



EXPERIENCE BRISBANE

Family Fun

Beyond Brisbane's urban heart there are oodles of ways to treat the family to a great day out. Pack a picnic and head to one of the area's beautiful reserves, where trees and jungle gyms treat little limbs to hours of fun. Beat the heat at water parks and beaches, or indulge your animal-instincts at the region's world-renowned wildlife sanctuaries.

HALF-DAY ITINERARIES

- 1. The Workshops Rail Museum** (Ipswich Shire ☎ 07 3432 5100 [📄 theworkshops.qm.qld.gov.au](http://theworkshops.qm.qld.gov.au)) At this train-spotters tribute to machinery, kids can drive a huge diesel locomotive, and the whole crew can marvel at the engines or tour a working workshop.
- 2. Welcome Horse Riding** (Pine Rivers Shire ☎ 07 3289 4644 [📄 welcome.net.au](http://welcome.net.au)) Plant the family on horseback in 500 acres of soft hills and forests at Mt Samson. Rides last one to two hours, or if you're up for a bit more adventure make a whole day of it.
- 3. Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary** (Fig Tree Pocket ☎ 07 3378 1366 [📄 koala.net](http://koala.net)) The world's largest koala sanctuary is home to over 130 cute and cuddly little bears. Informative talks and koala-cuddles are optional extras, and roos and Tassie Devils join the residents.

FULL-DAY ITINERARIES

- 4. Boondall Wetlands Reserve** (Boondall ☎ 07 3403 1490 [📄 experiencebrisbane.com](http://experiencebrisbane.com)) About a 25-minute drive north of Brisbane's CBD, this tranquil reserve encompasses 1000 hectares of mangroves, grasslands, wetlands and hoards of migratory birds, making it the perfect playground for active troops. Spend the day bushwalking and bird spotting.
- 5. Settlement Cove Lagoon** (Redcliffe Shire ☎ 1800 659 500 [📄 redcliffe.qld.gov.au/tourism](http://redcliffe.qld.gov.au/tourism)) A short drive north of the centre is this utopia for school-age kids on the picturesque Redcliffe foreshore. Surrounding a small lagoon are colourful boats and castles, and various pools to cool off in.
- 6. Tangalooma Dolphins** (Tangalooma Wild Dolphin Resort, Moreton Island ☎ 07 3268 6333 [📄 tangelooma.com](http://tangelooma.com)) Moreton Island's most enigmatic tourists are the wild dolphins that visit almost every night of the year. There's a daily feeding session at sundown where you can get up close and personal with them.
- 7. Australia Zoo** (Beerwah ☎ 07 5436 2000 [📄 australiazoo.com.au](http://australiazoo.com.au)) This world-famous park is owned by the Irwin family. It's more than just crocs though – Australia Zoo is home to cheetahs, elephants, tigers, koalas and more.

Treats for the Troop

Brisbane's inner hub is an adventure playground for families of all ages. Spend the morning in a scenic park with climbing gyms and BBQs, or paddling in an outdoor pool. Then head indoors for the afternoon – Brisbane's galleries and museums offer nationally renowned programs, activities and workshops that captivate inquisitive young minds and nurture their creativity.

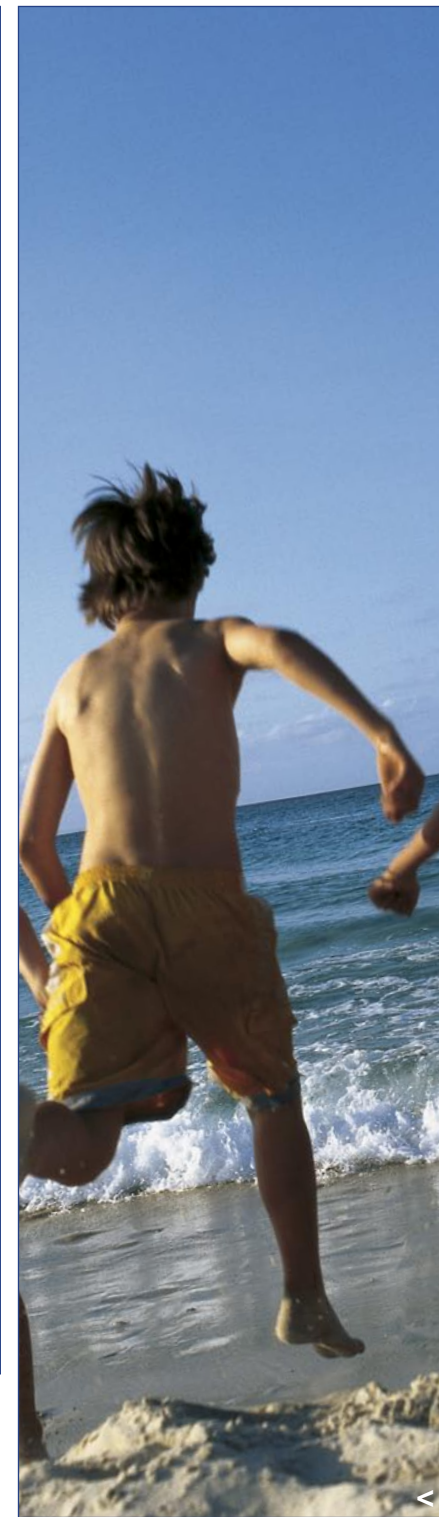
AM – MORNING ITINERARIES

- 8. Roma Street Parkland** (Parkland Blvd, CBD ☎ 07 3006 4545 [📄 romastreetparkland.qld.gov.au](http://romastreetparkland.qld.gov.au)) Interrupting the sandstone and pavement of Brisbane's centre, this 16-hectare park is the world's biggest urban subtropical garden. The rainforest ferns, rockery and ever-evolving annuals make for spectacular walks and there are kids' playgrounds, local art and BBQs to enjoy.
- 9. Museum of Brisbane** (City Hall, CBD ☎ 07 3403 8888 [📄 brisbane.qld.gov.au/MoB](http://brisbane.qld.gov.au/MoB)) Brisbane's dynamic museum has interactive exhibits and free school holiday workshops to keep insatiable minds engaged. The 'Discovery Room' has books, tasks and challenges for the kids, and every Saturday the MoB Trolley provides activities for the whole family.
- 10. Ride a CityCat** (☎ 13 12 30 [📄 translink.com.au](http://translink.com.au)) Ditch the traffic, put your feet up and take in the sights from Brisbane's most ambient vantage point. Board a CityCat for a river tour from QUT to Brett's Wharf (hopping off at New Farm Park en route). It's effortless, good fun.
- 11. South Bank Parklands** (South Bank ☎ 07 3867 2051 [📄 visitsouthbank.com.au](http://visitsouthbank.com.au)) There's enough outdoors fun to keep the family happy all day in Brisbane's most entertaining patch of park. Take the troupe rollerblading or cycling along the esplanade,

wear the kids out on the climbing gyms and then wind down with a swim at Streets Beach, a splash in Aquativity and a BBQ lunch.

PM – AFTERNOON ITINERARIES

- 12. Sciencentre** (South Bank ☎ 07 3840 7555 [📄 southbank.qm.qld.gov.au/sciencentre](http://southbank.qm.qld.gov.au/sciencentre)) Within the Queensland Museum, this hands-on science exhibit keeps inquisitive minds occupied with interactive displays, optical illusions, a perception tunnel and regular film shows.
- 13. Children's Art Centre** (South Bank ☎ 07 3840 7303 [📄 qag.qld.gov.au](http://qag.qld.gov.au)) Culture is kid's business at the Gallery of Modern Art (the Queensland Art Gallery's second building). This nationally acclaimed centre nurtures youngsters' creativity through kid's gallery tours, interactive activities, school holiday workshops and children's exhibitions.
- 14. State Library of Queensland** (South Brisbane ☎ 07 3840 7666 [📄 slq.qld.gov.au](http://slq.qld.gov.au)) Brisbane's fabulous new State Library has its own area dedicated to little ones – The Corner. Also of interest will be the Indigenous knowledge centre, Kuril Dhagun.



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