



CITY GUIDE

BRISBANE QUEENSLAND

Located on the winding Brisbane River, you can kayak past the glittering skyline at night or take in the breathtaking panorama of the city from the top of the Story Bridge. Brisbane also boasts first class wining and dining and some great visitor attractions.

In between tests, drive the Great Sunshine Way to the Gold Coast, Fraser Island and Noosa or follow the Pacific Coast Touring Route all the way north to Cairns and the World Heritage-listed Great Barrier Reef.



DID YOU KNOW?

- > Brisbane is the third largest city in Australia with a population of 2 million people.
- > The state capital of Queensland, Brisbane is Australia's northernmost east-coast capital.
- > The city was named after a Scot – Sir Thomas Makdougall Brisbane, who was a noted astronomer and sixth Governor of New South Wales from 1821 to 1825.
- > Brisbane's South Bank was opened in 1988, when the city played host to the World Expo.
- > There are 19 Brisbane city cats traversing the River, each named after an Aboriginal Place, except for one, named the Spirit of Brisbane in recognition of the 2011 flood recovery volunteers.
- > Brisbane's Story Bridge opened on 6 July 1940, after taking 5 years to construct.

THERE'S NOTHING LIKE...

- > Climbing the Story Bridge. One of only three bridge climbs in the world, you can choose to climb at dawn, during the day, twilight or night for fantastic vistas across the city.
- > Cuddling a Koala. With over 130 koalas Lone Pine is the world's first and largest Koala Sanctuary where you can get up close and personal with the sleepy creatures and hand feed kangaroos.
- > Kayaking and rock climbing on the Brisbane River. Take in the city by water as you paddle along or step over the edge of the 20m high Kangaroo Point Cliffs and take a thrilling abseil down.
- > Visiting six vineyards by Helicopter. Sit back and relax as you literally drop into six stunning vineyards on this unique wine tour along the Scenic Rim.
- > The Brisbane Art scene. The Gallery of Modern Art is the largest of its kind in Australia and home to The Cai Guo Qiang exhibition until May 2014 showcasing large scale installations by one of the world's leading contemporary artists.
- > Sailing in Moreton Bay. Enjoy being out on the water? Then head to the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron at Manly every Wednesday afternoon and join a crew for a free sail. The Wynnum Manly Yacht Club also invites members of the public to pop down on a Sunday. Register, and if there's space on the boat, you can experience life as a crew member.



ON THE DOORSTEP. DON'T MISS...

- > Moreton Bay & Islands. Accessible by ferry in just over an hour, the long stretches of white sandy beach are ideal for soaking up the sun and island activities such as snorkelling, quad-biking, sand tobogganing, whale watching and dolphin feeding.
- > The Sunshine Coast. Less than a two hour drive from Brisbane, the breathtaking scenery and natural landscape make this area the ideal place for outdoor pursuits. Try the Sunshine Coast Hinterland Great Walk, 58 kilometres of trails traversing Maleny, and the Kondalilla and Mapleton Falls National Parks.
- > The Gold Coast. An hour's drive from Brisbane, this is Australia's playground for entertainment, adventure and adrenaline. Head to Surfers Paradise for a surfing lesson, or spend an evening discovering the vibrant nightlife.

WORTH THE FLIGHT TO...

- > The Whitsundays. Just a 90 minute flight from Brisbane and you can hop between any of the 74 islands which make up the collection. Relax on the beach or get active in the water with the huge range of sailing, diving and snorkelling tours.
- > Cairns and the Great Barrier Reef. For nature and wildlife lovers, Cairns in northern Queensland is the ideal destination. Just a two hour flight from Brisbane, this is the only place in the world where two UNESCO World Heritage Sites meet, the Daintree Rainforest and Great Barrier Reef offer an abundance of wildlife and adventure.



DID YOU KNOW?

- > The Story Bridge has a particular significance in that it was the first such bridge to be entirely designed and built in Australia by Australians, using Australian materials.



A PLACE TO CELEBRATE OR COMMISERATE

THE NORMAN HOTEL

Hailed as Brisbane's 'worst vegetarian restaurant' the meat drips over the plate as you'd expect it to be served up in the outback! The perfect example of a country pub – smack bang in the city.

102 Ipswich Rd, Woolloongabba
www.normanhotel.com.au

FOXY BEAN

For those that appreciate wine and craft beer, stumble down to Foxy Bean. Head out to their backyard where you can relax on the grassy lawn.

896 Stanley Street East, Woolloongabba
www.foxybean.com.au

THE MORRISON HOTEL

The Morrison offers a choice of eight char-grilled steaks including a whopping 400g rib eye. For a truly Queensland taste, try some surf with your turf, and top with a slather of Moreton Bay Bugs.

640 Stanley Street, Woolloongabba
www.morrisonhotel.com.au

ARCHIVE BEER BOUTIQUE

Enjoy a modern Australian bistro menu to complement an all-round beer experience. Catering for the cricket fan who truly appreciates their beer this place is a city gem.

100 Boundary Street, West End, Brisbane
www.archivebeerboutique.com.au

BRISBANE POWERHOUSE

Built as a power station in 1940 and a culturally significant landmark, this Sunday afternoon favourite sits on the banks of the Brisbane River next to beautiful New Farm Park.

119 Lamington Street, New Farm
www.brisbanepowerhouse.org

THE CHALK HOTEL

The "Chalkie" is known for its chic modern bars offering a premium range of beverages and intimate areas to suit any style.

735 Stanley Street, Woolloongabba
www.chalkhotel.com.au

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