



South East



Queensland



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1. Southbank, Brisbane City
2. Koalas, Australia Zoo and Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary
3. Sea World and Surfers Paradise
4. Jet Ski racing
5. Pacific Fair Shopping Centre, Gold Coast
6. Storey Bridge, Brisbane City
7. Rainbow Bay

Sunshine Coast Brisbane Gold Coast



Where else but Brisbane would you find a vibrant capital city that combines sophistication with outstanding hospitality? Relax on beautiful beaches or explore the river, bay, parklands, forests and mountains. There is plenty to keep a traveller enthralled with Brisbane – galleries, wildlife parks, museums and markets. Whether it's an adrenaline rush; history, heritage and culture; nature and wildlife; a trip through the countryside; or a spot of shopping you're after, it's all here in Brisbane.

Enjoy world-class theatre, premier nightspots and top restaurants in this modern cosmopolitan city, famous for its relaxed and friendly style. Indulge in great shopping, steep yourself in the arts or a national sporting event. Brisbane's RiverWalk connects more than 20 kilometres of pathways, roads, bridges and riverside parks along the Brisbane River. South Bank is Brisbane's arts precinct – a place where the creative achievers of the future are nurtured and where some of the greatest works from world leaders of creative industries can be found: the Queensland Art Gallery, Queensland College of Art Griffith University; Queensland Conservatorium, Griffith University; Queensland Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA); Queensland Maritime Museum; Queensland Museum; Queensland Performing Arts Centre; Queensland Theatre Company (QTC); Sciencentre; and the State Library of Queensland.

Subtropical Brisbane is the hub of a diverse holiday region, with numerous attractions just a short drive away. Hand-feed wild dolphins, walk through heritage-listed rainforest, swim at superb beaches or take in a theme park. You'll still be back in time to catch a show and enjoy superb outdoor dining. Brisbane's cultural calendar extends throughout the year with a diverse array of events and festivals to suit all tastes and interests.

Go green in the Botanic Gardens, Roma Street Parklands and Brisbane Forest Park. Stroll along the mangrove boardwalk.

The Story Bridge Adventure Climb is one of only three bridge climbs in the world, this is a truly memorable adventure. Enjoy the history and excitement with stunning panoramic views across the city – a great way to see the city from a new perspective. If that's not enough take a joy flight. Rise above it all in a hot air balloon, glider, seaplane or helicopter, or take to the skies in a WWII fighter.

Ride the river on a City Cat, Brisbane's speedy catamarans, and spot the local wildlife, including pelicans and the Eastern Water Dragons. Step into history by walking the Heritage Trail or take a cruise to the colonial prison on St Helena Island in Moreton Bay.

There's fun for all the family at South Bank, home to a host of attractions including the Naval Stores and Imax Theatre alongside cafes, restaurants, a relaxing beach and swimming lagoon.

Queen Street Mall, in the heart of the city, is a shopper's delight with more than 500 stores and food outlets. You can combine retail therapy with cultural fever at Fortitude Valley, home to Brisbane's Chinatown



PLACES TO GO, PEOPLE TO SEE ...

- Fortitude Valley for nightlife
- Riverwalk
- Southbank Arts and Cultural Precinct
- Cliffs of Kangaroo Point
- Fig trees in Eagle Street
- The River Stages in the Botanic Gardens
- Mount Coot-tha
- Moreton Bay

and the Brunswick Street Markets. The Riverside Centre and South Bank's parklands feature popular weekend markets.

Wake up to the beauty of lush green hinterland and the warm hospitality of South East Queensland Country, just one hour's drive away.

To north and south, the azure blue waters and white sandy beaches of the Sunshine and Gold Coasts beckon. And close to the city, you'll find Brisbane's own aquatic playground – Moreton Bay and Islands – the perfect place to indulge in your favourite water sport. Between the beach, bay and river, there is a variety of aquatic adventures to embark upon during your stay in Brisbane, such as wreck dives amongst awesome corals and stunning sea life. Scuba divers are slipping into their wetsuits and taking the plunge: into the waters of Moreton Bay; to the Tangalooma Wrecks on the western side of Moreton Island; to the Manta Ray Bommie off the southern end of North Stradbroke Island; the Cherub's Cave near Henderson's Rock off Moreton Island; Flinder's Reef, Brisbane's only true coral reef and protected marine sanctuary; or Flat Rock, off the north eastern tip of Stradbroke Island, famous for its grey nurse shark population.

There's so much to see and do in and around Australia's only subtropical capital city. For more information visit www.ourbrisbane.com.





Tinbillys – G'Day Traveller

Literally step off the bus, train or AirTrain, walk over the sky link and straight to the front door of Tinbilly Travellers. Check in, ditch your bags and get straight into exploring the vibrant city of Brisbane.

We are located right on the edge of the massive Roma Street Parklands, perfect for that lazy afternoon. Plus the river is only a stones throw away, so it's easy to jump on a ferry. The CityCats are by far the easiest way to explore all that the River City has to offer.

Our friendly reception staff can book day trips or help you decide what itinerary suits you during your stay. If you want to just chill out – simply sleep in our sound proofed, air conditioned rooms; catch up on some emails; enjoy our common area with Foxtel on the large flat screen TV; whip up something scrumptious in the kitchen or pop downstairs to 'The Tin' Bar & Grill, make friends, go for a drink and see where the mood takes you!

'The Tin' Bar & Grill is the proud home of the *never ending* weekend! With a different party event every night of the week – featuring *live bands*, DJ's and great times, 'The Tin' is your personal introduction to the best of Brisbane's nightlife and it's right on your front door.

You just can't leave Brisbane without trying one of our famous 300g Prime Rump Steaks. If a juicy steak is not your thing, our wide ranging menu has something tasty for everyone. From Tapas to Turkish melts, from Barramundi Fillets to Traditional Irish Stew our guests never go hungry.

Escape the bustling city, eat to your heart's content and chill out on our comfy couches, play some pool with new friends or catch up on your postcards with an ice cold beverage as you watch the world drift by on yet another perfect, sunny Queensland day.

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Fireworks Display, Brisbane River



Brisbane City Backpackers

Location: Brisbane City Backpackers is located in the city centre, just 400 metres from the Greyhound bus terminal on Roma Street. Impressive facilities include, heated roof top swimming pool, rocking Pub, funky cheap café, laundry, huge guest kitchen and a completely **free** Internet lounge. **This hostel has it all!**

Sleep: We have a broad range of accommodation, air conditioned or fan cooled to suit every pocket, from the financially challenged, to the comfort junkie! You choose! Female only, or small, medium and large mixed dorms. Private single, twin, double, and double ensuite with fridge and TV. All our facilities are cleaned relentlessly and maintained to a newly refurbished standard.

Free Internet: We are the first and only hostel in Australia, to provide free, unlimited broadband Internet access to our guests. Our **free** high-speed Internet lounge is open 6am to 11pm daily. Travelling with a laptop? Yes, even wireless is completely **free!**

Job club: Just about everything at City Backpackers is included in



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Nightlife: Do you like the wilder side of life? From Christmas to St Patrick's Day, we offer the best nightlife in the city, at our very own pub, "The Fiddler's Elbow". We have an Aussie BBQ every night in our beer garden, where the beautiful view of the city, has to be seen to be believed. Cheap beer, great food, fantastic entertainment every night!

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Sunshine Coast



Gardners Falls, Maleny, Sunshine Coast



Pristine coastline and lush hinterland, superb cuisine, action and adventure or just the perfect piece of sand on which to sit and ponder?

The Coast begins at Caloundra, just one hour's drive north of Brisbane and extends to Cooloola, the gateway to Fraser Island. It takes in tranquil hinterland including the Glass House Mountains, Blackall Range, Noosa Hinterland and the Mary Valley; as well as more than 100 kilometres of beaches stretching through the coastal towns of Caloundra, Kawana, Mooloolaba, Maroochydore, Coolool Beach, Noosa and Rainbow Beach. It's holiday central for both couples and families.

You can keep the kids happy fishing, visiting attractions, canoeing or wandering the markets. Rivers, sheltered bays and surf beaches provide a variety of swimming spots. Factor in an indulgent massage for two, a quiet rainforest walk, a round of golf or a romantic dinner in the mountains or by the sea.

The Sunshine Coast is the perfect mix of coast and country and the ideal place to relax and unwind.

The Sunshine Coast offers a wide variety of quality tourism and leisure products ranging from coastal beaches and waterways to scenic hinterland areas, national parks, world-class resorts, quality restaurants and several built attractions.

The Sunshine Coast is located 100 km north of Brisbane and incorporates the City of Caloundra and the three Shires of Maroochy, Noosa and Cooloola. The region extends from the Glass House Mountains, including the northern portion of Bribie Island, to the Cooloola region north of Noosa Heads and west to Kenilworth and the Blackall Range.

The Sunshine Coast is within easy reach of Brisbane, with access by rail and road via the Bruce Highway. The region supports a domestic airport at Maroochydore with direct flights from Sydney and Melbourne.

Tourism Sunshine Coast is the Regional Tourism Organisation (RTO), which is responsible for marketing the Sunshine Coast region as a tourism destination. The choice is yours.

Mooloolaba Backpackers

Mooloolaba is an ideal mix of quiet beach-side town and active tourist destination. Located in the heart of the Sunshine Coast, only one hour north of Brisbane, it offers a wide variety of activities ranging from a quiet walk or swim on the long, sandy, patrolled beach, followed by a coffee on the esplanade. Mooloolaba is the social hub of the Sunshine Coast with 10 bars in walking distance.

For those seeking more excitement, Mooloolaba is the home of Underwater World and a hub for scuba diving, with the HMAS Brisbane scuttled just off the coast. Or take a trip to the Australia Zoo with a FREE daily courtesy bus from Mooloolaba, see the amazing croc show, cuddle a koala and get up close to animals from all over Australia.

A perfect destination to see all that the Sunshine Coast has to offer.



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Animal Profile

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Saltwater (Estuarine) Crocodile

Crocodylus porosus

The Crocodylian family includes, Crocodiles, Alligators, Caimans and Gharials. Australia is home to only two species – Saltwater and Freshwater Crocodiles.

Saltwater Crocodiles (Salties) are usually found in deep, dark murky water. They may inhabit fresh or saltwater but are most commonly found in the brackish estuaries of North Australia. Salties take a wide variety of prey. Juveniles are restricted to smaller items such as insects, amphibians, crustaceans, small reptiles and fish. But the larger the animal, the larger its prey items are. Although a large male could take prey as large as Water Buffalo, the majority of their diet consists of relatively small-prey items such as crustaceans, fish, turtles, small mammals and birds.

During breeding season, large male crocodiles patrol and protect their territory against intruding males. When Salties are courting one another, they will rub their heads and bodies together. Mating takes place in water an 4-6 weeks after mating, the female lays 40-60 eggs in her nest. The nest may be up to 80cm high and is made of vegetation scraped together with her hind legs.

Eastern Grey Kangaroo

Marcopus giganteus

Eastern Grey Kangaroos can be found living on the open grassland, woodland and forested coastal areas of eastern Australia and Tasmania.

Eastern Grey Kangaroos are herbivores and predominately a grazing animal feeding mostly at night and early morning. During the day they lie under shaded trees or in scrapes they have dug. This is also where they sleep. The Eastern Grey Kangaroo's fur is wooly and grey-brown in colour. They have a small head with big ears. Their tail can grow up to four feet long and is helpful for balancing and standing up straight. An Eastern Grey Kangaroo can live anywhere from 15-20 years in the wild. The males can measure up to 2.8m from nose to the tip of tail, and weigh up to 66kg. Females are smaller, reaching approximately 32kg.

Breeding occurs throughout the year with more births occurring in the summer months. A baby kangaroo is called a joey and is born 33-38 days after mating. The embryonic kangaroo emerges from it's mother

fast facts

When an Eastern Grey Kangaroo senses danger, it will thump its hind legs on the ground to warn other.

Eastern Grey Kangaroos are the second largest Macropod in the world.

As soon as a baby Eastern Grey Kangaroo is born, it has a great sense of smell.

Eastern Grey Kangaroos are excellent jumpers, able to leap distances of nine metres in a single bound.

Eastern Greys can obtain speeds of 55km/h and use up less energy the faster they go.

Female Eastern Grey Kangaroos are called Fliers, the young are called joeys, and the males are called Boomers.



fast facts

A Crocodile approached by another Crocodile will raise its head out of the water to show submission. Salties are extremely territorial and males will fight (sometimes to the death) to protect their territory, often losing limbs or parts of limbs in the process.

Crocodile numbers are vulnerable in north Queensland, but secure in Western Australia and Northern Territory.

Crocodiles have small stomachs in comparison to their size. A three-metre Crocodile's stomach is only the size of a basket ball.

Crocodiles "death roll" their victims as a means of drowning them before eating. It may also serve to twist bite size pieces from large prey items.

Crocodiles have up to 70 teeth all of which can be replaced many times over by new teeth should they become worn or broken.

Crocodiles, along with birds are relatives of Dinosaurs.

Crikey! Watch a Saltwater Crocodile strike from the water's edge during the Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors show in the Crocoseum.

fun fact At 74 years of age, 5m (16ft) in length and weighing in at 1,000kgs (2,200lbs), Acco is the largest, oldest and the wisest saltwater crocodile at Australia Zoo.



Information and images provided by Australia Zoo.

and climbs up her abdomen into her pouch. When born, it weighs under a gram and is as tiny as 15mm. The joey will stay in its mum's pouch for up to eight months when it will begin to explore and go for very short hops out of the pouch. The joey can still fit into its mothers pouch until it is around one year old, but will only do so when cold or scared. When the joey finally does becomes too big its mother will refuse to let it in. By this stage, Mum may already have another little Joey suckling on her teat.



You can meet and hand feed Australia Zoo's kangaroos as you roam through 'Roo Heaven'.

fun fact Australia Zoo has a very special Eastern Grey Kangaroo named Ivory who is not all that grey. Ivory has 'Leucism', a recessive gene found in animals' DNA that stops them from producing certain pigmentation in their fur or skin. Only 1 in every 10,000 animals has this condition.

The ultimate wildlife adventure!

Crikey! With over one thousand native and exotic animals, an army of Wildlife Warriors, an action-packed 24-hour wildlife hospital and one amazingly adventurous Irwin family, there is NEVER a dull moment at Australia Zoo.

The crew packs in stacks of wildlife action every day – there are always plenty of exciting wildlife shows to see, friendly and knowledgeable zoo keepers to chat with and heaps of drop-dead gorgeous animals that can't wait to get up close and personal with YOU! If you've ever wanted to cuddle a koala, hand-feed an Asian Elephant, walk alongside a Bengal Tiger, take a Wombat for a stroll, wrap a snake around your shoulders or watch a massive Saltwater Crocodile launch a strike from the water's edge, then Australia Zoo is your ultimate destination.

Australia Zoo is the place to be for a ripper wildlife adventure! Join our snakes, birds and crocs LIVE for all of the slithering, swooping, jaw-snapping action in our exciting Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors show! See our awesome croc feeding demonstration in the Crocoseum at 11am and 2pm daily! **Wooo-hoo!**

Australia Zoo already has 14 awesome wildlife shows everyday, and right now you can get hands on with even more roving wildlife! Meet our naughty wombats, slithering snakes, gorgeous dingo's and bonzer birds, and have a go at Bindi's Pony Trails!

Set over 72 acres, Australia Zoo is a tropical oasis amid beautiful natural bush land on Queensland's Sunshine Coast. As well as the lush greenery and well-maintained gardens, the most striking attributes of Australia Zoo are the adventurous, spacious and artistic enclosure designs seen throughout. The newly created Tiger Temple, built to resemble the famous Angkor Wat temple in Cambodia, is a work of art as well as an architectural first – Tiger Temple boasts the southern hemisphere's only underwater viewing of tigers.

Wooo-hoo! There is so much to see and do at Australia Zoo, where crocs rule!

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