

# Brisbane Travel Guide and Activities



*Brisbane is Australia's third largest city and the capital of Queensland. It is a buzzing city with lots to do and is rightly famous for its amazing climate that is near perfect all year round. Its proximity to many of Queensland's major tourist destinations has helped make it into a Mecca for visitors to Australia. EC Brisbane is located in the heart of Brisbane city where students can get a true feel for Australian city life.*



## CLIMATE

Brisbane has a humid subtropical climate with year-round warm to hot temperatures and around 300 days of sunshine per year. Brisbane experiences an annual mean minimum of 16.6 °C (62 °F) and a mean maximum of 26.6 °C (80 °F), making it Australia's second-hottest capital city. Seasonality is not pronounced, and average maximum temperatures of above 26 °C (79 °F) persist from October through to April. Due to its proximity to the Coral Sea of the Pacific Ocean and a warm ocean current, Brisbane's overall temperature variability is somewhat less than most Australian capitals.

## 5 THINGS TO SEE

- Scenic city views from Mt Coot-tha Lookout
- Dreamworld/Australia`s Sea World
- Australia`s Zoo
- Moreton Bay Marine Park
- Fraser Island

## 5 THINGS TO DO

- Have dinner at Brisbane River Dinner Cruise
- Visit Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary Admission with Brisbane River Cruise
- Enjoy birds-eye views from atop the Wheel of Brisbane and Mt Coo-tha Lookout
- Visit South Bank and swim in the man made beach
- Enjoy Mt Tamborine National Park 4WD Nocturnal Rainforest and Glow Worm Tour

## COST OF LIVING

Coffee/cappuccino (Starbucks) \$4.00 - \$5.00  
Soda (0.33 litre bottle) \$2.50 - \$4.50  
Bottle of water (0.33 litre) \$2.00 - \$3.50  
Fast food combo meal \$10.00- \$12.50  
Meal, inexpensive restaurant \$12.00 - \$25.00  
Cinema ticket \$13.00 - \$20.00  
Fitness club (monthly, 1 adult) \$35.00 - \$80.00  
Nightclub entrance \$10.00+  
Public transport (local QR train) \$3.00 - \$6.00 per trip  
Taxi \$2.90/flag fall; \$2.17 per km

## TELEPHONE COUNTRY CODE

0061

## VISA REGULATION

For Visa information please read [Immigration and Visas](#)

## HEALTH & INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Australia has a special health insurance coverage for international students called Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC). OSHC is insurance designed to help international students cover the costs of medical and hospital care that they may need while in Australia. Because of these requirements, it is important that international students purchase their Australian international student health insurance prior to departing their home country. Belgians students do not need to purchase OSHC since they are covered under the Reciprocal Health Care Agreement. Swedish students do not need to purchase OSHC since they are covered under the National Board of Student Air or by Kammarkollegiet. If not covered by either, then Swedish international students will need to purchase OSHC. Norwegian students do not need to purchase OSHC since they are covered under the Norwegian National Insurance Scheme.

## SPECIFIC TRANSPORT INFO DEPENDING ON DESTINATION: BIKES / CAR HIRE ..

Brisbane prides itself on being green and its sustainability, so it's no wonder that public transport is one of the best ways to get around the city. With the TransLink go card, you can travel seamlessly on all TransLink bus, ferry and rail services across southeast Queensland. It's the perfect travel companion. Get your go card from selected retailers and QR stations, online or over the phone, and top up your card balance like a prepaid mobile phone whenever it suits you.

## USEFUL LINKS

- [Brisbane Travel guide](#)
- [Public transport information/Airport transfers](#)
- [TransLink go card](#)

## PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

- 1st January 2019
- 26 January 2019
- 28 January 2019
- 19 April 2018
- 20 April 2019
- 21 April 2019
- 22 April 2019
- 25 April 2019
- 6 May 2019
- 14 August 2019
- 7 October 2019
- 25 December 2019
- 26 December 2019

## ELECTRICITY

230 V / 50 Hz, 3-pin Australian plug

## DRIVING AGE

The driving age in Australia is 17 years. A learner can drive at the age of 16 under the supervision of a fully licensed driver. After obtaining a licence, a driver continues to be subject to restrictions during a 2-year probationary period.

## ALCOHOL AGE

It is illegal for any person under the age of 18 years to purchase, supply, or drink alcohol on licensed or regulated premises, even if they are with their parents or guardian.

## SMOKING LAWS

Brisbane has very strict local laws on smoking. Current laws prohibit smoking anywhere inside pubs, clubs, hotels, restaurants and workplaces and outdoor public places, including the Queen Street Mall, playgrounds, beaches, sports stadiums and within 4 metres of non-residential building entrances.

## TAP WATER - DRINKABLE!

Brisbane tap water has been deemed as safe drinking water. Bottled water is also available from corner stores, petrol stations, supermarkets, and sometimes chemists (drug store) and news agencies.

## CURRENCY

Currency - Australian Dollar (A\$)

All major credit cards are widely accepted.

The main banks are:

- Commonwealth Bank
- National Australian Bank (NAB)
- Westpac Bank
- ANZ bank

## Banking hours:

Banks are usually open during business hours from:

9.30 am to 4 pm, Monday to Thursday

9.30 am to 5 pm on Fridays

Some banks and branches may stay open longer or open on weekends.

