



ATE 2024 - POST MEDIA FAMIL THE TALE OF TWO CITIES: LUXURY HOTELS, REEF & DINING

Tuesday, 21 May 2024 - Saturday, 25 May 2024

Accommodation, transfers, main meals, activities and touring will be included as part of this itinerary.

Please note this *Draft Itinerary* is subject to change. All activities will be confirmed prior to your departure.



Welcome to Queensland

"Wunya" and "sew ngapa"

Wunya (welcome, greetings) is from the Yuggera language of Brisbane and the Gubbi Gubbi language of the Sunshine Coast. Sew ngapa (welcome) is from the Kala Lagaw Ya and Kala Kawaw Ya languages of the Western Torres Straits.

Our garden's a one-million-year-old rainforest. Out the back is a red desert of dinosaur bones. Our swimming pool? The world's largest reef.

Here, you'll find experiences like nowhere else on the planet. Join us for warm ocean swims in winter, hiking trails in the middle of cities, world-class performances on stage, and stories from earth's oldest living cultures.

Regions you will be visiting

Brisbane Region

Welcome to Brisbane, a cosmopolitan hub for arts, culture and dining, heavy on laid-back charm. With stunning natural assets, clear blue skies all year round and a subtropical alfresco lifestyle, Brisbane is an urban metropolis with a relaxed vibe.

Here you'll receive a warm welcome from the city with timeless nature in its soul.

Climate: Brisbane enjoys comfortable, subtropical weather. With warm summers, mild winters and an average of 283 days of sunshine a year, days are often bright and sunny. Summer has a daily average of 28°C (83F) and a nightly average of 20°C (68F). Winter has a daily average of 21°C (70F) and a nightly average of 10°C (50F).

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Townsville Region

From the Great Barrier Reef and its tropical islands, to the lush rainforests and World Heritage-listed national parks, the once quiet coastal town has merged into a modern metropolis. Learn from those protecting our earth and fill your days exploring by land or sea.

Climate: The Townsville region experiences two distinct seasons, the 'Green' January through to April, and the 'Dry' May through to December. Summer temperatures range from 31°C (88F) during the day and average at 20°C (68F) at night. Winter temperatures are still quite warm with an average of 25°C (77F) during the day and 13°C (56F) in the evening.

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Tuesday, 21 May 2024

- 11:55 Depart Melbourne on Qantas flight QF1988 from Melbourne to Townsville.
- 15:00 Arrive Townsville and transfer to accommodation.
- Afternoon Check into one of Australia's newest luxury hotels, [Ardo Townsville](#), for two nights. The \$88 million resort boasts premium accommodation, world-class dining, a luxurious day spa, and a stunning rooftop pool deck and bar with panoramic views across the Coral Sea to Magnetic Island. Part of the Northern Escape Collection, the 132 suite property is nestled in the heart of Townsville and located on the breakwater where each aspect of Ardo's design makes the most of the ocean view.
- Dinner Dine at one of Ardo's restaurants before turning in for the night.

Wednesday, 22 May 2024

- Morning Breakfast at leisure at Ardo Townsville.
- 08:00 Today you'll be visiting the Great Barrier Reef! Take a cruise to visit the newest installation of the [Museum of Underwater Art](#) (MOUA), the Ocean Sentinels. The Ocean Sentinels is a captivating series of underwater sculptures by [Jason deCaires Taylor](#), located at a depth of 5 meters and just a short swim from the [Coral Greenhouse](#) installation at [John Brewer Reef](#) in the [Sea Country](#) near Townsville.
- Discover a world below the surface and hear the Reefs greatest stories. Be inspired by the wonder of the Museum of Underwater Art (MOUA) with ECO Certified [Adrenalin Snorkel and Dive](#).
- You'll also see the first MOUA installation - the first of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere. It is the perfect backdrop of bright colours and plentiful marine life, providing the perfect balance between both man-made and nature's art. MOUA highlights reef conservation, restoration, and education on a global scale. Discover how the Great Barrier Reef is managed and what work is being done to protect it. The team will take you through ways you can help protect the reef and its creatures for future generations to come. Snorkelling and Scuba Dive is included.
- 16.30 Arrive back at Townsville Breakwater Marina and disembark. Head back to the hotel to freshen up before the evening activities.
- Evening Dinner this evening will be at one of Ardo Townsville or The Ville's leading restaurants.

Thursday, 23 May 2024

- 09:00 Depart Townsville on Virgin Australia flight VA366 to Brisbane.
- 10:55 Arrive at Brisbane Airport and transfer to your accommodation in Brisbane.
- 12:30 Enjoy lunch at [Queen's Wharf Brisbane's](#) latest dining venues. With more than 50 new food and beverage venues set to make up Queen's Wharf Brisbane, it's no surprise that some of the world's top chefs have signed on for the future-shaping precinct.
- Queen's Wharf Brisbane development blends stunning contemporary architecture with thoughtfully restored heritage buildings and beautifully curated landscaped riverside parklands across more than 12 hectares on Brisbane's river edge and a pedestrian link between two of Brisbane's largest cultural and lifestyle precincts, connecting South Bank to Queen's Wharf and The Star Brisbane via the Neville Bonner Bridge.
- Afternoon Check into [The Star Brisbane](#) for two nights. This afternoon will include activities and experiences found at The Star and Queen's Wharf.
- Positioned at the heart of the Queen's Wharf Brisbane precinct, The Star Brisbane is new world-class integrated resort development that will put Brisbane on the map as a tourism, leisure, and entertainment destination. The resort will include a myriad of new restaurants, bars and entertainment experiences, world-class retail, and extraordinary event spaces to the Brisbane CBD. Not to mention The Star Brisbane's striking Sky Deck, a 250m

rooftop runway of restaurants and bars floating 100m above the Brisbane River and the resort's Leisure Deck, a 12,000sqm open-air oasis which delivers two football fields of public space. From a selection of Brisbane's grandest hotels to delectable dining, spectacular sky-high views and unique experiences for locals and tourists alike, The Star Brisbane promises to celebrate the best of this river city.

19.30 Enjoy a light dinner this evening at one of Queen's Wharf's new venues to finish off the day.

Overnight The Star Brisbane.

Friday, 24 May 2024

Morning After leisurely breakfast, take time this morning to explore the River City of Brisbane prior to lunch. We can also assist with any arrangements related to a specific story angle you may have.

Suggestions:

Visit [The Gallery of Modern Art \(GOMA\)](#) a short walk away from The Star.

Take a walk across the pedestrian bridge to [South Bank Parklands](#) to explore.

Stroll along The [Queen Street Mall](#).

Midday Join Kiff & Kulture for a food and drink tour of Brisbane, indulging in a symphony of flavours and urban elegance. Brisbane – The River City – continues to evolve and transform, offering a myriad of experiences around town. This tour will include dining, wineries and other offerings inspiring guests to fully immerse themselves in the boundless epicurean delights of the 'Green Cauldron' the fertile region that encompasses Southeast Queensland. Not only are their experiences guided by intimate local knowledge, Kiff & Culture are committed to supporting local communities. Their small luxury private tours showcase homegrown artisan food and drink with a passion for sustainability, as they believe a great day out doesn't need to come at the expense of the planet.

Evening After a tour of dining dinner may be at leisure or to enjoy a night out and light meal with your host.

Overnight The Star Brisbane.

Saturday, 25 May 2024

Today it's time to farewell Brisbane and return to your next destination or home.

We hope you enjoy your Experience Program
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