



BRISBANE

AUSTRALIA

Pocket Guide

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About Brisbane

Brisbane is Australia's third largest city and the capital of Queensland.

After Sydney and Melbourne, Brisbane is Australia's most visited city.

People flock to Brisbane to enjoy the warm weather and the stunning beaches of the Gold Coast and the Sunshine Coast. They are easily accessible from the city.

Queensland is known as the sunshine state of Australia and when the weather cools in southern states, it's still warm, sunny and beautiful in Brisbane.

Brisbane is also a cultural centre and a transport hub.

Make sure you stop for few days If you find yourself passing through Brisbane on the way to the Whitsunday Islands, the Great Barrier Reef or Cairns in far north Queensland.

Basics

- Visit Anytime – Ideal seasons: Winter (June to August)
- Stay duration: 3+ Days
- Currency: AUD\$ Australian Dollars
- Budget: AUD \$100 - \$200+ per day
- Getting to Brisbane:

Brisbane International Airport is the main point of entry.

Travel by Taxi or Uber, train or shuttle bus from the airport to the CBD

Travel directly to the Gold Coast by bus from the Airport

Travel Interstate by road, train, bus, air

Tips

- Use the **FREE City Hopper Ferry** & the **FREE City Loop Bus** in the CBD
- Using public transport will save you money
- Taxis are expensive. Uber is often a cheaper option
- Free Wi-Fi is common
- Buy a SIM Card for the most reliable internet access
- Electricity: 3 pin plug type I
- Tap water is safe to drink
- Save \$ by packing a picnic lunch & refilling your water bottle

Highlights

Top Things to Do

- Wander along the Promenade in the Southbank Parklands and enjoy the riverside views. Stop for a swim at Streets Beach and browse the weekend markets
- Visit the Arts Precinct – Museums & Art Galleries are FREE. For a fee, you can book a ticket to the latest Music Theatre show at the Brisbane Performing Arts Centre.
- Stroll through the city centre past heritage buildings
- Shop in Queen Street Mall
- Catch the free City Hopper Ferry to get around
- Cruise on the Brisbane River
- Cuddle a koala at the Lone Pine Koala sanctuary. Cruise down the Brisbane river to Fig Tree Pocket and the Koala sanctuary
- Spend a day at the world-famous Australia Zoo. Watch a show at the “Crocosseum” and enjoy an encounter with your favourite animal for the best wildlife experience*
- Relax in the City Botanic Gardens, enjoy the beautiful Roma Street Gardens and visit the Brisbane Botanic Gardens at Mt. Coot-tha
- Enjoy sweeping city views from the heritage-listed Mt Coot-tha lookout
- Dance the night away in Fortitude Valley
- Go rock climbing or Abseiling at Kangaroo Point cliffs
- Discover the New Farm River Walk
- Escape the city and visit the Gold Coast to relax on the golden sands of Surfers Paradise
- Hike in the beautiful Springbrook and Tamborine National Parks or around Glasshouse Mountain.

Top Places to Visit

- Brisbane Southbank
- The Brisbane Arts Precinct – Museums and Art Galleries are FREE to visit
- Queen Street Mall
- King George Square, the Clock Tower & City Hall
- Customs House
- Parliament House
- The Treasury
- James Street Fortitude Valley
- Brisbane City Botanical Gardens
- The Roma Street Parklands
- The Brisbane Botanical Gardens & Mount Coo-tha Lookout
- Lone Pine Koala sanctuary
- Australia Zoo
- Surfers Paradise on the Gold Coast
- Noosa Heads on the Sunshine Coast

Where to Stay in Brisbane

Brisbane has some great accommodation options for budget, mid-range and luxury travel. If you're on a budget, the **Brisbane City YHA** is a great option and there is a choice of mid-range hotels near the CBD and the Roma Street Parklands. For a luxury visit, consider staying in at **The Treasury**. It's a beautiful old heritage building in the centre of the city beside the Brisbane River.

Where to Eat & Drink

Some of the best cafes and restaurants in Brisbane can be found in:

- Southbank
- The CBD
- Fortitude Valley

Brisbane is also the home of the **lamington**, a traditional Australian cake made from vanilla sponge coated in sweet chocolate and coconut. Named after Lord Lamington, a former Governor of Queensland, Brisbane is the perfect place to enjoy a lamington served with a cup of tea.

My Recommendations

Brisbane is a busy, energetic city & a great place to visit. Brisbane's lovely river side location, tropical gardens and heritage buildings are its most attractive features. Catching the **free City Hopper Ferry** and **City Loop Bus** to get around is a great idea.

I loved visiting the **Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary** & holding a koala was highlight for me. Brisbane is one of the few places in Australia where you can actually cuddle a koala

Australia Zoo was also a lot of fun to visit and the animal encounters let you get up close and personal with your favourite animal. I got to feed a VERY tall giraffe and it was so much fun!

Brisbane has some great **Art Galleries** and museums that are free to visit and have a lovely riverside location.

Sun, sand & surf are not far away so make the time to visit the stunning beaches of the **Gold Coast** and the **Sunshine Coast**. Spend some time relaxing & swimming at **Surfer's Paradise, Noosa Heads** or find another gorgeous beach. There are so many beautiful beaches to choose from nearby.

Enjoying the sun is one of the main reasons Australians love to visit Brisbane, the capital of Queensland in the sunshine state of Australia.

A close-up photograph of a koala clinging to a tree trunk. The koala is covered in thick, grey fur and is holding onto the tree with its black claws. It is surrounded by green eucalyptus leaves. The background is slightly blurred, showing more of the tree and some distant foliage.

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