

The compact nature of our inner city makes it easy to navigate and interesting to investigate. Naturally, we have a rich Art Deco heritage which is predominantly featured in our architecture and celebrated with daily walks conducted by dedicated volunteers from the Art Deco Trust. There are also numerous little alleyways (some with painted murals) as well as some unique artworks in various parts of the inner city.

And for those wanting a relaxing option, there are numerous gardens and a park right in the centre of the city, not to mention the picturesque, seafront walkway for those who are a little bit more energetic.

Who could ask for more?