

# DESTINATION INFORMATION



Brisbane is a green city with an enviable subtropical climate and diverse population. It is one of the fastest-growing cities in Australia and is known for its vibrant urban precincts, outdoor lifestyle, and friendly locals. Get to know Brisbane better. From climate to currency – we have you covered.

### **Climate**

Blessed with the perfect subtropical climate and an average of eight hours of sun per day, Brisbane is the ideal destination for life in the great outdoors.

Summer (December to February) – Min average temp is 21C and max is 30C

Autumn (March to May) – Min average temp is 16C and Max is 26C

Winter (June to August) – Min average temp is 10C and Max is 21C

Spring (September to November) – Min average temp is 16C and Max is 26C

### **Sun smart**

Brisbane has plenty of sunshine. If you will be out for extended periods, wear protective clothing and sunglasses, rub on SPF30+ sunscreen and slap on a broad-brimmed hat. Also drink lots of water, especially in summer – dehydration and sunstroke are a good way to ruin a holiday. Limit your exposure to the sun between 10am and 2pm.

### **Time Zone**

Brisbane follows Australian Eastern Standard Time and does not switch to Daylight Saving Time, adopted in spring/summer by other states and territories. International standard time is GMT plus 10 hours all year.

### **Brisbane's Regions**

Within one hour of Brisbane are world-class, and often Heritage-listed, national forest and marine parks. To the east is the pristine Moreton Bay Marine Park with some of the world's largest sand islands, endless beaches and amazing marine life. To the west in the Scenic Rim are numerous national parks with beautiful forests, lakes, valleys, rivers and waterfalls. [Explore what Brisbane's Regions](#) have to offer.

## **Currency**

Currency is the Australian dollar (AUD\$), which divides into 100 cents. Banks are generally open between 9am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday. All major credit cards are accepted, and automatic teller machines and EFTPOS facilities are freely available. Shopping hours vary but are generally between 8.30am and 6pm. There is extended shopping until 9pm in the suburbs on Thursdays and in the CBD on Fridays.

## **Tipping**

Tipping is not expected in Australia as it is built-in to the price. Of course, it is optional to include an additional amount or to round up for exceptional service if you choose.

## **Electricity**

240/250 volts AC 50Hz. Universal outlets for 110 volts (shavers only) are standard in hotels, apartments and motels.

## **Emergency**

The Triple Zero (000) service is the quickest way to get the right emergency service to help you. It should be used to contact Police, Fire or Ambulance services in life threatening or emergency situation only.

## **Passports**

International visitors need a valid passport and the appropriate Australian visa. Find out more at the [Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade](#) website.

## **At the beach**

Beaches can present hidden dangers such as rips and undercurrents. Swim only at beaches patrolled by lifeguards and stay between the red and yellow flags. Lifeguards check beach conditions every morning and will only place flags in safe areas. Keep a constant eye out for where you are in relation to the flags as you can easily drift down the beach. If you are caught in a rip, stay calm and raise an arm and yell so the lifeguard can see you are in trouble.

## **Health**

The Australian Government has signed Reciprocal Health Care Agreements with the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland, New Zealand, Sweden, the Netherlands, Finland, Belgium, Norway, Slovenia, Malta and Italy. Travellers from these countries can receive free or discounted health care through Medicare, the public health care system. Medicare cards are available from any Medicare office. If you're staying on an extended working

holiday visa, it is advisable you get one. For information, visit the [government's Human Services website](#).

### **Sustainability**

Brisbane's liveability is linked to its natural environment, and the city's approach to sustainable living resulted in it being named Australia's Most Sustainable City in 2014 and 2016 at the *Keep Australia Beautiful Australian Sustainable Cities Awards*.

Environmental sustainability and liveability are fundamental to being a resilient city, and through its Clean Green Sustainable program, Brisbane's open spaces and waterways are accessible and valued now and for future generations, with the built environment supporting clean, green, and sustainable outcomes.

### **Visitor Information Centres**

Whether it's tour and accommodation bookings, events and entertainment information, brochures and maps, or general tourist advice you need for the Brisbane and Greater Brisbane areas, the many Accredited Visitor Information Centres located across the Greater Brisbane Region have it covered.

### **Key Tourism Statistics**

For details on the number of Australian and International visitors to Brisbane, along with high-level trip details, please visit:

<https://teq.queensland.com/research-and-insights/domestic-research/regional-summaries/brisbane>