

Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

Australia's river city punches well above its weight for a cruise port day — wildlife sanctuaries, river beaches, island day trips, and a compact CBD are all in easy range from the dock.

Docked (pier)

Typical call: 8-10 hrs

Australian Dollar (AUD)

English

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: BICT (Luggage Point) for large ships; Portside Wharf (Hamilton) for smaller vessels — both docked, no tendering

Best For: Wildlife encounters (Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary), island day trips (Moreton Island), South Bank strolling

Walk to center: BICT is ~20 km from CBD; taxi/rideshare 20-30 min. Portside Wharf is ~7 km; CityCat ferry 25 min.

Don't Miss: A koala close-up photo at Lone Pine — the world's largest koala sanctuary, plus hand-feeding kangaroos

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ AUD \$50–65 · 🚗 **Rideshare** ✅ Uber, DiDi, Ola · 🚗 **Hop-on hop-off** ✅ Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary** — The world's largest koala sanctuary sits about 12 km from the city in Fig Tree Pocket.
- Moreton Island Day Trip** — A 75-minute ferry from the city drops you on a sand island with clear turquoise waters, snorkeling around the Tangalooma wrecks, quad biking over...
- South Bank & QAGOMA** — South Bank Parklands hugs the river opposite the CBD: a pedestrian beach (Streets Beach), riverside paths, the Queensland Art Gallery & Gallery of...
- Story Bridge Adventure Climb** — Scale the cantilever arches of Brisbane's iconic 1940 bridge for 360° views over the river, CBD, and Moreton Bay.
- Gold Coast Day Trip** — An hour south by road, the Gold Coast offers long surf beaches, Surfers Paradise, and hinterland rainforest at Lamington National Park or Tamborine...

BEST WALKS

- South Bank Riverwalk & Streets Beach** 4 km round trip | Flat | ~1.5 hrs — From South Bank ferry stop, walk the riverside promenade past Streets Beach (man-made lagoon beach), the Parklands gardens, and across the Goodwill Bridge to the CBD.
- Howard Smith Wharves & Kangaroo Point Cliffs** 3 km | Easy-moderate | ~1.5 hrs — From the CBD ferry terminal, head to Howard Smith Wharves — a riverside precinct under the Story Bridge with restaurants and craft beer.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		78°	62°	8d
Jun		70°	52°	6d
Aug		72°	52°	5d
Sep		76°	56°	6d
Oct		79°	60°	10d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:04AM–5:30PM · Jun 6:36AM–5:00PM · Aug 6:18AM–5:26PM · Sep 5:46AM–5:40PM · Oct 5:12AM–5:55PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Know your terminal: BICT and Portside Wharf are 12 km apart. Confirm which one your ship uses before planning transport — they require completely different strategies.
- Tap-and-go works everywhere in Brisbane. ATMs are plentiful in the CBD. Visa/Mastercard contactless accepted in virtually all shops, restaurants, and taxis.
- Book Lone Pine in advance — especially the paid koala photo experiences, which sell out. The sanctuary is not walkable from either terminal; allow budget for a taxi or organised tour.
- CityCat ferries are a highlight in themselves: the river cruise from Portside Wharf to South Bank or South Brisbane takes about 25 minutes and costs under A\$6 with a Go card.
- Sun protection is essential. Brisbane UV is extreme year-round. Slip, slop, slap: hat, SPF 50+ sunscreen, and a shirt for any outdoor activity.
- Moreton Island is a full-day commitment. The ferry is 75 minutes each way — confirm your ship's departure time before booking. Gold Coast is similarly time-intensive.

Brisbane, Queensland, Australia — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



P Cruise port / terminal