

Brisbane Travel Guide

Brisbane: Australia's Vibrant River City
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Things to do in Brisbane

Landmarks & Monuments

Brisbane's iconic structures that define the city skyline and tell its history. From historic bridges to modern landmarks, these are the must-see spots that capture the city's essence.



Must See Book Ahead
Story Bridge
1-2 hours Book Ahead



Map

Brisbane's most iconic landmark completed in 1940. This historic bridge offers **breathtaking views** of the city and river. Climb the bridge via Story Bridge Adventure Climb for panoramic vistas, or simply walk across to experience the engineering marvel up close.



Must See
South Bank Parklands - Ferris Wheel
30 minutes No Booking Needed



Map

The **iconic Ferris wheel** at South Bank provides 360-degree city and river views. Located in Australia's largest urban parkland, it's surrounded by gardens, museums, and dining. Perfect for sunrise or sunset rides.



Top Pick
City Hall
1-1.5 hours No Booking Needed



Map

A magnificent Edwardian Baroque building completed in 1930, featuring **ornate architecture** and a clock tower visible from the city. Visit the museum exhibitions or attend cultural events. The observation deck offers stunning city views.

Tips for Landmarks & Monuments

- Visit Story Bridge at sunset for the best photography
- City Hall has free admission to the building and clock tower
- South Bank Ferris Wheel tickets can be purchased at the gate or online
- Combine these landmarks with museum visits for a full day



Museums & Galleries

Brisbane's world-class cultural institutions showcasing art, history, and natural sciences. From contemporary galleries to interactive museums, immerse yourself in Australian and international culture.



Top Pick

Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA)

2-3 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Australia's largest gallery dedicated to modern and contemporary art featuring **Australian and international works**. The striking architecture and riverside location make it a cultural hub. Free general admission, temporary exhibitions may require tickets.



Top Pick

Queensland Museum

2-4 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Explore **natural history, dinosaurs, Queensland heritage**, and interactive exhibits. The museum features extensive collections from paleontology to Pacific cultures. Free general admission with additional fees for special exhibitions.



Notable

QAGOMA Collections at South Bank

1.5-3 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Sister institution to GOMA housing extensive **Australian art collections**, indigenous art, and decorative arts. Occupies the beautiful 1982 building overlooking the parklands with café and shop facilities.

Tips for Museums & Galleries

- Many museums offer free general admission
- Check websites for temporary exhibition times
- Combine GOMA and QAG visits as they're adjacent
- Weekday visits are less crowded than weekends
- Most museums have excellent cafés



Parks & Gardens

Brisbane's lush green spaces offer respite from urban life. From manicured botanic gardens to sprawling parklands, discover tranquil havens and scenic outdoor areas perfect for relaxation and recreation.



Must See

South Bank Parklands

2-4 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Brisbane's **largest and most popular urban park** spanning 17 hectares. Features gardens, museums, cultural venues, dining options, and beaches. The artificial beach is perfect for swimming year-round with lifeguards on duty.



Top Pick

City Botanic Gardens

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Historic **19-hectare botanic gardens** established in 1855 featuring native and exotic plants, peaceful lakes, and heritage trees. Walking trails wind through landscaped sections including rose gardens and tropical rainforest displays.



Top Pick

Mount Coot-tha Lookout

1.5 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Perched 105 meters above Brisbane offering **360-degree panoramic views** of the city, Brisbane River, and surrounding ranges. The lookout features a café, picnic areas, and Aboriginal heritage interpretive displays.

Tips for Parks & Gardens

- South Bank Beach has patrolled swimming October-April
- Botanic Gardens are free entry with peaceful walking paths
- Visit Mount Coot-tha at sunset for spectacular views
- Bring water and sun protection for outdoor explorations



Religious Sites

Brisbane's sacred spaces and heritage structures reflect the city's diverse cultural and spiritual heritage. From historic churches to contemporary religious buildings, these sites offer insight into the community's values.



Top Pick

St. John's Cathedral

45 minutes No Booking Needed



Map

An impressive **Gothic Revival cathedral** with stunning stonework and architecture. Begun in 1901, the cathedral features beautiful stained glass, intricate woodwork, and guided tours explaining its religious and architectural significance.



Notable

South Bank Precinct Heritage Walk

1-1.5 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Self-guided heritage walk showcasing **historic colonial buildings** and heritage sites. Features interpretive signage explaining Brisbane's cultural development, indigenous heritage, and historic preservation efforts.

Tips for Religious Sites

- St. John's Cathedral offers regular services and welcomes visitors
- Heritage walks are free and self-guided
- Many sites have information boards with historical context



Neighborhoods & Districts

Brisbane's distinct neighborhoods each offer unique character, dining, shopping, and entertainment. From bohemian West End to cultural Fortitude Valley, explore diverse communities that define the city's personality.



Top Pick

Fortitude Valley

2-3 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Brisbane's trendy cultural and entertainment precinct featuring galleries, street art, boutiques, bars, and restaurants. Once a historic warehouse district, now a vibrant area with weekly markets, live music venues, and independent retailers.



Top Pick

West End

2-3 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Brisbane's **bohemian heart** featuring vintage shops, eclectic restaurants, art spaces, and cultural venues. Known for its diverse community, live music scene, and alternative culture. Weekend markets showcase local artists and crafts.



Notable

Paddington

1.5-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Charming hillside suburb with **historic Queenslander houses, boutique shops, cafés, and galleries**. Popular with locals for its village atmosphere, weekend markets, and proximity to parkland walks. Excellent dining options and independent fashion retailers.

Tips for Neighborhoods & Districts

- Fortitude Valley markets run every weekend
- West End has vibrant nightlife and music venues
- Paddington markets operate on weekends
- Each neighborhood has distinct personality and dining scenes



Tours & Activities

Guided experiences and interactive activities offering curated insights into Brisbane's attractions. From river cruises to adventure activities, discover the city with expert local guides.



Must See

Book Ahead

Story Bridge Adventure Climb

1.5-2 hours Book Ahead

Guided climb to the top of Story Bridge experiencing 360-degree views from 80 meters high. Professional guides provide historical commentary and photography opportunities. Available for adults and children with age restrictions.



Top Pick

Book Ahead

Brisbane River Cruises

1-3 hours Book Ahead

Scenic cruises along the Brisbane River with commentary on landmarks and city history. Options include daytime sightseeing cruises, sunset cruises, and dinner cruises. Views of Story Bridge, South Bank, and riverside attractions from the water.



Top Pick

Book Ahead

Aboriginal Heritage Tours

1-2 hours Book Ahead

Educational tours exploring indigenous Aboriginal culture and connections to Brisbane's landscape. Guides share dreaming stories, traditional uses of plants, and cultural significance of local sites. Located throughout the city and at South Bank.

Tips for Tours & Activities

- Book river cruises in advance during peak season
- Story Bridge climbs available morning, afternoon, and sunset
- Aboriginal tours provide important cultural context
- Many tours include professional photography guides



Day Trips & Excursions

Nearby destinations accessible from Brisbane offering diverse experiences. From coastal beaches to rainforest hikes, expand your journey beyond the city limits.



Must See Book Ahead

Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary

2-4 hours Book Ahead



Map

Australia's most famous wildlife facility located 15 minutes from Brisbane CBD. Cuddle koalas, hand-feed kangaroos, and interact with native Australian animals including platypuses, dingoes, and Tasmanian devils. Educational keeper talks throughout the day.



Top Pick Book Ahead

Moreton Island

Full day Book Ahead



Map

Island paradise 40 minutes by ferry featuring pristine beaches, tangalooma shipwrecks for diving, sandboarding dunes, and dolphin feeding. Resort facilities and day-trip options available with various activity packages.



Notable

Tamboram Valley Hiking

2-3 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Scenic hiking destination 40 minutes north featuring rainforest walks, lookout points, and refreshing swimming holes. Several difficulty levels available with spectacular views over the valley. Perfect for nature lovers and photographers.

Tips for Day Trips & Excursions

- Lone Pine is perfect for families with young children
- Book Moreton Island ferry tickets online for discounts
- Hiking trips should include water, sunscreen, and proper footwear
- Island trips best on calm weather days



Food & Dining

Real, highly-rated Restaurants in Brisbane, sourced from Google Places (rating above 4★).

Must See

Exhibition Restaurant★★★★ 4.9 (392)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Exhibition Restaurant is a highly-rated restaurant in Brisbane, rated 4.9★ from 392 reviews. Located at Basement 2/109 Edward St, Brisbane City QLD 4000, Australia.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: 5:30 – 10:00 PM
- Wednesday: 5:30 – 10:00 PM
- Thursday: 5:30 – 10:00 PM
- Friday: 5:30 – 10:00 PM
- Saturday: 5:30 – 10:00 PM
- Sunday: Closed

Must See

Longwang Restaurant★★★★ 4.8 (2,080)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Longwang Restaurant is a highly-rated restaurant in Brisbane, rated 4.8★ from 2080 reviews. Located at 144 Edward St, Brisbane City QLD 4000, Australia.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM
- Tuesday: 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM
- Wednesday: 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM
- Thursday: 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM
- Friday: 11:00 AM – 9:30 PM
- Saturday: 11:00 AM – 9:30 PM
- Sunday: 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM



Must See

Opa Bar & Mezze★★★★★ 4.8 (4,011)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Opa Bar & Mezze is a highly-rated restaurant in Brisbane, rated 4.8★ from 4011 reviews. Located at 123 Eagle St, Brisbane City QLD 4000, Australia.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 11:00 AM – 9:30 PM
- Tuesday: 11:00 AM – 9:30 PM
- Wednesday: 11:00 AM – 9:30 PM
- Thursday: 11:00 AM – 9:30 PM
- Friday: 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Saturday: 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Sunday: 11:00 AM – 9:30 PM

Must See

Stilts Dining★★★★★ 4.8 (968)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Stilts Dining is a highly-rated restaurant in Brisbane, rated 4.8★ from 968 reviews. Located at 147E Alice St, Brisbane City QLD 4000, Australia.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 11:00 AM – 9:30 PM
- Tuesday: 11:00 AM – 9:30 PM
- Wednesday: 11:00 AM – 9:30 PM
- Thursday: 11:00 AM – 9:30 PM
- Friday: 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Saturday: 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Sunday: 11:00 AM – 9:30 PM

Must See

LONGTIME DINING★★★★★ 4.8 (4,646)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

LONGTIME DINING is a highly-rated restaurant in Brisbane, rated 4.8★ from 4646 reviews. Located at L1, UL02/226 Queen St, Brisbane City QLD 4000, Australia.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 11:30 AM – 9:00 PM
- Tuesday: 11:30 AM – 9:00 PM
- Wednesday: 11:30 AM – 9:00 PM
- Thursday: 11:30 AM – 9:00 PM
- Friday: 11:30 AM – 10:00 PM
- Saturday: 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Sunday: 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM



Must See

Rogue Bistro★★★★★ 4.8 (1,168)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Rogue Bistro is a highly-rated restaurant in Brisbane, rated 4.8★ from 1168 reviews. Located at 14 Austin St, Newstead QLD 4006, Australia.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: Closed
- Wednesday: 5:30 – 11:00 PM
- Thursday: 5:30 – 11:00 PM
- Friday: 5:30 – 11:00 PM
- Saturday: 5:00 – 11:00 PM
- Sunday: 5:00 – 11:00 PM

Must See

Clarence Restaurant★★★★★ 4.8 (354)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Clarence Restaurant is a highly-rated restaurant in Brisbane, rated 4.8★ from 354 reviews. Located at Unit 4/51 Fish Ln, South Brisbane QLD 4101, Australia.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 5:00 – 10:00 PM
- Tuesday: 5:00 – 10:00 PM
- Wednesday: 5:00 – 10:00 PM
- Thursday: 5:00 – 10:00 PM
- Friday: 12:00 – 11:00 PM
- Saturday: 12:00 – 11:00 PM
- Sunday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM

Must See

Dark Shepherd★★★★★ 4.7 (1,211)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Dark Shepherd is a highly-rated restaurant in Brisbane, rated 4.7★ from 1211 reviews. Located at The Star Brisbane, The Terrace, Level 4/33 William St, Brisbane City QLD 4000, Australia.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 11:00 AM – 9:30 PM
- Tuesday: 11:00 AM – 9:30 PM
- Wednesday: 11:00 AM – 9:30 PM
- Thursday: 11:00 AM – 9:30 PM
- Friday: 11:00 AM – 10:30 PM
- Saturday: 11:00 AM – 10:30 PM
- Sunday: 11:00 AM – 9:30 PM



Must See

Naldham House★★★★★ 4.7 (416)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Naldham House is a highly-rated restaurant in Brisbane, rated 4.7★ from 416 reviews. Located at 33 Felix St, Brisbane City QLD 4000, Australia.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 11:30 AM – 11:00 PM
- Tuesday: 11:30 AM – 11:00 PM
- Wednesday: 11:30 AM – 11:00 PM
- Thursday: 11:30 AM – 11:00 PM
- Friday: 11:30 AM – 11:00 PM
- Saturday: 11:30 AM – 11:00 PM
- Sunday: Closed

Must See

Massimo Restaurant & Bar★★★★★ 4.7 (4,097)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Massimo Restaurant & Bar is a highly-rated restaurant in Brisbane, rated 4.7★ from 4097 reviews. Located at 123 Eagle St, Brisbane City QLD 4000, Australia.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM
- Tuesday: 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM
- Wednesday: 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM
- Thursday: 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM
- Friday: 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Saturday: 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Sunday: 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM

Must See

Toscano Bar & Kitchen★★★★★ 4.7 (1,136)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Toscano Bar & Kitchen is a highly-rated restaurant in Brisbane, rated 4.7★ from 1136 reviews. Located at 2 Edward St, Brisbane City QLD 4000, Australia.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 12:00 – 9:00 PM
- Tuesday: 12:00 – 9:00 PM
- Wednesday: 12:00 – 9:00 PM
- Thursday: 12:00 – 9:00 PM
- Friday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Saturday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Sunday: 12:00 – 8:00 PM



Must See

Kickin'Inn Spring Hill★★★★★ 4.7 (11,122)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Kickin'Inn Spring Hill is a highly-rated restaurant in Brisbane, rated 4.7★ from 11122 reviews. Located at 477 Boundary St, Spring Hill QLD 4000, Australia.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Tuesday: 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Wednesday: 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Thursday: 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Friday: 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Saturday: 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Sunday: 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM

Must See

Patina at Customs House★★★★★ 4.6 (1,118)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Patina at Customs House is a highly-rated restaurant in Brisbane, rated 4.6★ from 1118 reviews. Located at Customs House, 399 Queen St, Brisbane City QLD 4000, Australia.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Wednesday: 10:30 AM – 10:00 PM
- Thursday: 10:30 AM – 10:00 PM
- Friday: 10:30 AM – 10:00 PM
- Saturday: 10:30 AM – 10:00 PM
- Sunday: 10:30 AM – 10:00 PM

Must See

La Vue Waterfront Restaurant★★★★★ 4.6 (844)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

La Vue Waterfront Restaurant is a highly-rated restaurant in Brisbane, rated 4.6★ from 844 reviews. Located at Unit 1/501 Queen St, Brisbane City QLD 4000, Australia.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 5:00 – 9:30 PM
- Tuesday: 5:00 – 9:30 PM
- Wednesday: 5:00 – 9:30 PM
- Thursday: 11:30 AM – 3:00 PM, 5:00 – 9:30 PM
- Friday: 11:30 AM – 3:00 PM, 5:00 – 9:30 PM
- Saturday: 5:00 – 9:30 PM
- Sunday: 11:30 AM – 3:00 PM, 5:00 – 9:30 PM



Top Pick

Chu The Phat★★★★★ 4.5 (3,354)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Chu The Phat is a highly-rated restaurant in Brisbane, rated 4.5★ from 3354 reviews. Located at 111 Melbourne St, South Brisbane QLD 4101, Australia.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 5:00 – 9:00 PM
- Tuesday: 12:00 – 3:00 PM, 5:00 – 9:00 PM
- Wednesday: 12:00 – 3:00 PM, 5:00 – 9:00 PM
- Thursday: 12:00 – 3:00 PM, 5:00 – 9:00 PM
- Friday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Saturday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Sunday: 12:00 – 9:00 PM

Practical Information

Best Time to Visit Brisbane

April-May (Autumn) and **September-November (Spring)** offer ideal conditions with comfortable temperatures between 18-27°C, lower humidity, and minimal rainfall. These months feature clear skies perfect for outdoor activities and sightseeing.

December-February (Summer) brings warm, humid weather (25-30°C) with tropical afternoon storms. Despite heat, this is holiday season with extended daylight and water activities popular.

June-August (Winter) offers cool, dry weather (10-21°C), excellent for walking tours and exploring, though some water activities are less popular. This shoulder season has fewer crowds.

Avoid: February-March can be uncomfortably hot and humid with higher cyclone risk. November can see late-season heat and humidity.

Getting Around Brisbane

Public Transport: TransLink operates buses, trains, and ferries throughout the city. Purchase Go Card (contactless smart card) at stations or use Opal card if coming from Sydney. Single tickets vary \$2.70-\$4.80 AUD depending on zones.

Ferries: CityHopper ferries are free on most routes within the city center and offer scenic transport along the Brisbane River. Excellent for reaching South Bank and Lone Pine.

Taxis & Ride-Sharing: Uber, local taxis, and ride-sharing services operate throughout the city. Typical CBD rides \$15-25 AUD. Taxis can be hailed on street or booked via phone.

Car Rental: International visitors can use home country license. Major rental companies at airport. Driving is left-hand side. Parking available but CBD can be congested during peak hours.

Cycling: Brisbane has extensive bike paths and flat terrain. Bike share programs available. Many attractions offer bike parking.

➔ Airport Transfer

Brisbane Airport (BNE) to city center:

- **Airtrain:** Direct rail to Central Station in about 22 minutes, roughly AUD 21 one way
- **Rideshare (Uber/Ola):** About 25 to 35 minutes to the CBD depending on traffic, typically AUD 35 to 50



- **Taxi:** Metered fare to the city center in around 25 minutes, usually AUD 45 to 60
- **Private transfer:** Pre booked door to door car service to the CBD in about 25 minutes, from around AUD 90

Shopping in Brisbane

Shopping Districts: Queen Street Mall offers major department stores and international brands. Fortitude Valley features independent boutiques, street art, and local designers. West End and Paddington have vintage shops, craft stores, and artisan retailers.

Markets: Brisbane Powerhouse Markets (Fortitude Valley) run weekends with produce, crafts, and fashion. Paddington Markets feature handmade goods and vintage items. South Bank Parklands has weekend craft markets.

Malls: Westfield Shopping Centre and The Lanes Brisbane offer premium shopping. David Jones and Myer are major department stores.

Australian Products: Look for Akubra hats, Driza-Bone jackets, Aboriginal art, opal jewelry, and boomerangs as authentic souvenirs. Most galleries and cultural centers stock quality local art.

Hours: Most shops open 9am-5pm weekdays, 9am-5pm weekends. Many restaurants and bars open until late. Some Sunday closures in suburbs.

Festivals & Events

January-February: Australia Day (January 26) celebrations with fireworks and events. Brisbane Festival Summer features outdoor performances.

March-April: Brisbane Festival (August actually - updated) features diverse performances, exhibitions, and events across the city.

May-June: Materiality Festival, local film festivals, and live music events throughout venues.

July-August: Winter festival season with outdoor film screenings at South Bank. Multiple theaters host performing arts.

September-November: Spring Racing Carnival, Ekka (Royal Queensland Show), outdoor markets and garden festivals.

October: Oktoberfest celebrations at various venues. Cultural festivals celebrating diverse communities.

December: Christmas festivities, carols by candlelight, New Year's Eve celebrations with fireworks over South Bank and Story Bridge. Summer season entertainment begins.

Sample Day Itineraries

Day 1: Historic Brisbane

Start with breakfast in a South Bank café. Visit **City Hall** (9:30am) for architecture and tower views. Walk to **St. John's Cathedral** for heritage tour. Lunch in CBD. Climb the **Story Bridge** (2pm, book ahead). Sunset at **Mount Coot-tha Lookout**. Dinner in Fortitude Valley.

Day 2: Culture & Art

Morning at **Gallery of Modern Art** (10am, free entry). Lunch at South Bank. Afternoon exploring **Queensland Museum** (1:30pm) dinosaurs and collections. Visit **South Bank Parklands** gardens and lake walks. Swim at South Bank Beach. Dinner with river views.

Day 3: Nature & Wildlife

Day trip to **Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary** (book transport package). Cuddle koalas and hand-feed kangaroos. Watch keeper talks. Lunch on-site. Return afternoon for sunset walk at **City Botanic Gardens**. Evening exploring West End galleries and restaurants.



Day 4: Neighborhoods & Local Life

Brunch at **Paddington** café with village atmosphere. Browse boutiques and galleries. Lunch at local favorite. Afternoon in **West End** exploring street art, vintage shops, and independent retailers. Visit weekend markets if available. Evening live music in Fortitude Valley.

Day 5: Island Adventure

Ferry to **Moreton Island** (early departure). Snorkel at shipwrecks or relax on pristine beaches. Lunch at island resort. Sandboard on dunes. Dolphin feeding at sunset. Return ferry afternoon. Final night dinner overlooking Brisbane River.

Best Photography Locations

Story Bridge: Iconic structure best photographed from **South Bank Parklands** at golden hour or from the river. Night photography captures illuminated bridge beautifully. Bridge climb offers unique overhead perspectives.

South Bank Parklands: Ferris wheel reflection in lagoon at sunrise (5:30-6:30am). Museum and gallery architecture with parkland backgrounds. Beach area with river backdrop at sunset.

Mount Coot-tha Lookout: Panoramic city skyline views best at **sunset (5-6:30pm)** with warm light. Clear morning photography (7-9am) for cityscape details. Night shots show city lights beautifully.

Brisbane River: Pedestrian bridges and riverbanks offer dynamic perspectives. CBD skyline reflection in water during calm mornings. Ferry rides provide moving platform for unique angles.

Fortitude Valley: Street art and historic buildings at 9-11am for soft directional light. Markets and crowds capture neighborhood energy. Night photography shows neon signs and street life.

City Hall: Architectural details best captured in afternoon light. Clock tower silhouettes at sunset. Interior dome photography requires permission.

Tip: Golden hour (5-7pm) provides warmest light for all locations. Overcast days suit architectural photography. Weekday mornings offer fewer crowds for scenic shots.

Electricity & Practical Power

Voltage: Australia uses 230V, 50Hz alternating current (AC) — significantly higher than North American 110V or most European systems.

Plug Types: Australia uses Type I plugs (three flat angled pins in triangle arrangement). Very different from US, European, and UK plugs.

Adapter Requirements: Universal travel adapters are essential. Most hotels provide adapters at reception if requested. Airport terminals have adapter availability for purchase.

Device Compatibility: Most modern laptops, phone chargers, and tablets support 100-240V dual voltage. Check device specifications. High-wattage devices (hair dryers, kettles) require compatible voltage or step-down converters.

Availability: Electrical converters and adapters available at airports, pharmacies, and electronics shops. Purchase before arrival or source from hotel for convenience.

Must-Try Food & Dining

Australian Classics: Try **meat pies** from local bakeries — flaky pastry with savory filling. **Lamingtons** are sponge cake coated in chocolate and coconut. **Anzac biscuits** combine oats, honey, and coconut. Fish and chips with crispy batter and flaky fish are iconic.

Seafood: Brisbane's river location means fresh **barramundi, mud crab, and prawns** feature prominently. Oyster bars serve fresh local oysters. Seafood markets offer fresh catch cooked to order.



Queensland Specialties: **Macadamia nuts** are native delicacy. **Moreton Bay bugs** are crustaceans similar to scampi. Tropical fruits including mangoes, avocados, and custard apples abound.

Dining Culture: Café culture is strong with quality coffee throughout the city. Laneway dining featuring street food and pop-ups common in CBD and Fortitude Valley. South Bank has diverse international cuisine.

Vegetarian/Vegan: West End and Fortitude Valley have extensive plant-based options. Most restaurants accommodate dietary requirements.

Neighborhoods for Food: **Fortitude Valley** features high-end restaurants and street food. **South Bank** offers casual waterfront dining. **Paddington** has local café favorites. **West End** serves international and vegetarian cuisine.

Tourist Passes

Brisbane Sightseeing Pass

All-inclusive pass offering **unlimited access to major attractions** including Queensland Museum, Gallery of Modern Art, South Bank Parklands attractions, and Story Bridge climb. Discounted rates for consecutive days. **1-day (\$79), 2-day (\$99), 3-day (\$119)** options available. Purchase online or at major attractions for convenience.



www.visitbrisbane.com.au

South Bank Parklands Pass

Dedicated pass for **South Bank attractions and ferries** including museums, gardens, and Ferris wheel. **2-day (\$59), 3-day (\$69)** options. South Bank is Brisbane's main tourism hub making this efficient for focused visits.



www.southbankparklands.com.au

Lone Pine & Transport Bundle

Combination package including Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary entry and ferry transport from Brisbane CBD. Convenient for wildlife enthusiasts avoiding separate bookings. Typically \$89-99 AUD including return ferry and sanctuary access.



www.lonepinekoalasancuary.com.au

Go Card (Public Transport)

Reloadable smart card for unlimited public transport access including buses, trains, and ferries. Weekly visitor card available (\$49) offering unlimited travel for 7 days. Saves significant money versus individual tickets.



www.translink.com.au

