

A Taste of Brisbane.

48 Hours 48 Hot Spots Itinerary

Brisbane is a city with the instinctive feel for the good life. With the warm embrace of a sub-tropical climate, a hive of cultural and culinary 'see and dos' and a creative vibe that is flowing as strong as the river running through it, this city's cultural heat is smoldering.

Plan the perfect weekend away with an escape to Brisbane – the ultimate playground for wanderers, foragers, culinary crusaders and creative artists alike. We've pounded the pavement, gone underground and scaled the city's heights to bring you a sample of Brisbane's 48 hot spots.

Pack your bags and get excited. A cornucopia of delights await.

Friday



Fly with Virgin Australia from your capital city to Brisbane or organise your visit with one of the many Blue Holiday packages available.

Check into your hotel and head to Limes Hotel rooftop bar in Fortitude Valley for a sunset drink. When the belly rumbles, make your way to the ever popular nearby Ortiga – a Spanish eatery with a top level bar and a downstairs restaurant, that is moody, mysterious and equally enticing with its long menu filled with culinary delights. Think jamon of every persuasion and a slow cooked lamb shoulder with lemon puree that will have you thinking you really have discovered the good life.

Head back to your hotel to rest your head ready for Brisbane's wide-open skies and multitude of delights.



Saturday

8:30AM

Book a breathtaking wine and viewing experience with Pterodactyl Helicopters.

After an 8.45am hotel pick up, you will be driven to Lake Manchester where your helicopter winery tour commences. You can enjoy the scenery of greater Brisbane from a spectacular birds eye view, while spending your morning visiting some of the regions boutique wineries and meeting their leading winemakers.

2:00PM

Spend your afternoon taking in the sights of Brisbane's CBD. Relish in the retail mecca of Queens Plaza in the Queen Street Mall or head to Elizabeth Street's Elizabeth Arcade, a common home for Brisbane's up and coming fashion designers and more quirky labels.

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Enjoy a vino
at the Laneway
Bar then dinner
at The Euro

7:00PM

Enjoy a night of theatre with La Boite Theatre Company (Kelvin Grove), a Brisbane institution since 1972. The La Boite experience isn't a passive one: its epic, intimate Roundhouse Theatre encourages audience to immerse themselves in the work and be swept into the joy of performance. After a performance gustatory delights await at one of Mary Streets (CBD) drinking and dining havens.

Enjoy a well mixed cocktail or sip on a vino from one of the country's best edited wine lists at the Laneway Bar then enjoy dinner at The Euro, a small and demure eatery perfectly slathered in modern European feel and a touch more relaxed than its counterpart Urbane next door. The menu may be bistro in intent but the food is executed with precision and fondness with the likes of hearty ragu pastas, charcuterie plates to share, and the obligatory tarte tartin.



The Euro



Libertine Parfumerie

Sunday

10:30AM

After breakfast head towards James Street to take in the hedonistic pleasures of Libertine Parfumerie, the homewares mecca of Madison Integrity and the spectacular jewellery of internationally renowned Chelsea de Luca. James Street is a must see locale – since opening in 2003, the precinct has been a major influence on the city's dining and cultural scene, an incubator for the rest of Brisbane's suburbs as they replicate its' vibrant village feel.

Before leaving don't forget to visit the sweet and savoury destination - Jocelyn's Provision. A one-stop shop for quality cakes, pies, tarts, preserves and fine ingredients.

LONG LUNCH

Enjoy the food of acclaimed and popular media chef Ben O'Donoghue at the South Bank Surf Club. The seafood driven menu is light and lovely and a perfect finish to your weekend away.

After lunch it's time for reality to return. Head back to your hotel to collect your things then depart to the Brisbane airport for your flight home with Virgin Australia.

8:30AM

With a Merlo coffee in hand amble towards the treasures of Winn Laneway (off Winn Street, Fortitude Valley). The first weekend of every month search for those one-off buys at the Winn Laneway Markets. This hidden trove of paper goods, fashion, music, vintage, and high-end clothing labels is sure to delight with old friends and new favourites from The Outpost, Nine Lives, The Zoo and Sunday Social. Stop by Little Jane Street, a papery store filled with whimsical letterpress prints and ephemeral delights you never knew you wanted but can no longer live without.

BREAKFAST

Before heading to James Street, enjoy breakfast at the Flamingo Café (Winn Laneway, Fortitude Valley).

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