

7 days in Brisbane and beyond

Days of sunshine, nights of fun



Brisbane City Botanic Gardens



Curiosity Brisbane



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The capital of the sunshine state, Brisbane, is a city that warmly welcomes you! This lively city is always bursting with things to do - both outdoors in the sunshine and indoors in the cool. With a variety of arts, culture, entertainment, and natural sights to enjoy, this city is a must-see on any visit to Queensland.

1 Day one

Morning:

Grab a lovingly made coffee before exploring the **South Bank Cultural Precinct**; it's an easy walk across the quirky Kurilpa Bridge to the **Queensland Museum and Science Centre**, **Queensland Art Gallery and Gallery of Modern Art**, the **State Library of Queensland** and the **Queensland Performing Arts Centre**. Check local guides for exhibitions and performances.

Afternoon

Spend time in the South Bank Parklands enjoying the novelty of a beach with a city view and walking through lush gardens. The **Channel 7 Wheel of Brisbane** offers soaring views, while playgrounds keep the children happy, and restaurants and cafes satisfy everyone's appetite. With a busy calendar of events at the Parklands so there's every chance of encountering markets, music and street performers.

Evening

The best place to eat in Brisbane is invariably outdoors. Organise a **gourmet picnic basket** and savour the sunset from **Kangaroo Point cliffs** or discover **Howard Smith Wharves** - a sparkling new riverfront dining precinct beneath the Story Bridge.

Accommodation is plentiful and varied from hotels with views and room service, to self-contained apartments, to bed & breakfast experiences in elegant timber-and-tin homes.

2 Day two

Morning/ Afternoon:

Time for the beach, without troubling with traffic. **Moreton Island** is 75 minutes along the river and across the bay. Its white beaches and clear waters are a tropical paradise on the city's doorstep. In August and September, watch for migrating humpback whales. Experience the island with a **Tangalooma Day Tour**, spending a day snorkeling, sand-tobogganing, 4WD touring and even dolphin feeding.

Dolphin Wild Tours also offers Moreton Island snorkelling experiences. Explore the shipwrecks, meet turtles, rays and friendly wobbegong sharks and still have plenty of beach time.

Evening

Reminisce about the day's adventures over dinner in one of the casual restaurants in and around the city.

3 Day three

Morning / Afternoon:

There's a lot to love and love about Brisbane and one of the best ways to discover it is on a **Brisbane Greeters Tour**. A popular initiative by Brisbane City Council, these free tours are led by local people who love their city and are eager to share it; tours run most days and bookings are essential. It's a wonderful way to explore Brisbane's architecture, gardens, food and history.

Set aside the afternoon for shopping. The **Queen Street Mall** in the heart of the city, is a buzzing mix of more than 700 stores. Luxury outlets are dotted along Edward and Queen Streets with Tattersalls Arcade home to some gems. Or head for tree-lined **James St** in New Farm for independent, local and designer stores.

Evening

Treat your palate to a night out at **Brisbane City Winery**, which uses grapes from Australia's key growing regions to create wines of character and complexity just minutes from the city centre. Dine at the Winery's signature restaurant enjoying local produce cooked over an open fire.



Did you know?

The **South Bank Parklands** occupies the site of World Expo 88, part of the 1988 Bicentennial celebrations which introduced Brisbane to the world. Tour yourself or join a **Brisbane Greeters** tour to explore the 17-hectare (42 acre) Parklands, which now includes a lagoon, dining and entertainment precincts and the Wheel of Brisbane. Make sure you get a picture with the iconic 3D 'BRISBANE' sign, commissioned for the 2014 G20 Summit to celebrate the cultural diversity of the Greater Brisbane Region.


Queensland's capital, Brisbane, is a vibrant city with no end of interesting and exciting things to do that make the most of its 300 sunny days a year. The sub-tropical climate draws people outside, into riverside parks, to alfresco cafes or to the beaches of the islands just a seashell's throw away.

 **7 Days
6 Nights**


Weather

 Average temperature 27°C (81°F) Summer months, October to March 22°C (72°F) Winter months, April to September

How to get there and get around

 The city centre is 25 minutes by car from Brisbane Airport. Buses, trains, taxis and rideshares serve the city and suburbs.

Traveller type

 Family, couple, solo

Flora & fauna calendar

 **Birdlife**
Cockatoos, kookaburras, lorikeets year-round

 **Jacaranda trees**
In bloom October-November

Best time to visit

Brisbane enjoys a sub-tropical climate with minimal rainfall in winter months, June - August.

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Morning/ Afternoon:

The **Gold Coast hinterland**, is just a 45 minute drive from the city centre and a magnet for walkers and nature-lovers. Southern Cross Day Tours is a family run company which delights in showing visitors the rainforests, streams and quaint villages of Tamborine Mountain, Lamington and Springbrook National Parks.

If you're craving more sea and sand, consider a day trip to **North Stradbroke Island** (Minjerribah) with River to Bay tours. Board at either the city Botanic Gardens or Northshore Harbour and within an hour you'll arrive at the island hamlet of Dunwich before exploring the bushland, beaches and rocky headlands of Amity Point, Cylinder Beach and Point Lookout.

Evening

For dinner tonight, try one of Brisbane's iconic pubs for a serious steak, or locally caught, expertly cooked fish. The **Port Office Hotel** has been a favourite of city workers since 1864.

5 Day five

Morning/Afternoon

Wake up to wonder with an early-morning hot air balloon flight with **Floating Images**. Owner and veteran pilot Graeme Day will expertly guide his beautiful balloon, taking in views of southeast Queensland's diverse landscape from the city, across the suburbs and towards the Ipswich, Scenic Rim and Somerset regions. Flights depart from Ipswich, 30 minutes west of Brisbane.

In the afternoon, experience the city from its river with a **Brisbane City River Lunch Cruise**. Board the classic timber vessel MV Neptune and take in the sights accompanied by expert commentary. Disembarking at the iconic **Breakfast Creek Hotel**, you'll soon understand why 'Breaky Creek's' steaks are so well-loved; if you still have an appetite, a Devonshire tea will be served during the cruise back to the city.

Evening

For something different, wander the inner-city suburb of West End where Boundary offers everything from Greek souvlaki to Indonesian Nasi Goreng to Japanese Gyoza and Yakitori.

6 Day six

Morning/Afternoon

Today it's the Somerset Valley's time to shine. **Eco Safaris** offer a gourmet tour of this rolling farmland, 90 minutes west of the city. Taste locally sourced food and wines while enjoying the scenery of the region. You'll meet super-friendly locals and come away with a real sense of the Queensland character.

Evening

Try **Caxton Street** on the edge of the CBD. Home to Brisbane's Suncorp Stadium, there's plenty of places to eat, from burgers to Spanish tapas to seafood platters.

7 Day seven

Morning/Afternoon

Say goodbye to Brisbane from the top of the iconic Story Bridge with **Story Bridge Adventure Climb**. You'll see the city close-up, the mountains to the south and west, and east across Moreton Bay, to its islands and beyond.

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Local Tip

Brisbane has a reputation as Queensland's koala-cuddle capital, and one of the best places to see them up close is **Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary**. Brisbane locals have been loving their wildlife park in the evocatively named suburb of Fig Tree Pocket for more than 70 years, and getting there by river cruise makes it even more special.



Must see and do

Get your bearings from the lookout on **Mt Coot-tha**, the highest point in Brisbane. Wander through 56 hectares (138 acres) of sub-tropical Botanic Gardens at the base of the mountain.



Food

The Prawnster, moored in Dockside Marina at Kangaroo Point, serves up fresh prawns, Moreton Bay bugs and oysters with river views and fresh air on the deck of a decommissioned trawler.

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