

## 9 Free Things to do in Brisbane

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Australia is a beautiful and exotic part of the world. There are many cities scattered around the continent and one that's becoming more popular is Brisbane. Brisbane is in the sunshine state of Queensland. It has great weather and its own special charm.

Many people want to visit and explore the city. Everyone wants to travel but not everyone wants to pay for all the expenses that come with it. Finding free things to do in a new place is always great. For those looking for free things to do in Brisbane, here are nine of the best activities to do.

### 1. Take a ride on the river

The Brisbane River is a beautiful sight because it snakes around the city. People love to be on it. Luckily there's a free ferry that gives you the chance to see the city in a new way. It's called the City Hopper and it runs every 30 minutes, Monday through Friday. It stops at various terminals around Brisbane like South Bank, the CBD and Kangaroo Point Cliffs. Going on this ferry is a must do. It's easy to spot because it's bright red.

### 2. See the Botanical Gardens

Even though Brisbane is a big city, there's still a lot of greenery. The best place to see a diverse representation of flora is the Botanical Gardens. Lush grass lawns, trails, exotic animals and beautiful plants, make for a fun experience. If you have a lot of time, a picnic on one of the lawns is a great way to spend part of the day.

### 3. View the city from Mount Coot-tha

Brisbane offers multiple places to get a good outdoor view but the best place is up at Mount Coot-tha Summit. Making the trek up the mountain is worth it because from this viewpoint you can see all of Brisbane. This is definitely the spot where you'll want to bring your camera.

### 4. Take a dip in the beach

It wouldn't be Australia without a beach. In the middle of South Bank is Streets Beach. This is a different type of beach because it's man made. Even though it's man-made it still has everything

people love about the beach. It's in a great location that's directly across from the CBD and is perfect for soaking in the sun and relaxing.

### **5. Visit the Gallery of Modern Art**

The Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA) is a popular museum in Australia. A majority of the pieces are made to reflect contemporary art and most of the exhibitions are free to enter!

### **6. Listen to the City Sounds**

The City Sounds is a large music program in Brisbane. The event is held weekly and entrance is free. It shows off local and emerging artists who play on the main stage in the Queen Street Mall located in the CBD.

### **7. Take a walk around the river**

A 15 kilometer path goes around the river starting from South Bank and ending in New Farm. Taking this path will allow you to see a much of the city and let you enjoy the outdoor lifestyle of Brisbane.

### **8. Sweat it up at a fitness class**

The "Feel Good" program, sponsored by Medibank offers free fitness classes in South Bank. No sign up is necessary, all you need to do is show up. Various classes are offered like Yoga, Pilates and Zumba. Some classes focus on particular things like abs, butts and improving your overall energy. All these classes are meant to help you feel better by working out in a group and being outside.

### **9. Have a laugh**

Every Sunday there are free stand-up comedy shows at the Brisbane Powerhouse in New Farm. This is a great way to support local comedians and see if they have what it takes to make you laugh out loud.

Brisbane is a bustling city with many things to do. Some of the best attractions in the city are free. Now you know a handful of great things to experience that'll leave you and your wallet happy.