



Brisbane Tourist Information

Tipping

Tipping is not expected anywhere in Australia. However if you would like to offer a tip as a gesture of good service to wait staff, taxi drivers or porters then a tip of no more than 10% is sufficient.

Smoking

Brisbane has very strict smoking laws. It is prohibited to smoke in pubs, clubs, restaurants, hotels and workplaces and outside areas such as sport stadiums, on public transport (trains, ferries and buses), in the State Library of Queensland and in Queen Street Mall.

Electricity

Australia's wall sockets are 240/250 volts AC 50HZ. Universal outlets for 110 volts are standard in hotels, apartments and motels.



Emergency

If you feel you are in a life threatening or emergency situation dial 000 to call the police, fire department or ambulance.

Is it safe to drink the water?

It is safe to drink tap water in Brisbane unless signed otherwise.

Shopping Hours

Brisbane City and the Queen Street Mall are open seven days until 6pm, with late night shopping in suburban areas on Thursdays and in the City on Fridays until 9pm.

Currency

Currency is the Australian Dollar (AUD\$) which divides into 100 cents.

Sun Exposure

Brisbane gets plenty of sun. If you're planning on being outside for an extended period of time it is advisable to wear protective clothing, a hat and some SPF30+ sunscreen. The highest level of UV rays are between 10am and 2pm so it's better to limit direct exposure during these times.



Aussie Slang Words & Phrases

Ambo - Ambulance
Ankle biter - Small child
Arvo - Afternoon
Barbie - Barbeque
Bathers - Swimming costume
Bloke - Man, guy
Bludger - Someone who is lazy
Bogan - Unsophisticated person regarded as being of low socio-economic status
Booze bus - Police vehicle used to catch drunk drivers
Bottle-O - Bottle shop
Brekky - Breakfast
Brisvegas - Brisbane, capital of Queensland
Brolly - Umbrella
Budgie Smugglers - men's bathing costume
Bush - Outback
BYO - Unlicensed restaurant where you have to Bring Your Own grog
Cab Sav - Cabernet Sauvignon
Billabong - A pond in a dry riverbed
Biccy - Biscuit/cookie
Choccy Biccy - Chocolate biscuit
Chook - Chicken
Ciggy - Cigarette
Coldie - Beer
Crikey - Expression of surprise
Dunny - Toilet
Esky - Insulated container to keep things cold (usually beer)
Frothy - Beer
G'day - Hello
Galah - Australian Cockatoo
Good on Ya - Good work
Goon - Cheap boxed wine
Grog - Beer, wine, spirits (liquor)

Hard Yakka - Hard work
Heaps - lots, loads
Hooroo - Goodbye
Hotel - Often just a pub
Kelpie - Australian sheepdog
Lollies - Sweets/candy
Maccas - McDonalds
Mate - Friend
Mozzie - Mosquito
No Drama - No problem
Pav - Pavlova - an Aus/NZ sweet dessert
'You Ripper' - Fantastic mate
Ridgie Didge - Original/genuine
Runners - Trainers/Sneakers
Servo - Service Station
Sheila - A woman
Sickie - A sick day off work
Slab - slab of beer (24 bottles or cans)
Smoko - Smoking or coffee break
Snag - Sausage
Sunnies - Sunglasses
Swag - Single bed you can roll up like a sleeping bag
Tea - Dinner/supper
Thongs - Flip Flops
Tucker - Food
Ugg boots - Australian sheepskin boots
Ya - You
Yous - Plural of you

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