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Brisbane is a bustling, cosmopolitan city with excellent restaurants, beautiful riverside parks, a busy cultural calendar, and lively nightlife.

Queensland's capital city is surrounded by some of the state's major tourist attractions, and there is an abundant choice of day trips. Explore the coast for the golden beaches or go inland for some of the region's serene bushland — there is something for everyone here.



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## THE CITY



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Brisbane, the capital of Queensland, affectionately known as the "Sunshine State", is arguably the world's most chilled-out city. The locals' friendly and upbeat demeanour is infectious, which, given their enviable lifestyle, is hardly surprising.

A treasure trove of experiences, Brisbane is ready to be explored. The Central Business District (CBD) serves up a fast-paced atmosphere, but if you crave a dose of creativity, head to the contemporary arts hub — The Brisbane Powerhouse in New Farm. How about dining with a side of city views at South Bank? Then for a nightcap, venture to the hip bars nestled in Fortitude Valley and West End.

Fancy catching the sunrise? Paddle your kayak on the Brisbane River. Alternatively, unwind at South Bank's inner-city beach, the only one of its kind in Australia. For the thrill-seekers, rock climbing at Kangaroo Point Cliffs offers unparalleled views of the Story Bridge and city skyline.

Finally, when it's time to take it easy, saunter over to Woolloongabba. Here you can sit back and partake in some spectator sports, an activity that Queenslanders just can't get enough of!

## DO & SEE



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Beach, art, and food. Mix and match those three options any way you like and get the most out of Brisbane. Take a walk through the air-conditioned halls of QAGOMA or catch the breeze riding on the tiny red CityHopper vessel. Lay down your towel and rest your feet on the warm sand of Streets Beach at South Bank.

The food is a whole other delicious story. Check out local farmers' markets and pluck a few fresh treats from the numerous free public garden beds.

## Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary



This sanctuary gives you the opportunity to touch and hold koalas in the world's largest koala enclosure. The site is easily accessible by bus

from the CBD, or via Miramar Cruises who make daily trips from the South Bank's Cultural Centre pontoon at 10 am.

Photo: David Clode/Unsplash.com Address: Jesmond Road Fig Tree Pocket, Brisbane Opening hours: Daily 9am-5pm Phone: +61 7 3378 1366 Internet: lonepinekoalasanctuary.com

### Wheel of Brisbane



The iconic Wheel of Brisbane takes you up 60 metres above the ground for a spectacular 360-degree panoramic view of the city. The

gondola is fully enclosed and air-conditioned, and seats up to 8 people. One ticket gets you four revolutions within 10–15 minutes. The ride is especially magical during sunset.

Photo: Carles Rabada/unsplash.com Address: Russell Street, South Brisbane Opening hours: Sun-Thu 10am-10pm, Fri & Sat 10am-11pm Phone: +61 7 3844 3464 Internet: thewheelofbrisbane.com.au

### Australia Zoo



Australia Zoo was opened in 1970 by Bob and Lyn Irwin, Steve Irwin's parents. Steve Irwin and his wife aimed to make the Zoo a wildlife

conservation facility that is second to no other. Australia Zoo is the place to see a crocodile up-close without getting eaten.

Photo: @ekamelev/Unsplash.com Address: 1638 Steve Irwin Way Beerwah, Brisbane Phone: +61 7 5436 2000 Internet: www.australiazoo.com.au

### **Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary**



Less publicized, but no less astounding, the sanctuary is home to the world's largest collection of Australian native animals. It was

designated as a world heritage site in 2009. Check out their website to choose from a variety

### of experiences and encounters available.

Photo: David Clode/Unsplash.com Address: 28 Tomewin Street Currumbin, Brisbane Opening hours: Daily 9am-4pm Phone: +61 7 5534 1266 Internet: www.currumbinsanctuary.com.au Email: moreaustralian@cws.org.au

### **Tangalooma Island Resort**



Tangalooma Island Resort has a wide array of excursions on offer, and quite a few of them are for free. This is one of only a few places in the

world where it's possible to hand-feed dolphins in the wild. They come swimming up alongside the jetty at dusk for their nightly feed.

Photo: Rachel Schauerman/unsplash Address: The Tangalooma Island Resort Moreton Island, Queensland Phone: +61 1300 652 250 Internet: www.tangalooma.com

### Story Bridge Adventure Climb



Ever wanted to climb a bridge? The Story Bridge at Kangaroo Point in Brisbane is one of only four legally climbable bridges in Australia. With

the height being the equivalent of a 22-storey building, it is not something for the faint hearted! Make sure you stop in at the Story Bridge Hotel for a celebratory drink afterwards.

Photo: Joshua Willson/unsplash

Address: 170 Main Street Kangaroo Point, Brisbane Phone: +61 7 3188 9070

Internet: www.storybridgeadventureclimb.com.au More Info: Book ahead! The climbs do sell out. Some days kids get to climb for free.

### Lamington National Park



Lamington National Park is World Heritage-listed and about a 2 hour drive away from Brisbane. The park's walks take in pristine waterfalls,

sections of the ancient Gondwana Rainforests and over 120 bird species that live there.

Photo: Steven Joel/unsplash Address: Lamington National Park, Brisbane Internet: parks.des.qld.gov.au/parks/lamington

### The Gabba



The Gabba is the spiritual home of Queensland sport, it's a legend in itself and a must-see for any cricket or Australian Football League fan. It is

the home ground for the Brisbane Lions, Brisbane Heat and Queensland Bulls.

Photo: rawpixel/Unsplash.com Address: Gate 7 Vulture Street Wooloongabba, Brisbane Phone: +61 1300 843 422 Internet: www.thegabba.com.au

## **Roma Street Parkland**



The world's largest urban subtropical garden is the perfect place to see some of Australia's native flora and fauna in the heart of the city. All year round

you can enjoy spectacular colours in this perfect picnic spot.

Photo: Srecko Skrobic/Unsplash.com Address: 1 Parkland Boulevard, Brisbane Phone: +61 1 3001 37468

### **Moreton Bay Escapes**



Moreton Bay Escapes offer tours to astoundingly beautiful Moreton Bay Marine Park and Moreton Island National Park. Their tours

are a good match for outdoorsy people and their guides are experienced with senior first aid.

Photo: Mike Baird/Flickr(image cropped) Address: Manly Harbour Village, Brisbane Internet: www.moretonbayescapes.com.au Email: tours@moretonbayescapes.com.au More Info: Tours depart Redcliffe, Sandgate, Nudgee, Brisbane City and the Port of Brisbane

### Gallery Of Modern Art (QAGOMA)



Brisbane's Queensland Art Gallery and the Gallery of Modern Art are the largest, modern and contemporary art galleries in Australia. The

complex is situated at the Kurilpa Point on the Brisbane River.

Photo: Antenna/Unsplash.com Address: Stanley Place South Bank, Brisbane Opening hours: Daily 10am-5pm Phone: +61 7 3840 7303 Internet: www.qagoma.qld.gov.au Email: gallery@qagoma.qld.gov.au More Info: QAGOMA has a cafe, a bistro and a restaurant.

### Mount Coot-tha



Mount Coot-tha is one of Brisbane's most popular tourist destinations, but also offers an escape from the city life through its 220 hectares of natural

bushland and native wildlife that make up the

Mount Coot-tha Reserve. See the breathtaking panorama of Brisbane City all the way out to the ocean at Moreton Bay from the observation deck. There are also a handful of bushwalks around the vicinity of the Lookout. The hillside is dotted with picnic areas equipped with gas barbecues.

Photo: Rob D - Stock Photos/Shutterstock.com Address: Mount Coot-tha, Brisbane Internet: www.visitbrisbane.com.au/information/articles/activ

ities/things-to-do-mt-coot-tha

### Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha



The original Botanical Gardens were established in 1855 and were located on Alice Street on the south-east side of the city. Due to the proximity

to the river, the gardens have been flooded eight times which lead to the new botanical gardens at Mount Coot-tha. Don't miss the Tropical Display Dome — a large geodesic dome.

Photo: Veronika Nedelcu/Unsplash.com Address: Alice Street, Brisbane Opening hours: Daily noon-midnight Phone: +61 7 3403 8888 More Info: Entry to the gardens is free. Dogs are not permitted.

### **South Bank Parklands**



South Bank offers 17 hectares of lush gardens, lawns, beach, restaurants, cafes and shopping. Both tourists and locals frequent the

Riverside Walkway and flock to the area during music and arts festivals.

Photo: Vincent Camacho/Unsplash.com Address: South Bank Parklands, Brisbane Phone: +61 7 3029 1797 Email: vicsouth bank@cityparklands.com.au

### XXXX Brewery Tour



XXXX Brewery Tour is an iconic brewery in Brisbane. Learn about the history, how to serve the perfect beer and of course taste a couple of

cold ones. The tour takes around 90 minutes and you are invited to taste four beers.

Photo: Sam Hetterich/Unsplash.com Address: Black & Paten Street Milton, Brisbane Opening hours: Fri-Sun Phone: +61 7 3361 7597 Internet: www.xxxx.com.au More Info: Book ahead, come sober, and don't forget your ID.

### Springbrook & Tamborine Rainforest Tour



Book one of these tours for a full day packed with adventure. Walk through Springbrook and Tamborine National Parks and drive through

the beautiful Numinbah Valley. You will see rock pools and waterfalls in a lush rainforest. Don't forget to stop at Natural Bridge to check out the Glow Worm Caves.

Photo: Ijam Hairi/Shutterstock.com Internet: www.qdtours.com.au/tours/springbrook-tamborine-day-tour

### Lovers' Walk & Shorncliffe Pier



This scenic 2.5km walk takes you along the shoreline from the 350m long timber Shorncliffe Pier to the former Sandgate Baptist Church.

It's great for dog walking, jogging, taking in the

ocean and mountain views. Grab fish'n'chips from one of the local vendors and enjoy the sunset.

Photo: Lochlainn Riordan/unsplash.com Address: Park Parade, Shorncliffe, Australia

### CityHopper



Brisbane City Council is runnings a free inner city ferry line called CityHopper. The tiny red boats cruise between six stops in central Brisbane

between North Quay and Sydney Street, New Farm. The service runs every 30 minutes.

Photo: Brisbane Local Marketing / unsplash.com Opening hours: Sun-Thu 5:30am-midnight, Fri & Sat 5:30am-past midnight

Internet: www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/traffic-and-transport/publi c-transport/citycat-and-ferry-services/inner-city-ferry-services

### **Brisbane City Markets**



Brisbane City Markets deliver a premium selection of gourmet food and ingredients. Browse artisan goods, buy some premium meats and

trawler-direct seafood, or bite into a freshly baked loaf of bread. The original market at Reddacliff Place is a favourite for city workers, local residents and tourists. The second location at Cathedral Square is smaller in size, but is more heavily focused on quality street food.

Photo: Ella Olsson/unsplash.com

Opening hours: Reddacliff Place: Wed 8am-6pm. Cathedral Square: Thu 8am-2pm

Internet: goodwillprojects.com.au/markets/brisbane-city

#### **Howard Smith Wharves**



Right underneath the north end of the Story Bridge is a trendy waterside development with restaurants, bars, a huge brewery and a

hotel. Enjoy a cold one from the large green space and take in the river view.

Photo: Kon Karampelas/unsplash.com Address: 5 Boundary Street, Brisbane City Phone: +61 7 3188 9090 Internet: howardsmithwharves.com

### **Fairy Light Trees**



Here and there around the inner city, you will find secluded fig trees covered in fairy lights. Perfect location for a romantic moment or a

little photoshoot.

Check out Brisbane City Council's City of Lights interactive map to discover the lighting installations that illuminate the city every evening.

Photo: David/cc by 2.0/Flickr Internet: visit.brisbane.qld.au/inspiration/fairies-brisbane-city

### **Book a Wine Tasting Tour**



Of course, you could get all the best Australian wines without leaving Brisbane's city limits, but what could be better than meeting the people whose

hands made the wine and taking in the atmosphere of a lush winery. Book a tour or get into a car with a designated driver, and don't

forget to pack a picnic basket. We suggest heading south to discover the Scenic Rim's wine, beer and spirit makers.

### Photo: Chelsea Pridham/unsplash.com

Internet: visit.brisbane.qld.au/inspiration/wineries-breweries-scenic-rim

## DINING



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One of the many highlights of any visit to Brisbane is experiencing the epicurean delights of the city's different neighbourhoods. Brisbane is immeasurably proud of its reputation for fine dining, and within a ten minute radius of the town centre you can choose between the kitchens of European, Mediterranean, Asian or contemporary Australian restaurants.

### **CRU Bar & Cellar**



CRU is an impeccably stylish bar and restaurant, and a hotspot for celebrity spotting. The food is made with the finest Australian

ingredients and the dining hall is bathed in natural light. Come here for a cocktail or for an elaborate multi-course meal expertly paired with a bottle of wine.

Photo: KDR In-Focus Productions/Shutterstock.com Address: 1/22 James Street, Fortitude Valley Opening hours: Daily 11am-late Phone: +61 7 3252 2400 Internet: www.crubar.com Email: info@crubar.com More Info: You can enjoy your meal al fresco

### Julius Pizzeria



Julius Pizzeria serves authentic wood-fired pizza and Italian dishes in a rustic atmosphere. The restaurant is always busy, however their food is

definitely worth the wait for a table. If you are lucky, you will get a table close to the kitchen and see how your food is prepared.

Photo: petereleven/Shutterstock.com Address: 77 Grey Street, Brisbane Opening hours: Tue-Wed 5-9:30pm, Thu noon-9:30pm, Fri & Sat noon-10pm, Sun noon-9pm Phone: +61 7 3844 2655 Internet: www.juliuspizzeria.com.au Email: info@juliusp.com.au

### Gerard's Bistro



Dishes from Africa, Europe and the Middle East in a chic dining room with a 3D timber wall. Every city should be so lucky as to have a bistro

like Gerard's. Onions are charred, eggplant is blackened over flames and jars of pumpkin are patiently left to ferment inside Gerard's busy open kitchen. All are elements for Ben Williamson's menu, a beguiling mash-up of Middle Eastern and modern Australian cuisines. We recommend Williamson's funky Époisses and fermented mushroom dust mousse covering smoky eggplant purée, petals of baby onion filled with housemade pig's blood morcilla with sweetly smoky onion juice consommé. It's

intensely aromatic and a dish of pure joy. A visit to Gerard's brings together inventive and beautifully executed food with a strong list of international wines to complement.

Gerard's menu is designed to be shared along with our carefully curated wine list to enhance the experience.

Photo: Kamil Kalbarczyk/unsplash.com Address: 14/15 James Street, Fortitude Valley, Brisbane Opening hours: Dinner: Tue-Sat 6pm-late. Lunch: Fri noon-3pm. Sun & Mon closed Phone: +61 7 3852 3822 Internet: www.gerardsbistro.com.au

### **Gambaro Seafood Restaurant**



Gambaro first opened back in 1953 and remains one of Brisbane's oldest seafood restaurants. This award-winning establishment focuses on

getting the best locally sourced produce whenever possible. Through the use of candlelight and sheer curtains between tables, the dining room is intimate and airy at the same time. It is a perfect environment to dine on the freshest Mud Crab, Green Lobster, and Tasmanian oysters.

Photo: Nastya Dulhiier/unsplash.com Address: 33 Caxton Street, Petrie Terrace Brisbane Phone: +61 7 3369 9500 Internet: www.gambarohotel.com.au More Info: Gambaro Hotel Brisbane

#### **Corbett & Claude**



Corbett & Claude is hidden away in a laneway basement, underneath the the heritage-listed Corbett Chambers. This modern and elegant in its

simplicity space is popular with the young crowd, sipping trademark cocktails, enjoying the cold beer on tap and browsing the wine list. Signature pizzas leap out of the oven at breakneck speed.

Photo: Brenan Greene/unsplash.com Address: 283 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane Opening hours: Mon-Thu 11:30am-9pm, Fri-Sun 11:30am-late Phone: +61 7 3221 1166 Internet: www.corbettandclaude.com.au More Info: Two more venues in Everton Park and Garden City

### **Chu The Phat**



Chu The Phat (pun intended) is an upbeat contemporary restaurant and bar on Fish Lane, South Brisbane's up-and-coming dining

hotspot. Their menu is inspired by the Asian street food hawker stalls of Hong Kong, Korea and Taiwan. Try their a la carte dining options and lunch specials.

Photo: SJ/unsplash.com Address: 111 Melbourne Street, South Brisbane Opening hours: Mon-Tue 5pm-late, Wed-Sat noon-late, Sun 11am-late Phone: +61 7 3255 2075 Internet: www.chuthephat.com.au Email: info@ChuThePhat.com.au

### **Miss Demeanour**



Brisbane is serious about burgers. Miss Demeanour, located underground in Rowes Lane, is always busy with locals enjoying the

juiciest brisket burgers, craft beers, and boozy cocktails. If you're in a mood for something plant-based, their vegan and vegetarian options are excellent as well.

Photo: Lefteris kallergis/unsplash.com Address: Rowes Lane, Brisbane City Opening hours: Tue-Sat 11am-late Phone: +61 7 3221 0032 Internet: www.missd.com.au Email: hello@missd.com.au More Info: Perfect venue for a big company

#### Grown



While you are exploring the foodie central West End, check out Grown a completely plant-based vegan restaurant that uses ingredients sourced

from no more than 400km from Brisbane. Their skilled use of flavours and textures are sure to satisfy and delight even the most meat-loving guests. The coffee is excellent, too.

Photo: Grace Hazell/unsplash.com Address: 21 Buchanan Street West End Opening hours: Wed-Fri 10am-2pm / 5:30pm-8pm; Sat 8am-2pm / 5:30pm-8pm; Sun 8am-2pm Phone: +61 7 3036 7213 Internet: www.grownbne.com

### Tippler's Tap Southbank



Tipplers Tap serves you a rotating array of on-tap brews in a hip atmosphere with wall murals. American classics like hotdogs, chilli and

burgers can be found next some great vegan options. The place is pretty budget-friendly, too.

#### Photo: Elevate/unsplash.com

Address: 5/182 Grey St, South Brisbane Opening hours: Tue-Thu & Sun noon-10pm, Fri-Sat noon-midnight, Mon closed Phone: +61 7 3846 4200 Internet: tipplerstap.com.au More Info: Second venue at 2/70 James St, Fortitude Valley

### Cha Cha Char



Cha Cha Char offers wood-fired steaks in a spacious upscale venue with river views. The menu is incredibly meticulous. You can find

out the breed, age, size, and diet of the animal. If you are in a mood for something less meaty, their seafood selection is outstanding, too.

Photo: Vitchakorn Koonyosying/Unsplash.com Address: Shop 3/1 Eagle Street Eagle Street Pier, Brisbane Opening hours: Mon-Fri noon-11pm, Sat & Sun 5:30pm-11pm Phone: +61 7 3211 9944 Internet: www.chachachar.com.au

### **Malt Dining**



The atmosphere at this loft style restaurant is warm, relaxed and is perfect for an intimate dinner or a wedding reception alike. Have a

delicious drink at the 10-meter Tasmanian oak

bar after your luxurious, almost-to-good-to-be-true dinner.

Photo: Martin Widenka/Unsplash.com Address: 28 Market Street, Brisbane Opening hours: Tue-Fri 11:30am-11:30pm, Sat 5:30-11:30pm Phone: +61 7 3236 4855 Internet: www.maltdining.com.au

### Moda Tapas. Brasa. Bar



The chef, Javier Codina, is from Barcelona, Spain and has established a great reputation for his amazing food at Moda. The Catalan influenced

menu is innovative. Guest leave raving reviews of their charcoal fired Wagyu Beef and baked figs.

Photo: Mateusz Gzik/Shutterstock.com Address: The Barracks, 61 Petrie Terrace, Brisbane Opening hours: Tue 3pm-late, Wed-Sat 11:30am-late, Sun & Mon closed Phone: +61 7 3221 7655 Internet: www.modarestaurant.com.au Email: functions@modarestaurant.com.au

## CAFES



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As most modern cities, Brisbane has a lot to offer in the realm of Third Wave coffee shops with dedicated baristas, WiFi, bistro food and mouthwatering desserts.

### The Gunshop Cafe



The only fault to be found in this cafe situated in the heart of West End is that the all day breakfasts are too popular, but the generous portions are

worth the wait. They serve fresh juice, organic tea and merlo coffee.

Photo: annokhotska/Shutterstock.com Address: 53 Mollison Street West End, Brisbane Opening hours: Daily 7am-3pm Phone: +61 7 3844 2241 Internet: www.thegunshopcafe.net Email: info@thegunshopcafe.net More Info: Find the second location in the inner-city suburb of Toowong

## Marchetti Cafe



Marchetti Cafe serves authentic Italian coffee and wine as well as a selection of breakfast and lunch options. The historic Tattersall's

Arcade gives the cafe a charming flair. Try Nonna's Veal Meatballs for a taste of Italy in Australia.

Photo: Viktoriia Photographer/Shutterstock.com Address: 202 Edward Street, Brisbane Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7:30am-4pm, Sat & Sun 9am-4pm Phone: +61 7 3003 1344 Internet: www.marchetticafe.com Email: ciao@marchetticafe.com

### Scout Cafe



Scout Cafe serves an all day brunch menu with vegetarian, vegan and gluten free options. They specialise in an unusual selection of bagels and

toppings. Try their bagel with roasted pumpkin, onion jam and roasted red pepper for a delicious start to your day. Their homemade muesli bars also come highly recommended.

Photo: Gaus Alex/Shutterstock.com Address: 190 Petrie Terrace, Brisbane Opening hours: Daily 7am-2pm Phone: +61 7 3367 2171 Internet: www.scoutcafe.com.au More Info: Check Instagram for their specials

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### **Blackstar Coffee Roasters**



Blackstar is a cozy bar and roaster serving cold pressed coffee and espresso brewed from single-origin beans roasted in-house. It is a

great place to get your morning dose of caffeine, get some work done, and have a delicious brunch or brekkie. Burgers and poached eggs come highly recommended.

Photo: Karl Fredrickson/unsplash.com Address: 44 Thomas Street, West End Brisbane Opening hours: Mon-Fri 6am-2pm Phone: +61 7 3217 2323 Internet: www.blackstarcoffee.com.au Email: info@blackstarcoffee.com.au

## Salt Coffee Roasters



Salt Coffee Roasters an elegant espresso bar with an in-house roastery. Spend the morning in their picture-perfect interior that flawlessly

combines emerald green furniture with millennial pink walls, polished concrete floors and a long leather wall seat with marble bistro tables. Salt serves a list of classic caffeine hits and more experimental cold drips and pourovers that really showcase the complexity and delicate character of their beans. Of course, they serve all the brunch staples including avocado toast and crumpets.

Photo: Toa Heftiba/unsplash.com

Address: 60A Doggett Street, Newstead, Brisbane Opening hours: Mon-Fri 5:30am-3pm, Sat & Sun 6am-2pm Internet: www.saltcoffee.com.au

### The Single Guys Coffee Co.



The Single Guys serve simple and fresh breakfast and lunch daily. Guests have remarked on their Eggs Benedict with extra bacon and avocado

toast with extra mushrooms. The coffee offerings are rotating weekly.

Photo: lynying Ju/unsplash.com Address: 4/2051 Moggill Road, Kenmore Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-1:30pm Phone: +61 7 3221 3024 Internet: www.thesingleguys.com More Info: Second location can be found in the western suburbs of Kenmore

### **Botero House**



Botero House occupies a stunning three-story historic corner building on Adelaide Street. Fantastic coffee is a given, but the food is just

another level. Curried scrambled eggs and pulled pork burger with kimchi fennel will make you come back to this stylish cafe again and again. The best part is that all lunch items will be on your table in no time at all, so you can refuel and keep exploring in under 40 minutes.

Photo: S O C I A L . C U T/unsplash.com Address: 258 Adelaide Street, Brisbane City Opening hours: Mon-Fri 6:15am-3pm Phone: +61 7 3085 5387 Internet: www.boterohouse.com.au More Info: Tapas on Thursdays and Fridays

### **Microlot Coffee House**



Right next to the Hawthorne park, there's a quaint little cafe serving delicious morning brews with a small selection of snacks, pastries, gruyere

cheese and fried eggs on brioche, and rye bread sandwiches. They get their beans fresh from Colombia and roast on site.

Photo: Nathan Dumlao/unsplash.com Address: 135 Riding Road, Shop 5, Hawthorne Opening hours: Mon-Fri 5:30am-12:30pm, Sat & Sun 6:30am-12:30pm Internet: www.instagram.com/microlotcoffeehouse

### Sassafras of Paddington



This restaurant serves vegetarian and vegan food. The lush garden courtyard is perfect for an iced coffee. Sassafras is Australian for "place of

many delicious and quirky things", at least according to their own definition.

Photo: Yuliya Gontar/Shutterstock.com Address: 88 Latrobe Terrace Paddington, Brisbane Opening hours: Mon-Thu 6:30am-2pm, Fri 6:30am-8:30pm, Sat & Sun 8am-2pm Phone: +61 7 3369 0600 Internet: www.sassafrasofpaddington.com.au More Info: On Fridays, Sassafras serves Spanish food in their backyard, starting with a 4pm-6pm happy hour

## **BARS & NIGHTLIFE**



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Brisbane is overflowing with great pubs. Most of the hotels double as drinking establishments for both locals and guests of the city. Beers are served in pots, schooners, pints and jugs and the beer taps in many bars will be specially chilled, causing the condensation to freeze on the outside. Most hotels are open 10:30am-3am, and the traditional "Sunday Session" runs from 11am to midnight.

### Norman Hotel



The Norman is a good place to meet a cross-section of Brisbane society. It is a custom for those attending matches at The Gabba to get a

pre-match steak. There are two bars here, the new Norman's Bar and the traditional Sports Bar.

Busy steakhouse serving cuts of Queensland beef in a converted old hotel with outdoor beer garden.

Photo: Nomad\_Soul/Shutterstock.com Address: 102 Ipswich Road, Woolloongabba Opening hours: Tue-Sun 11am-close Phone: +61 7 3391 5022 Internet: www.normanhotel.com.au

### The Beat Megaclub



The Beat Megaclub is one of Brisbanes favourite LGBTQI nightclubs that has been around for over 35 years. There is live entertainment every night

with DJs, live acts, and drag shows. Check out their Instagram page to see what's on.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com Address: 677 Ann Street Fortitude Valley, Brisbane Opening hours: Daily 8pm-3am Phone: +61 7 3852 2661 Internet: www.instagram.com/beatmegaclub

### Tippler's Tap Southbank



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### **Story Bridge Hotel**



Story Bridge Hotel is a Brisbane stalwart. Its existence is intrinsically linked with The Brisbane Cricket Ground, commonly known as the

Gabba, but it's probably best known for hosting

the Australia Day cockroach races.

You'll find three different bars here: the Shelter, the Corner Bar, and the Outback bar. All of them have plenty of cocktails and ice cold beer to offer.

Photo: Jacob Lund/Shutterstock.com

Address: 200 Main Street Kangaroo Point, Brisbane Opening hours: Sun-Thu 6:30am-midnight, Fri & Sat 6:30am-1:30am Phone: +61 7 3391 2266 Internet: www.storybridgehotel.com.au

### **Breakfast Creek Hotel**



The Breakfast Creek is famous for its steaks, not only because they are delicious but you can choose the meat before it's cooked. Come here on

a Sunday for their session lunch, live music and an afternoon in the sun. The pub The Brekky Creek is located here and serves beer 'off the wood' or out of wooden casks.

Photo: Kondor83/Shutterstock.com Address: 2 Kingsford Smith Drive Albion, Brisbane Opening hours: Daily 10am-2am Phone: +61 7 3262 5988 Internet: www.breakfastcreekhotel.com Email: breakfast.creek@alhgroup.com.au

### **Buffalo Bar**



The chic beer garden and their large selection of beers make this a very popular first stop on a night out. Buffalo Bar also offers American pub

meals and live screenings of your favourite games.

Address: 169 Mary Street, Brisbane Opening hours: Sun-Thu noon-10pm, Fri & Sat 11am-11pm Phone: +61 7 3051 7620 Internet: www.buffalobar.com.au Email: bookings@buffalobar.com.au

## Lychee Lounge



This is a very intimate hipster hideaway with great cocktails. Its interior with red lighting serves as a popular spot for pre-clubbing drinks

and meals, but you can also come here for lunch.

Photo: Maksim Fesenko/Shutterstock.com Address: 2/94 Boundary Street West End, Brisbane Opening hours: Wed-Thu 4:30pm-midnight, Fri-Sat 4:30pm-1am, Sun 4pm-10pm Phone: +61 411 888 561 Internet: www.lycheelounge.com.au Email: vicky@lycheelounge.com.au

### Jade Buddha Bar & Kitchen



Come for the stunning views of the Story Bridge and stay for the cocktails and the equally tasty Asian Fusion menu that includes burgers, fish and

chips, and dumplings.

Photo: Thoom/Shutterstock.com Address: 14/1 Eagle Street, Brisbane Opening hours: Mon-Thu 11:30am-11pm, Fri-Sat 11:30am-midnight Phone: +61 7 3221 2888 Internet: www.jadebuddha.com.au More Info: Smart casual dress code

### **Embassy Bar & Kitchen**



Embassy Bar & Kitchen is a hidden gem serving great food and beer for a reasonable price. The menu offers an excellent selection of domestic

craft and imported beers along with hearty pub grub.

Photo: Master1305/Shutterstock.com Address: 214 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane Opening hours: Mon-Wed 11am-8pm, Thu & Fri 11am-late, Sat noon-late, Sun closed Phone: +61 7 3221 7616 Internet: www.embassyhotel.net.au

### Laruche



This award-winning venue with quirky decor is located in the heart of Fortitude Valley. It opened its door in 2009, and ever since it has

attracted the young and beautiful. Here you can indulge in one of the signature cocktails and dance the night away on the dance floor.

Photo: Pavel L Photo and Video/Shutterstock.com Address: 680 Ann Street, Brisbane Opening hours: Fri & Sat 6pm-3am, Sun 7pm-3am Phone: +61 7 3666 0880 Internet: www.laruche.com.au Email: info@laruche.com.au

### SHOPPING



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Brisbane has become one of the hottest shopping destinations in Australia, both for flagship stores and small boutiques. The city boasts an array of hidden gems around every corner, from niche fashion-forward stores to stylish arcades and luxury retailers.

#### The Queen Street Mall



The Queen Street Mall is a pedestrian mall and Queensland's premiere shopping destination with over 700 shops doing business seven days a

week. Here you will find independent designers and a plethora of cafés to recharge. The mall extends approximately 500 metres from George Street to Edward Street.

Photo: George Rudy/Shutterstock.com Address: The Queen Street, Brisbane Phone: +61 7 3006 6290 Internet: visit.brisbane.qld.au/inspiration/guide-to-queen-street-mall

Email: thecity@brisbanemarketing.com.au

### QueensPlaza



QueensPlaza is where a host of home-grown talents such as Herringbone of Sydney and Alannah Hill take pride of place. Take a

short stroll and you'll also find the likes of Max Mara, Vuitton, and Tiffany & Co.

Photo: Creative Lab/Shutterstock.com Address: 226 Queen Street, Brisbane Phone: +61 7 3234 3900 Internet: www.queensplaza.com.au

### **Local Designers**



If you leave the Queen Street Mall and head down Edward Street towards the river, you'll find more Australian designer. Continue up

Elizabeth Street and you'll find many of the up-and-coming designer stores.

Elizabeth Street is also a great place to try some Korean food before or after browsing the stores all day.

Photo: Itsra Sanprasert/Shutterstock.com Address: Elizabeth Street, Brisbane

### **Fortitude Valley**



Beyond the CBD, it's worth taking a look at Ann Street, Bakery Lane and James Street in Fortitude Valley, where you'll find a mix of

boho-chic and ultra-trendy boutiques.

Photo: Torpy/Shutterstock.com Address: Fortitude Valley, Brisbane

### South Bank Collective Markets



This is one of Brisbane's largest and most comprehensive markets. At the South Bank Collective Markets, you will find local crafts,

jewellery, clothes, unique artworks, and home decor objects.

Photo: Rishiken/Shutterstock.com Address: 29 Stanley Street Plaza, South Brisbane Internet: www.collectivemarkets.com.au

### **Farmers Markets**



Every second and fourth Sunday at the Powerhouse in New Farm, check out the Farmers Markets where you can pick up

Queensland's finest pineapples and mangos, freshly caught seafood or just-picked vegetables. The farmers bring their goods to the markets literally on the back of their trucks. Open from dawn till around lunchtime but, for the best experience, be early to get the best produce and avoid the heat.

Photo: Arina P Habich/Shutterstock.com Address: New Farm, Brisbane

## **Brookside Shopping Centre**



Brookside Shopping Centre is located less than ten kilometres north-west of the Brisbane CBD. It opened in 1971 as one of the first

major shopping centres in Brisbane's northern suburbs. Stores you will find here are Bras 'N' Things, Millers, Zelows, Ruby & Tiffany and

## Bellrose Jewellers.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com Address: 159 Osborne Road Mitchelton, Brisbane Phone: +61 7 3355 5211 Internet: www.brookside.com.au Email: brookside@retailfirst.com.au

## **Camp Hill Antique Centre**



Camp Hill Antique Centre is an indoor market that stocks a great range of unique homewares. They also have jewellery, potteries and ceramics

and a vast selection of vintage clothing from the twenties to the nineties. Visit their quaint diner called Tart Cafe for locavore eats.

#### Photo: Alexpunker/Shutterstock.com

Address: 545 Old Cleveland Road Camp Hill, Queensland Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat & Sun 8am-5pm Phone: +61 7 3843 4837

Internet: www.woolloongabbaantiquecentre.com More Info: The market is located in the former Planet Theatre

### The Vintage Watch Co.



This store is located in Brisbane Arcade and stocks a wide selection of new, modern and vintage watches and watch accessories. They have

many big brands such as Rolex, Breitling, Omega, Cartier, IWC, Patek Phillipe, Panerai and Tag Heuer.

Photo: Laborant/Shutterstock.com Address: 160 Queen Street, Brisbane Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9:30am-5pm, Sat 10am-4pm, Sun closed Phone: +61 7 3210 6722 Internet: www.vintagewatchco.com.au Email: brisbane@vintagewatchco.com.au

### The Myer Centre



This shopping complex lies at the very heart of the bustling Queen Street Mall. They have 180 stores that cover everything from womens-

and menswear, kids fashion shoes, electronics and sport items. There is also a cinema, cafés and restaurants here.

Photo: Sonpichit Salangsing/Shutterstock.com Address: 91 Queen Street, Brisbane Opening hours: Mon-Thu 9am-5:30pm, Fri 9am-9pm, Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10am-5pm Phone: +61 7 3223 6900 Internet: www.myercentreshopping.com.au Email: Brisbane.MyerCentre@vicinity.com.au

## Avid Reader Bookshop & Cafe



This bookshop is a favourite among locals and visitors alike and houses an array of books, CDs and DVDs. There is also a mini café here

where you can sip a cup of coffee while reading a book or attend a literary event. There is a children's corner for kids too.

Photo: Don Pablo/Shutterstock.com Address: 193 Boundary Street, Brisbane Phone: +61 7 3846 3422 Internet: www.avidreader.com.au/pages/cafe Email: books@avidreader.com.au

## **TOURIST INFORMATION**



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#### Passport/Visa



Unless you are a New Zealand citizen granted visa exemption on arrival (in most cases), you will need to obtain a visa prior to visiting Australia.

Citizens of all European Union countries, as well as Andorra, Norway, Iceland, San Marino, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, and Vatican City are eligible for an eVisitor visa, which can be applied for online. For citizens of the United States, Canada, Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Brunei, South Korea and Malaysia, the Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) entry permit is available, which can be applied for online and grants holders the right to enter Australia an unlimited amount of times for stays of no longer than 3 months per visit.

Citizens of all other world countries (with the exception of Somalia) are also able to apply for a visitor visa online. For more information, visit the official website of the Australian government's department of home affairs.

Photo: TukTuk Design/Shutterstock.com Internet:

immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder/visit

### **Best Time To Visit**



Since March to May are the autumn months in Australia, it is best to visit Brisbane during that time. You will avoid holiday crowds while still

being able to enjoy the warm weather and a low chance of rain. Temperatures will generally be around 24  $^{\circ}\mathrm{C}.$ 

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### **Brisbane Airport (BNE)**



Brisbane Airport is located 13 km from the city centre, approximately 15-20 minutes away by car. Trains run every 30 minutes between 6 am

and 8 pm. The journey takes 20 minutes and pre-booking is available.

Photo: Juan Garces Address: Airport Drive, Brisbane Airport QLD Phone: +61 7 3406 3000 Internet: www.bne.com.au

### **Public Transport**



A free bus service runs around the City (CBD). Look for the distinctive red busses and the red signposted bus stops. Tickets for the TransLink

network can be bought from vending machines. Weekly tickets are valid throughout South East Queensland. Buses are low floor, and Citytrain offer assistance with wheelchairs.

Phone: +61 13 12 30 Internet: translink.com.au

### Pharmacy



There are multiple Pharmacies and Chemists located in the immediate city centre as well as outside of Brisbane. Chemist Warehouse

Brisbane 103 Edward Street, Brisbane +61 7 3220 2041 chemistwarehouse.com.au

Priceline Pharmacy Anzac Square 202 Adelaide Street, Brisbane +61 7 3221 1541 priceline.com.au

Direct Chemist Outlet Brisbane Airport Skygate Shop 13 The Village Markets 1-5 The Circuit, Brisbane +61 7 3123 9255 directchemistoutlet.com.au

Photo: Gemma Garner

#### Post



There are several Australia Post offices located all over the town, where stamps can be bought, and where mail and packages can be sent

from.

Photo: Andy Fuchs Address: Australia Post - Brisbane GPO, 261 Queen Street, Brisbane Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-5pm, Sat 9am-12:30pm, Sun closed Phone: +61 13 13 18

#### Taxi



Uber, Ola, DiDi, Shebah and GoCatch ridesharing apps are used in Brisbane. Rates vary with the actual locations, traffic conditions, time of

day and the route chosen. Save on fares by sharing a Maxi-taxi from special ranks in the CBD and in the Valley. Wheelchair accessible taxis are available. At night, secure ranks operate in the CBD, the Valley and Caxton Street.

Black & White Cabs: +61 13 32 22 Yellow Cabs: +61 13 19 24

Photo: Taxi

### Telephone



Country code: +61 Queensland area code: 07

Photo: Jardson Almeida

### Electricity



Australia operates on a 230/240V supply voltage and 50Hz frequency. The country uses Type I power plugs, which feature two flat pins

forming a 'V' shape, along with a grounding pin. This standard is also commonly used in New Zealand, Argentina, China, and several Pacific island nations. Remember to pack a universal adapter if your devices use a different plug type

### to ensure hassle-free charging.

Photo: Mitchell Luo/unsplash

**Population** 2.6 million (2022)

**Currency** Australian Dollar (AUD) \$1 = 100 cents

**Opening hours** City retailers trade Monday to Thursday 9am–6 pm, Friday 9am–9pm, Saturday & Sunday 9am–5pm

Internet www.visitbrisbane.com.au

#### Newspapers

The Courier Mail — www.couriermail.com.au Queensland Times — qt.com.au Brisbane Times — www.brisbanetimes.com.au

**Emergency numbers** 

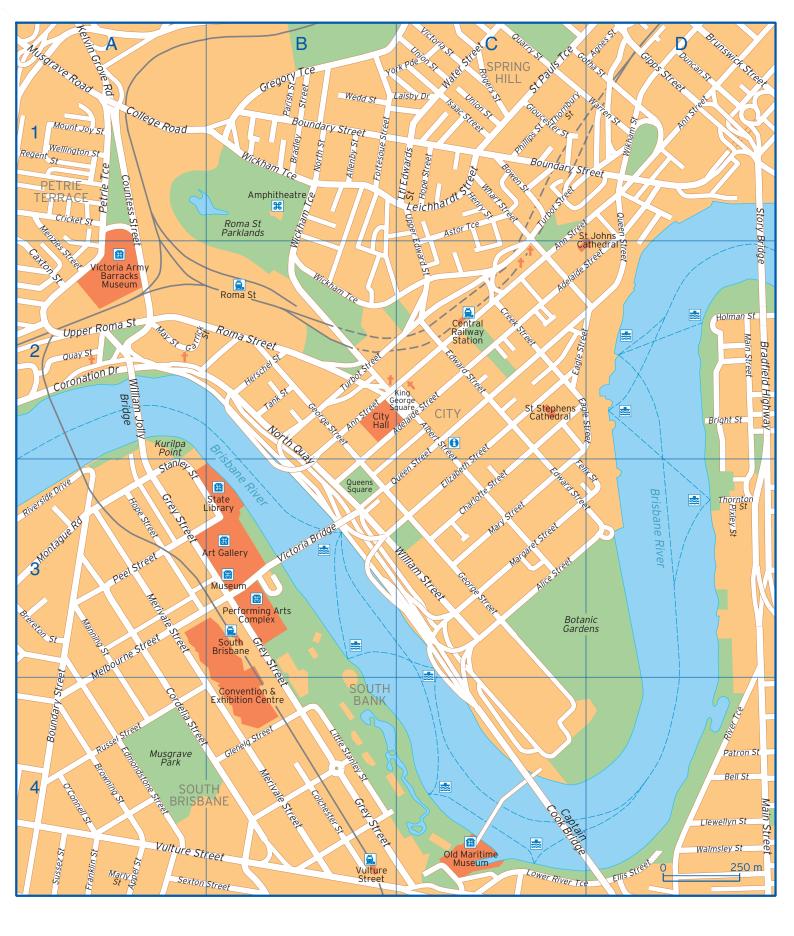
Police, fire, ambulance: 000 Poisons Information: +61 13 11 26

#### **Tourist information**

Brisbane Visitor Information and Booking Centre The Regent, 167 Queen Street Mall, Brisbane +61 7 3006 6290 visit@brisbanemarketing.com.au

Open Mon–Fri 9am–4pm, Sat & Sun 10am–4pm. Closed: Christmas, New Years Day, Good Friday and Anzac Day





Adelaide Street	B2 C2 D2	Gipps Street	D1	Phillips Street	C1
Agnes Street	D1	Glenelg Street	B4	Pixley Street	D3
Albert Street	C2 C3	Gloucester Street	C1	Quarry Street	C1
Alice Street	C3	Gotha Street	C1 D1	Quay Street	A2
Allenby Street	B1	Gregory Tce	B1	Queen Street	B3 C2 D1 D2
Ann Street	B2 C2 D1	Grey Street	A3 B3 B4	Queens Square	B3
Appel Street	A4	Henry Street	C1	Regent Street	A1
Astor Tce	C1	Herschel Street	B2	River Tce	D4
Bell Street	D4	Holman Street	D2	Riverside Drive	A3
Boundary Street	A4 B1 C1 D1	Hope Street	A3 C1	Rogers Street	C1
Bowen Street	C1	Isaac Street	C1	Roma Street	B2
Bradfield Highway	D2	Kelvin Grove Road	A1	Russel Street	A4
Bradley Street	B1	King George Square	B2 C2	Saint Pauls Tce	C1
Brereton Street	A3	Laisby Drive	B1 C1	Sexton Street	A4 B4
Bright Street	D2	Leichhardt Street	C1	Stanley Street	A3
Browning Street	A4	Little Edwards Street	C1	Story Bridge	D1 D2
Brunswick Street	D1	Little Stanley Street	B4	Sussez Street	A4
Captain Cook Bridge	C4	Llewellyn Street	D4	Tank Street	B2
Caxton Street	A2	Lower River Tce	C4 D4	Thornbury Street	C1
Charlotte Street	C3	Main Street	D2 D4	Thornton Street	D3
Colchester Street	B4	Manning Street	A3	Turbot Street	B2 C1
College Road	A1	Margaret Street	C3	Union Street	C1
Cordelia Street	A4	Marly Street	A4	Upper Edward Street	C1 C2
Coronation Drive	A2	Mary Street	C3	Upper Roma Street	A2
Countess Street	A1 A2	May Street	A2	Victoria Bridge	B3
Creek Street	C2	Melbourne Street	A3 A4	Victoria Street	C1
Cricket Street	A1	Menzies Street	A1 A2	Vulture Street	A4 B4
Duncan Street	D1	Merivale Street	A3 B4	Walmsley Street	D4
Eagle Street	C2 D2	Montague Road	A3	Warren Street	D1
Edmondstone Street	A4	Mount Joy Street	A1	Water Street	C1
Edward Street	C2 C3 D3	Musgrave Road	A1	Wedd Street	B1
Elizabeth Street	C2 C3	North Quay	B2 B3	Wellington Street	A1
Ellis Street	D4	North Street	B1	Wharf Street	C1
Felix Street	C3 D3	O'Connell Street	A4	Wickham Tce	B1 B2
Fortesoue Street	B1	Parish Street	B1	Wikham Street	D1
Franklin Street	A4	Patron Street	D4	William Jolly Bridge	A2
Garrick Street	A2	Peel Street	A3	William Street	B3 C3
George Street	B2 C3	Petrie Tce	A1	York Pde	B1 C1
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