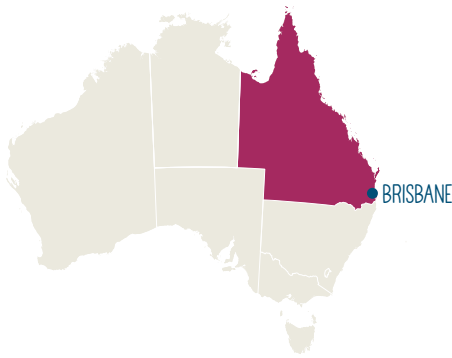




BRISBANE



Brisbane is a vibrant, river city that enjoys year-round sunny days and is located within close proximity to the Asia Pacific Rim. Beyond the city you will find pristine coastline, sub-tropical rainforests and white sand islands.

Known for its brains as well as its beauty, Brisbane is home to three of Australia's top universities and Australia's largest medical research centre. As a world leader in many areas of research and innovation, Brisbane has a proven track record for staging business events that over-deliver on expectations such as the highly successful 2014 G20 World Leaders Summit.

Brisbane is also home to Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre (BCEC), which has been named the World's Best Convention Centre by the International Association of Congress Centres.

KEY INDUSTRY SECTORS



HEALTH AND LIFE SCIENCES

The city is acknowledged as a centre of excellence in bio-medical, biopharmaceutical and human therapeutics, diagnostics and clinical trials. Brisbane also has a string of leading research institutes, including Australia's largest medical research institute and the country's first initiative of 'bench to bedside' medical research — the Translational Research Institute — along with the world-leading QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute.



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Australia's first Ecosciences Precinct is in Brisbane, researching climate change, mineral and petroleum resources, water issues and environmental balance. The International Water Centre is a joint venture of four leading universities, including the University of Queensland (UQ) and Griffith University, based in Brisbane.



ENERGY AND RESOURCES

Brisbane is home to more than 170 of the world's leading mining companies, 100 mining equipment and technology service firms, and the CSIRO's Queensland Centre for Advanced Technologies — a world-class research and development precinct that provides the highest standard of science, engineering and innovation for the Australian mining industry.



FOOD AND AGRIBUSINESS

Recognised as a producer of high-quality, safe and clean food, Queensland has more than 1,400 Australian and international food companies with established processing facilities. The sector is supported by organisations like the Queensland Alliance for Agriculture and Food Innovation at University of Queensland — soon to be a part of Australia's first dedicated Health and Food Sciences Precinct.



ADVANCED MANUFACTURING AND LOGISTICS

Brisbane is increasingly attracting a diverse range of high-value, knowledge-intensive manufacturers that are utilising technology and human ingenuity as key production inputs, and tapping into global supply chains. Research and development is supported by world-class institutes including the Dow Centre for Sustainable Engineering Innovation.



DIGITAL INDUSTRIES AND INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

With an abundance of talented human capital supported by leading educational institutions and world-class research and development facilities, Brisbane is attracting major global companies and innovative local start-ups, including Halfbrick Studios, one of the world's most well-known game developers.



CONSTRUCTION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Billions of dollars' worth of major infrastructure projects are underway or in the planning stage in Queensland, and over the past decade engineering construction has grown fivefold. Future growth is ensured, with a strong and skilled workforce and a growing population.



EVENT EXPERTISE

The city has a “Team Brisbane” approach to attracting business events and can readily open doors to local research and innovation expertise in key industry sectors to boost conference program content, attract specialist presenters and help organisers and delegates expand their networks. Key events include:

- > 19th International Congress on Tropical Medicine and Malaria 2016
- > World Congress of International Water Association 2016
- > World Melanoma Congress 2017
- > Congress of the International Society for Biomechanics 2017
- > Routes Asia 2018
- > IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation 2018

KEY ATTRACTIONS

Aside from enjoying Brisbane’s relaxed subtropical urban lifestyle, visitors can enjoy the Queensland icons that surround the city, such as the Gold Coast, idyllic subtropical islands and World Heritage-listed rainforests. With an enviable outdoor climate, Brisbane’s quintessential Australian experiences include:

- > Cuddle a koala or hand-feed kangaroos at the world’s oldest and largest koala sanctuary – Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary.
- > Embrace the local Indigenous culture through an interactive and engaging display of the traditional music and dance of the Mirrabooka tribe.
- > Take a ride on the wheel of Brisbane for 360 degree panoramic views of the city.
- > Hand-feed wild dolphins at Tangalooma Island Resort on Moreton Bay.
- > Visit one of the world’s wonders – the Great Barrier Reef – on a day trip.
- > Time your meeting around one of the city’s festivals and events such as the World Science Festival Brisbane. Successfully held for the first time outside of New York in 2016, Brisbane is the Asia Pacific headquarters for the Festival.



BRISBANE CONVENTION & EXHIBITION CENTRE (BCEC)

Exhibition space: 20,000 sqm
Meeting rooms: 44

Largest tiered theatre capacity: 8,000 people
Total capacity: 8,000 people



SOUTH BANK

Brisbane’s inner-city oasis and cultural hub is home to the country’s largest Gallery of Modern Art, museums, theatres, parklands, Australia’s only inner-city beach and more than 70 riverside restaurants and cafes.

PLANNING & LOGISTICS

ACCESS

Named Best Airport (Australia/Pacific) in the prestigious global Skytrax World Airport Awards 2016, Brisbane Airport has an extensive network of flights linking to 29 international destinations and 41 domestic destinations. The airport is conveniently located 20 minutes from the city through a direct rail link.

ACCOMMODATION

With more than 13,500 guest rooms and another 1,700 in development, Brisbane offers an extensive range of boutique and brand accommodation options.

UPCOMING KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- > In 2018, Brisbane will welcome new Westin and W hotels.
- > The Howard Smith Wharves redevelopment, scheduled to open late 2018, will include an exhibition centre, Art Series hotel plus boutique restaurants and cafes on the waterfront underneath the iconic Story Bridge.
- > The AUD3 billion Queens Wharf Brisbane integrated resort development will feature five hotels, including a Ritz-Carlton, and is scheduled to be completed in 2022.
- > Brisbane Airport is undergoing an AUD3.8 billion development program including a new parallel runway which will be completed in 2020.

WEATHER

Brisbane has a sub-tropical climate with year-round sunny days. Average maximum temperature.

Month	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Temperature °C	29°	29°	28°	26°	23°	21°	20°	22°	24°	26°	28°	29°
Temperature °F	84°	84°	82°	79°	73°	70°	68°	72°	75°	79°	82°	84°

