

Brisbane the facts

Weather

Brisbane has more sunny days than Florida and warmer winter days than the Bahamas ...

Month/Season	Average min temp	Average max temp
Dec – Feb (Summer)	20 °C	28°C
Mar – May (Autumn)	16°C	24°C
Jun – Aug (Winter)	10°C	21°C
Sep – Nov (Spring)	15°C	25°C

Airport

Brisbane's international airport, voted the nation's best, is Australia's most modern and largest capital city airport. It boasts wireless connectivity, allowing high speed email, office LAN and web access, as standard. Both international and domestic terminals are conveniently located just 20 minutes from downtown Brisbane.

Accommodation

Five-star and all-suite hotels are now a fixture on Brisbane's accommodation landscape. With very few exceptions, the world's best hotel groups have set up house in downtown – the Hilton, Sheraton, Marriott, Stamford and Conrad included.

Accommodation offerings include quality, lesser priced hotel, motel and apartment lodgings, which are characteristically well-appointed, clean and secure.

Back-packer accommodation is plentiful, central and well-managed. Bed and breakfasts (B&B's) are prolific throughout regional Brisbane, readily accessed and routinely include additional offers.

Farmstays are doing increasingly big business. Rented campervans or caravans offer mobile accommodation options. Or camp in well-appointed, reasonably priced sites, with magnificent natural backdrops and a nightly sky splashed with stars.

Disabled visitors

Guides and brochures including *Access Brisbane*, *Accessible Brisbane Parks*, the *Brisbane Mobility Map* and the *Brisbane Braille Trail* are available from Brisbane City Council Customer Service Centres and libraries or telephone 07 3403 6795. For information about disability services, contact the Disability Information Awareness Line (DIAL) weekdays by calling either 07 3224 8444 or toll free 1800 177 120 or email dial@families.qld.gov.au.

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Getting around

TransLink

TransLink is a new integrated ticketing system within South East Queensland that standardises fares, concessions, ticket types and zones across public transport.

TransLink tickets will let you reach your destination on bus, Citytrain and Brisbane City Council ferry within the zones printed on your ticket. For all bus, train and ferry details, please phone Transinfo on 13 12 30 or visit

www.transinfo.com.au

Other transport services

Bus Options	Service Area	Hours of Service	One way fares 1/1/04
downtown Loop	Circles downtown Brisbane.	7:00am – 5:50pm Mon – Fri every 10 mins	FREE
CitySights/City Nights	Circle tour through downtown including Fortitude Valley, Spring Hill, Milton, South Bank and Kangaroo Point.	Every day. Times vary Duration 1 hr 20 mins	\$20.00 adult \$15.00 concession
Rail Options			
Traveltrain www.traveltrain.com.au	Regional destinations throughout Queensland.	Call Traveltrain Holidays on 1800 627 655 9:00am – 5:00pm Monday - Friday	Call 132 232
Airtrain www.airtrain.com.au	downtown to Airport – only 20 minutes on express air conditioned trains.	5:00am – 9.00pm Mon – Sun - to downtown every 15 mins	AU\$10 adult AU\$5 child (5-14yrs) AU\$26 (group of 4)
Other options			
Taxis/Limousines	Taxis operate 24/7 on metered fares. Luxury chauffeured limousines available for hire (price set).		
Car Hire	Many car hire companies operate at Brisbane's airports and throughout Brisbane, offering a broad range of vehicles (standard sedans, 4WD, sport coupes, luxury, classic, camper vans) at competitive rates.		
Coaches	Regular coach services link interstate and intrastate destinations daily from Brisbane's Transit Centre in Roma Street, downtown Brisbane. Charter coaches, available for larger groups, offer pick up and drop off services to venues, hotels, special outings and events.		
Cycling	Brisbane has a network of bike paths that wind along both banks of the river and through the lush parks of downtown and suburban Brisbane. Hotel concierge can arrange bicycle hire.		

Telephones

Public Telephones	Accept coins, credit cards or Phonecards. Phonecards ranging from \$5 to \$50 are available from newsagencies.
International Connection Code	Dial 0011 followed by country code
Country Direct	Free call within Australia 1800 881 877
Directory Assistance	Local and national calls 1223 – International calls 1225
Interpreter Service	13 14 50
Emergency Services	000 (Police, Fire, Ambulance)
General Enquiries	Police 07 3364 6464 Fire 07 3247 5539 Ambulance 07 3364 1246

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Trading Hours

Banks	All banks	9:30am – 4:00pm 9:00am – 5:00pm	Monday – Thursday Friday
Post Offices	City GPO (Queen St) Wintergarden Suburban	7:00am – 6:00pm 9:00am – 4:00pm 8:30am – 5:30pm 9:00am – 5:00pm	Monday – Friday Saturday Monday – Friday Monday – Friday
Retail	Downtown Fortitude Valley Suburban Centres Supermarkets	9:00am – 5:30pm 9:00am – 9:00pm 9:00am – 5:00pm 10:00am – 5:00pm Hours vary 9:00am – 5:30pm 9:00am – 9:00pm 9:00am – 5:00pm 10:00am – 4:00pm 9:00am – 9:00pm 9:00am – 5:00pm	Monday – Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday Monday – Sunday Monday – Wednesday & Friday Thursday Saturday Sunday Monday – Friday Saturday & Sunday
Pubs	All pubs	10:00am – midnight	Daily (some bars open until 5:00am)
Clubs		Hours vary	
Casino		Open 24 hours	Daily

Money

Notes	\$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100
Coins	5c, 10c, 20c, 50c, \$1 and \$2 denominations (smaller numbers of cents are rounded up or down to the nearest 5c)
Currency Exchange	Airport, all banks, bureaux de change – Travelex
Credit & Charge Cards	Widely accepted. ATM's provide currency to foreign cardholders (look for 'Cirrus' symbol). EFTPOS (Maestro) services available at many hotels, restaurants and retail outlets.
GST	Goods & Services Tax of 10% applies to most items. GST can be claimed on goods taken out of Australia by international visitors and Australian travellers on departure, after clearing customs. For information within Australia call 1300 363 263, outside Australia call +61 2 6275 6666 or visit www.customs.gov.au

24 Hour Medical Care

Public Hospital Casualty Wards	Northside: Royal Brisbane Hospital, Herston Road, Herston Southside: Princess Alexandra Hospital, Ipswich Road, Woolloongabba	07 3253 8111 07 3240 2111
24 hour General Practitioners	Brisbane Travellers Medical Centre Service (downtown Brisbane) 7:30am – 7:00pm Monday – Friday 8:30am – 5:00pm Saturday, 9:30am – 5:00pm Sunday After hours (home and hotel services – service surcharge applies)	07 3211 3611 07 3831 9999
Sun Protection	Sun protection in Queensland is a MUST. Use SPF30+ sun protection. Wear a broad-brimmed hat, sunglasses and a shirt.	

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