

**MAGIC**  
The Gathering  
**GRAND PRIX  
BRISBANE**





## About Brisbane Australia

Brisbane is the capital city of Queensland, Australia. It is located on the Brisbane River on the eastern coast of Australia and has a resident population estimated to be just over 2 million (2010 estimate). Brisbane is the third largest city in Australia, behind Sydney (1st) and Melbourne (2nd).

Weather forecasts for the period of the Grand Prix are hot – low to mid 30 degrees Celsius (about 86-95 degrees Fahrenheit). Luckily both the conference venue and the Grand Prix venue are air-conditioned. Also unlike our Southern Brethren, we don't believe in Daylight Savings, so check your phones/watches (Australian Eastern Standard Time, UTC +10).



## Grand Prix Brisbane

For the first time since 2013, there is a GP in Brisbane. The dates for the event are Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of February through to Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> of February.

Location: Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Southbank, Exhibition Hall 2

Hours: Friday: 11:00 – 23:00

Saturday: 8:00 – 22:00

Sunday: 8:00 – 22:00

Format: Modern (No more Probes or Trolls!)

There is a carpark available underneath the building, with easy elevator access from all carpark sections. Carpark 2 is the closest carpark to the GP Hall.

The maximum daily rate for parking is \$28.

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## Travel Information

### Getting to Brisbane:

#### **Airports:**

The easiest way to fly into Brisbane is through Brisbane Airport (**BNE**). It has both an international and domestic terminal and was recently voted the best airport in Australia!

Gold Coast Airport (OOL) is an alternative to BNE, but is not advised due to its distance from the city and the high price of transfers.

The Airtrain operates right outside BNE and will get you to the city in about 20 minutes. Tickets are \$17.50 one-way or \$33 return, with discounts available for those who pre-book.

If you don't like trains, a taxi to the city will cost about \$70, depending on exactly where your hotel is and what time of day you are travelling. Uber was also recently legalised in Queensland and has dedicated ranks outside both BNE and OOL. An Uber to the city from BNE is approximately \$25 depending on demand. An Uber from OOL will cost approximately \$110-150.

#### **Public Transport:**

Brisbane is serviced by trains and buses. To travel on these, you will need to purchase a Go Card, which services both modes of public transport. Similar to London's Oyster Card or Melbourne's Myki, you can purchase this card for a \$10 refundable deposit, and then you will need to place additional money on it to travel. Simply touch on at the start of your journey at a card reader or gate, then touch off at the end of your journey, and the system will charge you accordingly. You can purchase a Go Card at any train station, newsagent or 7-11 store, and even at the Airport when you land – check out <https://translink.com.au/tickets-and-fares/go-card> for more information about Go Cards for for a full fare schedule.

Good news everyone! The price of public transport in Queensland dropped dramatically at the end of 2016. Translink provides easy to use journey planner to get you where you need to go in Brisbane. Both the conference and GP venues are close to South Brisbane Train Station, and the Cultural Centre bus interchange.



## Judge Conference Info

There will be a Judge Conference attached to GP Brisbane – the basic details are available, with a presentation schedule available closer to the date.

Location: State Library of Queensland  
Stanley Place, Cultural Centre, South Bank

Times: 11:00 Intro, 18:30 wrap-up.

Follow the signage or the crowds to find the exact room being used on the day! Conferences are always a good opportunity to hang out and meet fellow judges, as well as participate in both mentoring and being mentored by some of the best judges in the Judge Program.

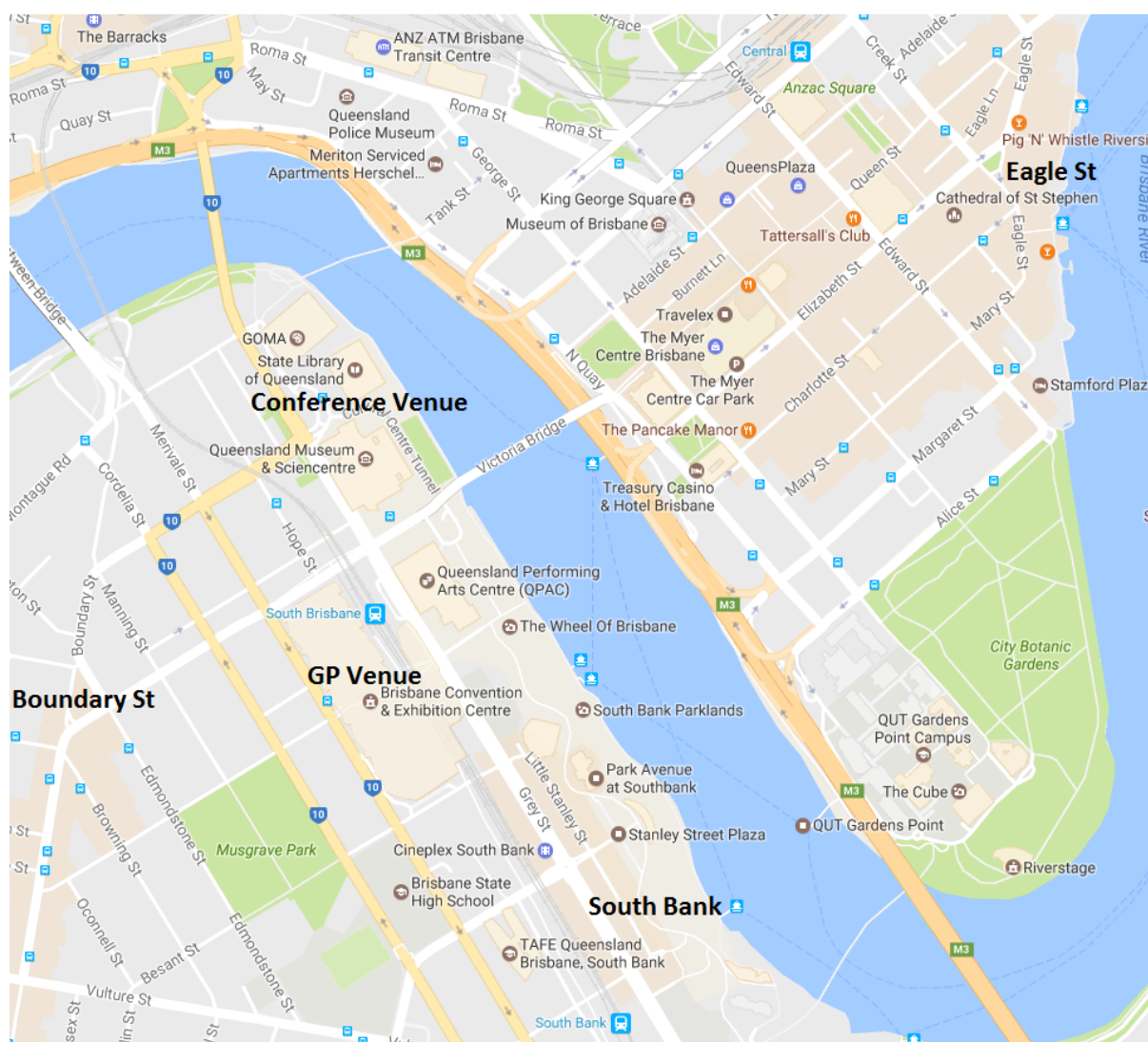


## Local Food Options

The GP Venue is a short walk from both [South Bank](#), Brisbane's riverside parkland built for Expo '88, and [West End](#), Brisbane's premiere food district. Directly across the road from the Convention Centre's North exit (which faces East for some reason) and head across the road to find several restaurants covering a wide range of cuisines, from American to Persian.

If you'd prefer a quieter meal and a coffee, take a short walk to West End, where you will find several of the finest cafes Brisbane has to offer. We recommend [Three Monkeys](#), where you will usually be able to find someone for a board game or a game of Magic.

Heading over the river into the CBD you will find a lot of different restaurants. You will find your usual fast food fare mostly along Queen St and other restaurants on the surrounding streets, particularly Elizabeth, Edward and Creek St. The higher end of Brisbane dining can be found on the Eagle St Pier.



## Local Tourist Options

**Story Bridge Climb** - <http://www.sbac.net.au/>

Climbing Brisbane's iconic Story Bridge is an adventure like no other. Standing on top of the bridge above the glistening landscape is a very special moment – you'll feel like you're on top of the world. This is your chance to see Brisbane truly shining. From far above the river gleams, the city sparkles, cars look like toys and you can see all the way out to Moreton Bay in the east and the rolling green hills of the Scenic Rim to the west. Book early to avoid disappointment!

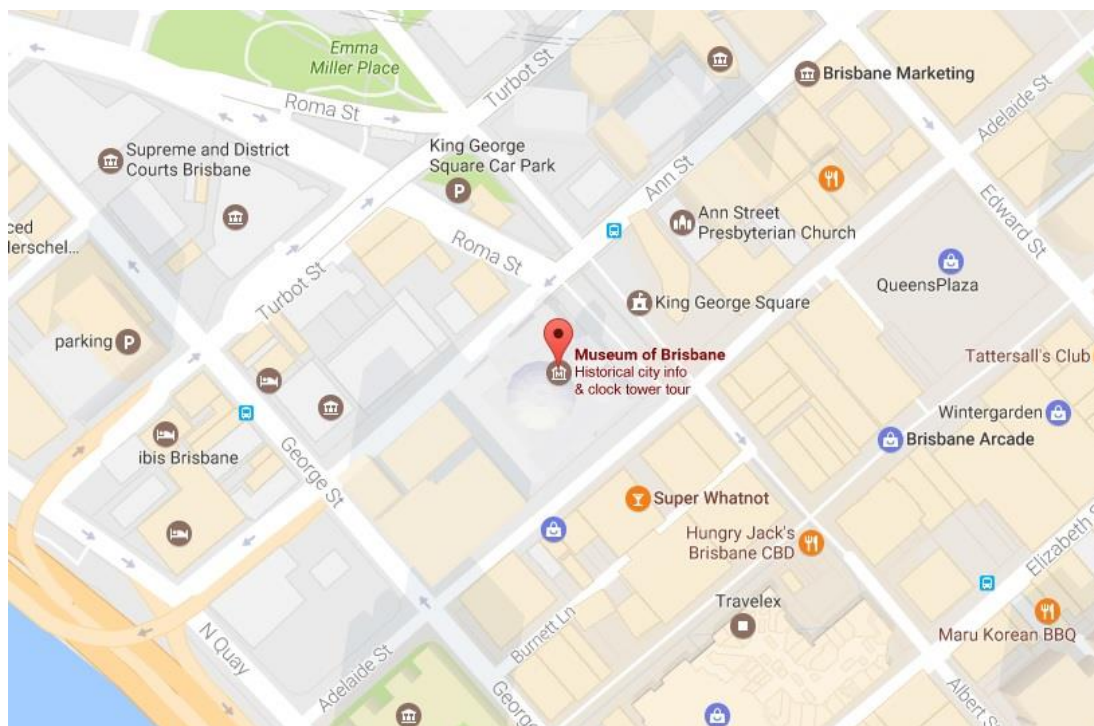
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**Museum** - <https://www.museumofbrisbane.com.au/>

Museum of Brisbane is located on top of Brisbane City Hall. Holding a significant place in the hearts of Brisbane residents as the 'People's Place' City Hall has the enviable title of Brisbane's premier heritage building.

Opening hours Open 7 days a week, 10am - 5pm





**QAGOMA** - <http://www.qagoma.qld.gov.au/>

Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art (QAGOMA) is located across two riverside buildings in South Bank's Cultural Precinct. QAGOMA presents an evolving program of Australian and international exhibitions, with a focus on the contemporary art of Australia, Asia and the Pacific. Immerse the family in creativity at the Children's Art Centre and see the best in international film and video at the Australian Cinémathèque. QAGOMA offers cafes, modern dining and shopping to complete your visit.

Galleries and Stores Open daily 10.00am – 5.00pm

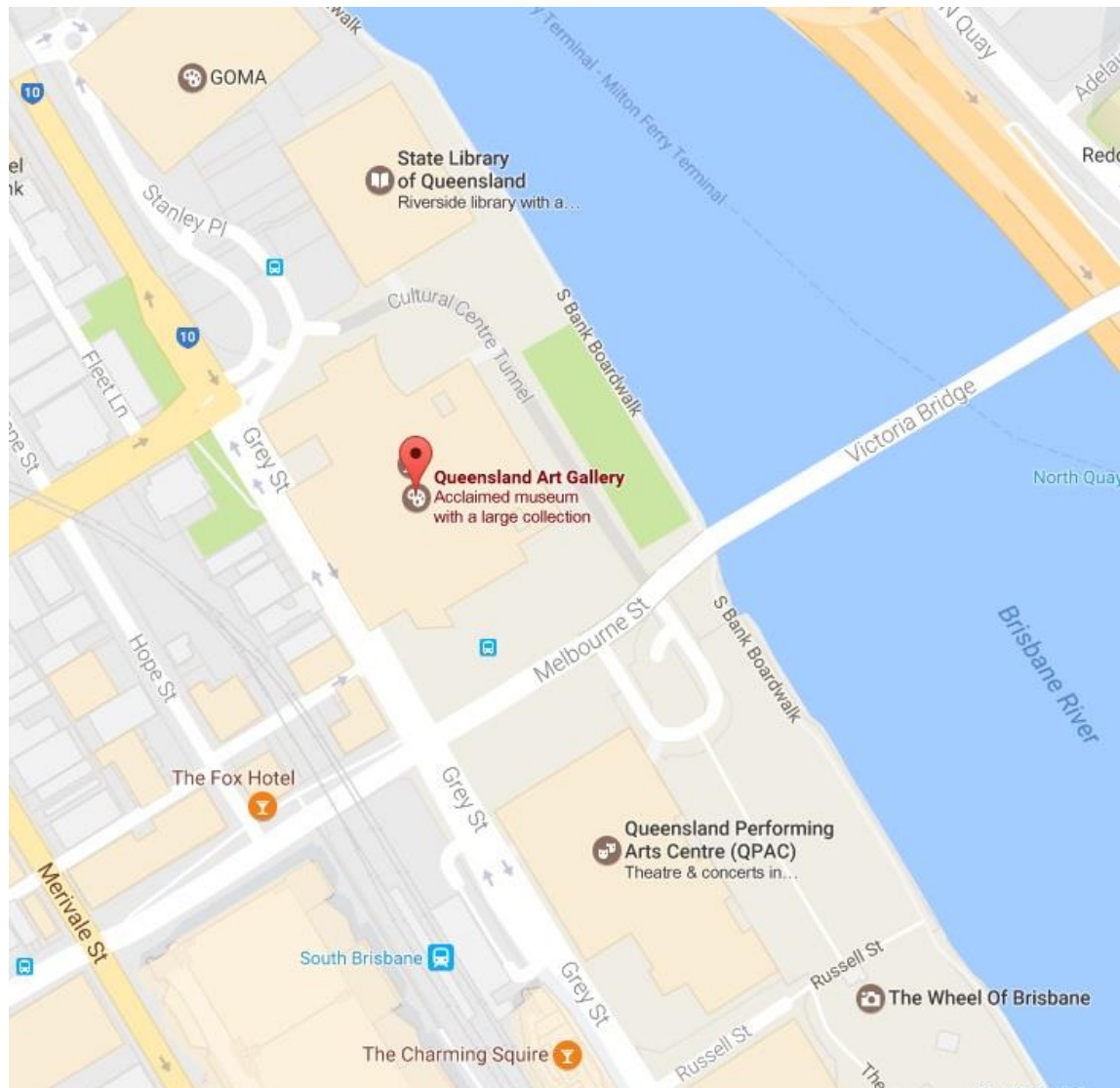
**Sciencecentre** - <http://www.sciencentre.qm.qld.gov.au/>

Housing permanent and changing exhibitions and providing in-depth education experiences and innovative Science Theatre shows, it is a must-see destination for children, families, schools and even grownups!

Location - Corner of Grey & Melbourne Streets, South Bank, South Brisbane

Opening hours 9:30am to 5:00pm daily

Prices - Adult \$14.50, Concession/full-time student (on presentation of concession card) \$12.50





**Botanic Gardens** - <https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/facilities-recreation/parks-venues/parks/city-botanic-gardens>

The City Botanic Gardens are Brisbane's original botanic gardens and are located on the Brisbane River. Features include sculptures and ornamental ponds.

Attractions at the Gardens include Bamboo Grove, Weeping Fig Avenue, Riverstage, ornamental ponds and more. Bookings are available in the Gardens for special events.

The gardens are open 24 hours, with pathways lit at night.

