

EXPERIENCE BRISBANE

Brisbane now, Sleep later

Got a weekend in Brisbane and you want to make the most of it? Pack the Berocca and get set for a heady 48 hours. Within an hour's drive of the city you'll hit some of greater Brisbane's best adrenaline destinations, where you can spend a morning, day or more getting wet, dirty and exhausted all in the name of a good time.

HALF-DAY ITINERARIES

- 1. Brisbane Skydiving Centre** (Ipswich Shire ☎07 5464 6111 🌐 brisbaneskydive.com.au) Start the weekend with a pleasant scenic flight... then fling yourself out of the plane and freefall for more than 6000ft. You get the best views in the house and photos to make your mates jealous.
- 2. Flying Fighters** (Archerfield ☎07 3272 9484 🌐 flyingfighters.com.au) Feel the need for speed? Put yourself in the cockpit of a WWII Fighter Plane or a front-line military Jet and watch Brisbane's landscape race beneath you. Acrobatics? They're optional extras.
- 3. Pacific Harbour Golf & Country Club** (Bribie Island, Caboolture Shire ☎07 3408 7722 🌐 pacificharbour.com.au) Tucked between national park and the 6000-hectare Pumicestone Passage Marine Park, this waterfront golf settlement offers more than nine (gorgeous) holes. The 150-berth marina offers boating and fishing mischief and the village offers vino and fab food.

FULL-DAY ITINERARIES

- 4. Dreamworld** (Coomera ☎07 5588 1111 🌐 dreamworld.com.au) Wipe yourself out... quite literally. Conquer five of Dreamworld's Big Thrill Rides; swing nine stories high at 75km/h on The Claw, plummet 120m on The Drop – the world's tallest free-falling ride – or fly at 160km/h on the Tower of Terror. Once you're done spend the afternoon at WhiteWater World right next door (☎07 5588 1111 🌐 whitewaterworld.com.au).
- 5. North Stradbroke Island** 'Straddie' is one of the largest sand islands in the world and is known for its excellent beaches...if there's a way to ride a wave, you can do it here. Surfing's the obvious option, but the award-winning Straddie Adventures (☎07 3409 8414 🌐 straddieadventures.com.au) can also take you snorkelling, 4WDing and kayaking.
- 6. Cableski Logan** (Logan Shire ☎07 3287 7777 🌐 cableski.com.au) This wakeboard and waterski park will provide hours of exhausting good fun on the water. Test your skill on the obstacles and ramps or watch the experts in a Pro-Tour competition.
- 7. Surfing trips and tours** (☎07 3012 9272 🌐 surf fever.com.au) Find out what the fuss is about and take a surf tour just north of Brisbane. Spend a day learning how to master the waves, or take the overnighter-package.

Buzzing Brisbane

Brisbane's tropical summer climate and balmy winter days create the perfect backdrop for a weekend of urban adrenaline. Show the Lions your true colours after packing in a beer garden lunch. Spend an afternoon getting up close and personal with the state beer. Then simmer in the city's sultry nights with a bout of club-hopping, live music or bar mingling.

AM - DAY ITINERARIES

- 8. Story Bridge Hotel** (Main St, Kangaroo Point ☎07 3391 2266 🌐 storybridgehotel.com.au) One of Brisbane's finest pubs, the Story Bridge Hotel sits under its mighty namesake and lures Friday-night devotees to its fashionable back bar, and weekend sessions drinkers to its classic beer garden.
- 9. Be a spectator at Suncorp Stadium** (Castlemaine Street, Milton ☎07 3331 5000 🌐 suncorpstadium.com.au) Rugby is king in Brisbane and Suncorp Stadium is stomping ground for the Brisbane Broncos, the State of Origin, international rugby union matches and the QLD Roar soccer team.
- 10. Castlemaine-Perkins XXXX Ale House** (Paton Street, Milton ☎07 3361 7597 🌐 xxxx.com.au) Get a little more intimate with the state drink and tour the Ale House at XXXX. After learning the secrets of Brisbane's favourite brew, you can quench your thirst on four of their best ales.
- 11. Adrenalin Harley Tours** (☎0414 239 668 🌐 adrenalinharleytours.com.au) Head out on the highway, but do it in style. Tour Brisbane and its mighty surrounds on the back of a Harley or in a Harley trike. They're fast, they're loud and they're big.

PM - NIGHT ITINERARIES

- 12. The MET** (Wickham St, Fortitude Valley ☎07 3257 2557 🌐 themet.com.au) Brisbane likes to party and it's got the clubs to prove it. This dishy venue throbs till the wee hours with the country's best DJs and hosts big-name visiting acts. Start in the bar, move to the lounge and finish on the dance floor.
- 13. The Troubadour** (Brunswick St, Fortitude Valley ☎07 3252 2626 🌐 thetroubadour.com.au) There's 'indie' and then there's The Troubadour. The best way to get under Brisbane's musical skin is to catch a gig at this creative venue, where you'll see some of the world's best underground soul, bluegrass, acoustic and electronica.
- 14. Family** (McLachlan St, Fortitude Valley ☎07 3852 5000 🌐 thefamily.com.au) Recently voted Australia's best nightclub, this four-storey monolith has two dance floors, four bars, four funky themed booths and a kicking sound system. Resident DJs work the decks most nights but their elite counterparts from Europe drop in regularly.



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