

ATE 2024 - PRE MEDIA FAMIL WORLD CLASS BRISBANE

Monday, 13 May 2024 - Friday, 17 May 2024

Accommodation, transfers, main meals, activities, and touring will be included as part of this itinerary.

Please note this *Draft Itinerary* is subject to change. All activities will be confirmed prior to your departure.



Welcome to Queensland

"Wunya" and "sew ngapa"

Wunya (welcome, greetings) is from the Yuggera language of Brisbane and the Gubbi Gubbi language of the Sunshine Coast. Sew ngapa (welcome) is from the Kala Lagaw Ya and Kala Kawaw Ya languages of the Western Torres Straits.

Our garden's a one-million-year-old rainforest. Out the back is a red desert of dinosaur bones. Our swimming pool? The world's largest reef.

Here, you'll find experiences like nowhere else on the planet. Join us for warm ocean swims in winter, hiking trails in the middle of cities, world-class performances on stage, and stories from earth's oldest living cultures.

Regions you will be visiting

Brisbane Region

Welcome to Brisbane, a cosmopolitan hub for arts, culture and dining, heavy on laid-back charm. With stunning natural assets, clear blue skies all year round and a subtropical alfresco lifestyle, Brisbane is an urban metropolis with a relaxed vibe.

Here you'll receive a warm welcome from the city with timeless nature in its soul.

Climate: Brisbane enjoys comfortable, subtropical weather. With warm summers, mild winters and an average of 283 days of sunshine a year, days are often bright and sunny. Summer has a daily average of 28°C (83F) and a nightly average of 20°C (68F). Winter has a daily average of 21°C (70F) and a nightly average of 10°C (50F).

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Monday, 13 May 2024

Morning

On arrival into Brisbane Airport, you'll be met by a driver from <u>Specialised Transport Australia</u> for transfer to your accommodation in the city for check in.

Note: If your flight arrives the evening prior, accommodation and breakfast will be included.

Late Morning

Check in at The Star Brisbane Queen's Wharf for four nights.

Positioned at the heart of the Queen's Wharf Brisbane precinct, The Star Brisbane is new world-class integrated resort development that will put Brisbane on the map as a tourism, leisure, and entertainment destination. The resort will include a myriad of new restaurants, bars and entertainment experiences, world-class retail, and extraordinary event spaces to the Brisbane CBD. Not to mention The Star Brisbane's striking Sky Deck, a 250m rooftop runway of restaurants and bars floating 100m above the Brisbane River and the resort's Leisure Deck, a 12,000sqm open-air oasis which delivers two football fields of public space. From a selection of Brisbane's grandest hotels to delectable dining, spectacular sky-high views and unique experiences for locals and tourists alike, The Star Brisbane promises to celebrate the best of this river city.

Enjoy a leisurely lunch at The Star Brisbane.

14:30

Meet this afternoon with <u>Fit City Tours Brisbane</u> for a 2 hour walking tour of Brisbane with a sweet touch. Embark on a city walking tour with a delicious twist.

As you explore the streets of Brisbane, savor the taste of freshly brewed coffee in one hand and delectable donuts in the other. Led by knowledgeable guides, uncover fascinating stories, anecdotes, and iconic landmarks that reveal the rich history and vibrant culture of this river city. It's an active way to discover the city's rich heritage while enjoying exercise and fresh air.

16:30 Arrive back at your accommodation where you'll have time to freshen up and relax before dinner.

18:00

Enjoy a relaxing evening and dine at one of The Star's many restaurant venues. With more than 50 new food and beverage venues set to make up Queen's Wharf Brisbane, it's no surprise that some of the world's top chefs have signed on for the future-shaping precinct. Celebrity chef Luke Nguyen is amongst The Star Brisbane's culinary headliners – his popular Fat Noodle restaurant will showcase a reimagined culinary experience that will transport guests to South-East Asia's vibrant street food scene.

Overnight

The Star Brisbane

Enjoy staying in the latest Brisbane accommodation development, located on the river's edge in the heart of the city.

Tuesday, 14 May 2024

- O6:00 After collecting a boxed breakfast from The Star's Reception Desk, you'll be transferred north of Brisbane to meet the Lady Elliot Island Resort aircraft.
- 07:15 Take off from Redcliffe for a scenic flight travelling up the Queensland Coast, across Hervey Bay/K'Gari (formerly Fraser Island) and on to <u>Lady Elliot Island</u>.

 Lady Elliot Island is located on the southern tip of the Great Barrier Reef, a ninety minute flight from Brisbane.

Experiencing Lady Elliot Island in a day offers a great opportunity for those making Brisbane their base to visit and explore Australia's Great Barrier Reef - one of the Seven Wonders of the Natural World - from the air, land and water all in one day! Join the Glass Bottom Boat and snorkel tour to discover the wonderful underwater world and an amazing array of colourful marine life, including turtles, rays, octopus, reef sharks and all manner of fish and corals. You may also join an island tour to learn more about the island and sustainability programs. Included is full use of day guest facilities and a hot and cold buffet lunch, with the afternoon all yours to snorkel, spend at leisure or join staff for a guided activity or tour.

- On arrival at Lady Elliot Island Resort, you'll be met and provided with an orientation of the resort and run down of activities for the day.
- 14:30 It's time to dust the sand from your feet, dry the salt water from your hair and depart Lady Elliot Island on a scenic flight back to Brisbane.
- Evening Brisbane's culinary scene is booming! Enjoy dining at one of Brisbane's latest and leading restaurant venues.



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Overnight The Star Brisbane

Wednesday, 15 May 2024

Morning After breakfast at leisure, enjoy time this morning to explore the River City of Brisbane prior to lunch.

We can also assist with any arrangements related to a specific story angle you may have.

Suggestions:

Visit The Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA) a short walk away from The Star.

Take a walk across the bridge to **South Bank Parklands** to explore.

Stroll along The Queen Street Mall.

Midday Lunch at one of Brisbane's leading dining venues.

Afternoon The afternoon will be spent at Queen's Wharf and close by, with activities and shopping included.

Queen's Wharf Brisbane development blends stunning contemporary architecture with thoughtfully restored heritage buildings and beautifully curated landscaped riverside parklands across more than 12 hectares on Brisbane's river edge and a pedestrian link between two of Brisbane's largest cultural and lifestyle precincts,

connecting South Bank to Queen's Wharf and The Star Brisbane via the Neville Bonner Bridge.

Evening Enjoy dinner and drinks this evening at <u>Howard Smith Wharves</u>.

Nestled between Brisbane's iconic Story Bridge and the New Farm cliffs with a 180-degree vista of the city skyline and river sits Howard Smith Wharves. This vibrant precinct is just 10 minutes' walk from the Brisbane

CBD.

Thursday, 16 May 2024

After a leisurely breakfast at The Star, depart with <u>Pineapple Tours</u> on a special private tour in a luxurious vehicle to explore the Scenic Rim. First stop, <u>Summer Land Camels</u> where you'll meet the creator of the camel farm and learn about the health benefits of camel milk and touch and taste the products. A long lunch will be hosted at <u>Spicers Hiddenvale</u> and you'll also have the chance to join an ATV tour of this vast property. <u>Homage Restaurant</u> provides a sophisticated, paddock to plate dining experience, with produce sourced from its own generous gardens and local producers. Return to Brisbane via one of the popular Wineries / Distilleries in the region.

17:30 Arrival back at The Star to freshen up.

19.30 Enjoy a light dinner this evening at one of Queen's Wharf's new venues to finish off your trip in style.

Friday, 17 May 2024

09:00 After a leisurely breakfast at The Star, it will be time to check out and transfer to the Airport and fly to Melbourne mid to late morning.

We hope you enjoy your Experience Program @queensland #thisisqueensland





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