

TOP REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD MIGRATE TO BRISBANE



ABSTRACT

Brisbane is the bustling capital of Australia's Sunshine State, Queensland. If you've ever wanted to study in Brisbane as an international student, here are ten reasons to choose 'Brissy'.

INTRODUCTION

This pdf about Brisbane might not make it on a technical 'best cities to live in the world' list, but who makes those lists anyway?

So, whether you live here already and want to celebrate this capital of the Sunshine State, or you've been thinking about the possibility of making a move, here are reasons to convince you that there's no better place to be than our little corner of the world here in the southeast of Queensland.

I. 10 Awesome Reasons to Live in Brisbane



1. Brisbane is full of life

In Brisbane, every day is like a celebration. The city is packed to the brim with vibrant shopping arcades, bustling bars, beautiful historical landmarks, sun-soaked beaches and thriving music and arts scenes. If that's not enough to get you excited, the weather surely will. In Brissy, the climate is comfortably warm – the city has nearly 300 sunny days per year.

2. Brisbane is a warm, welcoming and inclusive city

Brisbane is a warm city in more ways than one. Perhaps thanks to the city's relaxed vibe, locals are generally incredibly friendly, easygoing and open-minded – so you're sure to have many opportunities to make local friends if you study in Brisbane.

In fact, the city of Brisbane hosts the free City Welcome Festival each year, Australia's largest orientation festival for international students. You'll find cultural activities, student exhibitions and support services to assist you with making connections at the festival. You can also check out the Lord Mayor's International Student Friendship Ceremony. It includes a meet, greet, photo with – and signed Welcome Certificate from – Brisbane's Lord Mayor.

3. Brisbane is colourful, diverse and multicultural!

As one of the fastest growing cities in Australia, wherever you go in Brisbane, you're sure to be surrounded by strong, colourful and diverse communities. You only need to take a glance at Brisbane's jam-packed calendar to see what we mean. Big multicultural celebrations include the BrisAsia Festival, the Spanish Film Festival, the Alliance Francaise French Film Festival, Cinco de Mayo, Paniyiri Greek Festival, the India Day Fair, and the Luminous Lantern Festival... and that's not even the half of it! There's also a whole month during the year that celebrates multiculturalism in Brisbane!

4. Brisbane is awesome, even on a budget

Brisbane is great value for students, as the fourth most affordable city for students in Australia. The median price of rent is the 3rd lowest of Australia's capital cities at \$436 (AUD) per week. What's more, if you study in Brisbane, there are plenty of things to do on the cheap.

Brisbane promises plenty of beaches, lots of live music, and many different cultural attractions, including Queensland's Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA – Australia's largest collection of modern art). Many are completely free to visit, which is perfect on a student budget!

5. Brisbane is Australia's most sustainable city

With more than 2,000 green parks and over 2,500 species of plant-life, Brisbane is becoming famous across Australia for its immense biodiversity. It's paradise for anyone wanting to study close to nature.

In particular, the lush City Botanic Gardens right beneath the breathtaking Mt Coot-tha contains rainforest glades, bamboo groves and scenic lily ponds. It's a popular green haven and the perfect place for a picnic or study session.

6. The arts and culture scene is exciting, expansive, and pushes boundaries

Don't forget to explore Brisbane's major cultural institutions, including the impressive Gallery of Modern Art, the Queensland Museum and SparkLab, Brisbane Powerhouse, and the Maritime Museum.

The impressive Wheel of Brisbane in South Bank offers 360-degree panoramic views for those brave enough to go to the top! For more underground arts culture, the Judith Wright Centre of Contemporary Arts (known as 'The Judy' to locals), is loved for its regular theatre, cabaret and music events.

7. It's very close to some major Aussie tourist attractions!

Have you planned your Australian Backpacker Bucketlist yet? If you study in Brisbane, you will have a big advantage when it comes to visiting Australia's major attractions. Brisbane is close to the breathtaking Great Barrier Reef, Daintree Forest, brilliant beaches and famous theme parks.

8. Everyone talks about the live music scene

The live music scene in Brisbane is well-known across Australia for supporting musical talent. Fortitude Valley is where you'll find a vast array of exciting underground bars and live music performances, showcasing groundbreaking artists.

Every year, Fortitude Valley also comes alive for the annual BIGSOUND Music Festival and Industry Conference – the largest annual music event of its kind in Australia. It hosts a massive line-up of singers, artists and industry professionals. New Farm's Brisbane Powerhouse, a former power station turned arts centre, also showcases a wide range of artists, acts and performances.

9. Brisbane's beach culture is breathtaking

You can't talk about Brissy without mentioning its beautiful sun-soaked beaches. Bribie Island offers some of Queensland's most gorgeous stretches of sand, and Ocean Beach is a must-visit surf spot.

Here, you'll find learn-to-surf classes running most days. Also check out Cylinder Beach, Frenchman's Beach and Main Beach at North Stradbroke Island, each

around 40 minutes from Brisbane's CBD. Surfside and Honeymoon Bay at Moreton Island, around 25km off Brisbane's shore, are also worth a visit.

10. Brisbane brings opportunity

If you keep a keen eye out, Brisbane offers plenty of scholarships, internships and employment opportunities for international students. Plus, the education is world-class. From the University of Queensland, Queensland University of Technology and Griffith University, to the many other colleges available, you'll be spoiled for choice when it comes to selecting the right place to study in Brisbane.

Take it from us; when it comes to affordability, great education and fun in the sun, vibrant Brisbane absolutely shines.

II. The Best Things To Do In Brisbane



Brisbane, the state capital of Queensland (known as “the sunshine state”) has a subtropical climate and an average of 283 days of sunshine every year. So it's no surprise that many of the city's favorite activities take place outdoors.

From farmers' markets to hiking, cycling and swimming at Australia's only man-made city beach, here's what to see and do in Brisbane:

City Cycle Tour



Begin your Brisbane visit with a circular bike tour around the Brisbane river by hiring a \$2 CityCycle. Loop from Kangaroo Point over the Story Bridge and down onto the City Boardwalk along the riverfront. Ride past the City Botanic Gardens and around two sides of the central business district to the Kurilpa Bridge. Continue along the matchstick bridge and finish your journey along the Clem Jones Promenade back to where you started.



Streets Beach in South Bank Parkland. It's an inner-city man-made beach next to the city center.

After cycling, cool off at Streets Beach on the South Bank. This is Australia's only urban man-made beach and has a sparkling lagoon surrounded by white, sandy beaches and subtropical plants. The beach is free to use and patrolled by qualified

lifeguards all year round. For easy access to the beach, stay at The Mantra South Bank, a contemporary luxury hotel minutes from the waterfront.

The Queensland Art Gallery



The Queensland Art Gallery / Gallery of Modern Art (QAGOMA) is on the riverside and is part of the Cultural Precinct at Brisbane's South Bank. The permanent collection of QAGOMA includes more than 17,000 works of historical, modern and contemporary art and presents temporary exhibitions of Australian and international art throughout the year. An excellent hotel choice if you want to be in the heart of the cultural area of the South Bank is The Emporium.

The Old Windmill



Stroll through Observatory Park to visit Queensland's oldest building, the convict-built Old Windmill. Constructed in 1828, this windmill has a fascinating history and has had a number of uses.

It was initially used to process the wheat and corn crops of the Moreton Bay penal settlement, then became a signal station to communicate shipping news, and in more recent times it was a facility for radio and TV communications research. After visiting the windmill, drop by the Ovolo Inchcolm hotel for a drink and snack at the lobby bar, Salon de Co.

Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary



A visit to Australia would not be complete without seeing a koala up close. The Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary, about a 15-minute drive from Brisbane or a short river cruise, opened in 1927 as a safe refuge for sick, injured and orphaned koalas at a time when the species was part of the fur industry.

Today, Lone Pine is a key attraction for local and international visitors to see native Australian animals in their natural habitat. After your typical Australian nature experience at Lone Pine, enjoy a meal of contemporary Australian cuisine at the Pullman, another great hotel option, in King George Square near city hall.

River Cruise on the Brisbane River



Combine a boat trip with a visit to the koala sanctuary. The Koala Express (a 35-minute cruise) by Miramar Cruises, departs from the Cultural Centre Pontoon on the South Bank three times daily. Commentary is provided, and an onboard cafe provides drinks and snacks while you're cruising past the city's skyscrapers and leafy suburbs with waterside mansions.

Once back on the south bank, a short stroll across the Victoria bridge will bring you to one of Brisbane's coolest new hotels, the W Hotel where you can enjoy a drink at the Living Room bar.

Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha



A visit to Brisbane Botanic Gardens at the foot of Mount Coot-tha is a must as it's considered to be Queensland's best subtropical botanic gardens. Just a short drive west of the city, entry to the 56-hectare gardens is free, and if you venture up the mountain, the views of the city below are stunning.

In addition to experiencing an Australian rainforest, be sure to visit the Japanese Garden designed by one of Japan's leading traditional garden proponents, the late Kenzo Ogata (this was his last work). If you prefer staying in a greener rather than a more urban location, Spicers Balfour Hotel in a classic Queenslander house surrounded by beautiful gardens, is an excellent choice.

Dine at Eagle Street Pier



Brisbane's largest concentration of award-winning fine-dining restaurants are along the Eagle Street Pier riverfront. Try Sake, Aria, Cha Cha Char, Madame Wu, Pony, or Jellyfish and enjoy the city's best views of Story Bridge. After a leisurely dinner you'll be happy you won't have far to go if you stay at the Stamford Plaza hotel.

III. Moving and Packing Tips for Your Smoothest Move Yet

Packing up your life and moving down the street or across the country doesn't have to be disastrous. Learn how to pack boxes for moving, and you'll be relaxing in your new space before you know it.



Moving—like getting a tooth pulled or driving a very long distance through uninteresting landscapes—is one of those trials almost everyone must face. It's sometimes unpleasant, it's never exactly fun, but it usually leads to a positive outcome. Of course, particularly with moving, the success of the endeavor really depends on avoiding moving mistakes and planning ahead to make the process as smooth as possible.

Prep Ahead

Fortunately, and likely because almost everyone does end up moving at some point, there are plenty of tried-and-true moving tips out there to make the whole process easier. Following a moving checklist can help you make sure everything's in order before, during, and after the move; another good moving tip is to commit to having a good attitude about all the change to come.

Some moving tips focus on how to pack a moving truck most effectively, while others offer reminders to cancel various services or arrange for things to be prepared at the new house; still more focus on smaller details, such as how to care for pets during a move or what to do when the movers are late. The most important moving tips, though, may relate to the physical move itself.

A lot can go wrong during a move. With all the details and moving parts, there's no one-size-fits-all guide with moving tips for every single scenario that could come up during the moving process. Different people will have specific needs or concerns—such as how to pack for moving, safely moving valuable wood furniture or delicate heirlooms—but for most cases, this general list of moving tips and tricks will help. Take a look, and prepare for a smoother, quicker, easier move.

Moving Tips, Tricks, and Advice

1. Get rid of everything

Packing all your possessions into boxes, bags, and more can be overwhelming. Make it a little bit easier on yourself by cutting back on clutter as much as possible. Before you pack a single box, do a merciless purge of unused or unnecessary items. You'll have less to pack, less to move, and less to unpack—and you'll start life in your new space with a clean slate.

2. Make a moving folder

Start collecting new addresses, rental or purchase papers, moving contracts, and more in one folder. (Consider a hard copy, rather than a digital one, in case computer or phone batteries die during the move.) If any questions come up during the planning process or the move itself, you'll have the answer (and records of agreements, payments, and more) on hand.



3. Pack as far in advance as possible

Ideally, you'll know about a move (even if you're not sure of the final destination) weeks or even months in advance. Start by packing off-season items and the items you won't miss. If you're moving in summer, you can pack winter coats in advance—and likely books and other once-in-a-while items. When it's finally time to move, many items will already be ready to go, giving you less to stress about.

4. Book early

If you're hiring moving services, renting supplies, or hiring professionals such as painters or cleaners to work on the house, book early. Waiting to do so could mean paying a higher price, or not being able to get a truck or movers at all, particularly if it's peak moving season.

5. Schedule utilities for your new place

Once the dates are finalized, contact your utility providers to schedule service at your new home. You don't want to arrive there, tired from the move, only to find that the electricity, water, or heat is off. Schedule it ahead of time, and keep records of your requests in your moving folder. At the same time, request service stops for your move-out date at your current home.

6. Keep the essentials with you

On the night before the move, tuck everyday essentials—a change of clothes, a toothbrush, must-have stuffed animals or toys for the kids, medications, paperwork, etc.—into a suitcase or bag you'll keep with you in the car, the truck cab, or on the plane. If catastrophe strikes and the moving truck gets lost, at least you'll have some essentials with you.

7. Invest in Equipment

A few days before the big move, stock up on supplies. The last thing you want is to have to make a run to the store while you're packing moving boxes or making sure everything is out of the house. Order or purchase box cutters, adhesive bandages, permanent markers, packing tape, paper towels, and garbage bags. (If they aren't all used during the move, they'll still be useful afterward!)

For larger moving equipment, considering renting moving tools from a moving company. (If you hire a moving service, they'll likely have their own.) If you move very frequently, you may be better off purchasing these tools. Either by buying, renting, or borrowing, make sure you have a furniture dolly, furniture pads or covers, and tie-down straps or rope at your disposal during the move.

8. Get a truck with a loading ramp

If you're a DIY mover, you absolutely need a truck with a ramp. It may be cheaper to rent a truck without one, but the hassle (and struggle) of lifting every box and piece of furniture high enough to get it into the truck will add hours—plus sore muscles—to your move.

Packing Tips for Moving

1. Use the right size boxes

When you pack books for moving, pack them or other heavy items in small boxes; light items, like linens and pillows, can be packed in bigger ones. (Large boxes

packed with heavy items are a common complaint of professional movers. They not only make the job harder but also have a better chance of breaking.)



2. Put heavier items on the bottoms of boxes, lighter items on top

And if you're loading the truck yourself, pack your heaviest boxes first, toward the front of the truck, for balance.

3. Don't leave empty spaces in the boxes

Fill in gaps with clothing, towels, or packing paper. Movers often won't move boxes that feel loosely packed or unbalanced.

4. Avoid mixing items from different rooms in the same box.

It will make your packing quicker and your unpacking a lot easier, too.

5. Label each box with the room it's destined for and a description of its contents

This will help you and your movers know where every box belongs in your new place. Numbering each box and keeping an inventory list in a small notebook is a good way to keep track of what you've packed—and to make sure you still have everything when you unpack.

6. Tape your moving boxes well

Use a couple of pieces of tape to close the bottom and top seams, then use one of the movers' techniques—making a couple of wraps all the way around the box's top and bottom edges, where stress is concentrated.

7. If you're moving expensive art, ask your mover about special crating

Understand exactly how to pack artwork for moving to help keep it safe. You should never wrap oil paintings in regular paper; it will stick. When you pack pictures for moving, make an X with masking tape across the glass to strengthen it and to hold it together if it shatters. Then wrap the pictures in paper or bubble wrap and put them in a frame box, with a piece of cardboard between each framed piece for protection.

8. Take special care packing the kitchen for moving

Packing the kitchen involves a lot of different types of items. Learn how pack dishes for moving: Put packing paper around each dish, then wrap bundles of five or six together with more paper. Pack dishes on their sides, never flat. And use plenty of bunched-up paper as padding above and below. Cups and bowls can be packed inside one another, with paper in between, and wrapped three or four in a bundle. Pack them all in dish-barrel boxes.

When you pack glasses for moving, use a box with cardboard dividers to help protect the glasses, and wrap them in plenty of layers of paper to protect them.

9. Get your wardrobe in order

There are a few different options to pack clothes for moving—you can pack folded clothes in cardboard boxes, suitcases, or even leave them in the dresser (if it doesn't make the dresser too heavy to move!). For hanging clothes, use a special wardrobe box, so you can hang your clothes right in it. (Bonus: you won't have to worry about figuring out how to pack your hangers for moving!)



You need to protect your shoes from each other when you pack shoes for moving. Wrap shoes individually to keep sharp heels or buckles from damaging other shoes, and to keep dirt from one pair of shoes from messing up the rest of your shoes. You can pack socks into shoes to help them hold their shape.

When you pack jewelry, you can recycle some items to help you—you can string necklaces through straws or toilet paper rolls to keep them from being tangled.

10. Learn how to pack a TV for moving

Some movers treat TVs like any other piece of furniture, wrapping them in quilted furniture pads. Plasma TVs, though, require special wooden crates for shipping if you don't have the original box and can be ruined if you lay them flat. If you're packing yourself, double-box your TV, setting the box containing the TV into another box that you've padded with packing paper.

IV. Should You Hire Packers to Pack Your Home When Moving?

When moving, there's so much to do that hiring a professional packing service might be the way to go. Keep in mind that there are lots of options available, from packing your entire household to packing selected things only.

If cost is not an issue, then consider hiring professionals for both packing and unpacking. There are many services that provide everything from packing up your household to unpacking and setting up your new home, but before you hire or even decide to hire, you'll need to weigh your time and energy versus the cost involved in hiring professionals to pack and unpack your home.

Home Assessment

First, the company will send out a surveyor to assess the details of your move. They'll list each item that needs to be packed, including furniture, cupboard contents, and kitchen drawers. This is not only a way of costing out your move but also will help determine what's of value and may need extra special care.

Valuables, including paperwork, artwork, and jewelry will be discussed during the household survey, determining how these items should be handled. Usually, items that can be taken with you on moving day, instead of being loaded in the moving truck, will be packed separately by the company and set aside for you to take with you.

Full-Service Packers

Full-service packers will make sure all furniture is taken apart, properly wrapped, and secured using padding and protective packing. Pictures and frames are removed from walls and carpets are rolled and ready to move. Boxes are labeled and sorted according to room and placement.

The company will also provide you with a time estimate on how long it'll take them to pack your goods and the cost involved. Usually, they can do it in a day. Your time frame and how much stuff you have will also determine the price. If you're in a rush to move, more staff will be needed to get your home packed. Make sure you arrange for babysitters or petsitters to ensure that children and pets are kept busy when the company is packing.

So, should you hire a full service? As mentioned earlier, this is a decision you need to make based on time versus cost. A packing service could add significantly to your moving budget. If you need to take two weeks off work in order to get the house packed and organized, though, it may be worth the price.

Packing takes a lot of time, and you need to add in the preparation that comes with packing, too, such as obtaining packing supplies and organizing before you pack. Remember, when you pack yourself, you'll need to first pack items that you won't need over the next few weeks. This takes time to plan, and the inconvenience of living without things can take its toll, too.

Most packing services can pack your home in one day. This saves not only time but the hassle of living out of boxes.

Packing Specialty Items

If you're on a budget or you want to save money on your move, many packing services offer packing of specialty items, particularly fragile things like artwork, mirrors, or other breakables. The company will come to your home to do an assessment then provide you with a quote.

Other items you may want to consider hiring a professional packer for are chandeliers, antiques, china, vases, valuable artwork, and fragile furniture. It's worth it to pay an extra charge to ensure the safe arrival of your most treasured pieces.

Appliances

Moving appliances often have to be handled by specialty movers. Many moving companies will suggest you hire a professional to prepare and move large appliances such as refrigerators, stoves, washers, and dryers. If appliances are not properly prepared, the moving company will not take responsibility if they don't work in your new home.

V. 5 Traits Of A Professional Removalists Company In Brisbane

Moving can be very exciting at times. You get to meet new people, experience a new way of life, and also get out of your comfort zone, but as interesting as that sounds, it could also get very stressful due to the planning, packing and moving involved. But the interesting part of it all is that you don't have to do it alone, there are movers who can help you.

Choosing the best Removalists Brisbane that you know you can count on is essential to ensure that everything goes smoothly.

Highly-trained and professional movers will come to your place, lift the heavy boxes and large items, load them onto the truck and safely transit them to your new abode. They bring all the necessary equipment and strictly follow the safety measures to avoid physical injuries and damages.



However, choosing the right company can be crucial as there are tonnes of options available on the market. Some are good while others are scam ones.

To be able to choose the best company; you must first know about the qualities a professional removalist company. Here are 5 Traits of a Professional Removal Company in Brisbane:

1. Extra Services And Features

While there are straightforward services like packing and transport, reputable companies like Better Removalists Brisbane offer a comprehensive range of service offerings like box provision, packing accessories, If you find yourself running short on time as moving day approaches, you'll be thankful to have a mover that offers these additional services.

Often, they will either include these additional services in their packages or offer them to you at a competitive rate. The ability to offer services beyond the basic is a measure of a company's ability to innovate and provide an all-encompassing service to customers.

Here are some key things to remember when contacting the potential moving company:

- Ask Necessary Questions:

Do not forget to ask relevant questions about extra services and other key features.

- Check Their Pricing:

This will give you better idea and you will be able to calculate your estimated moving budget.

- Packing and Unpacking Services:

Most companies won't pack your belongings until you book a professional packing as an additional service. So, ask anything and make a well-informed decision.

- Storage Facility:

Many good companies offer short as well as long term storage facility to let customers store their extra belongings in a safe and sound warehouse. So, have a clarity about it.

2. Experience

In this particular industry, the experience of the team behind a removalist company is very important. While some new companies may also provide great service, it would be a bit risky on your part to hire a company with the least experience.



First time movers tend to make common moving mistakes, which can be costly, so making sure the team you hire is fully trained and experienced to handle difficult

moves, and expertise in using the required equipment, is essential for a quality removalist company.

Ideally, it would be best to go for a company that has at least five years of experience in the field. If the company is established enough to survive for more than that period of time then they must be reliable.

Their expertise and technical knowledge allow them to help you move without a hitch. Instead of executing the move abruptly like an amateur, they plan everything to the finest detail, which lends perfection to their work. So, go for professionals.

3. Licensed, Accredited And Insured

It is the license of a company that verifies its capability to transact a business. It is a strong proof that they are qualified for rendering the services that they offer since it means that they have passed the evaluation and assessment conducted.

This is issued by the authorities in the state and federal to industry standard. Good removalist companies like Better Furniture Removalists Brisbane will usually have an updated license.

This will protect you if things ever go wrong. If they have services they promise and will not be complied, then you can file a complaint to the designated agency.

Also a professional removalist will usually have ISO accreditation, particularly Occupational Health and Safety, and Quality Assurance. If a moving company makes an effort to keep their employees and customers safe, chances are they will also be more careful with your treasures.

The removal company should also be able to offer a detailed insurance policy for a wide variety of items that they transport. Anything can happen during the removals, causing damages to your luggage. Accidents and injuries, theft, misplacements of items can always lead to serious losses of property during a relocation process. It is for this reason that good movers will have pre- arranged insurance cover against such losses.

4. They Give Estimates

Although it may be impossible to give an outright costing until after the service, a professional removalist company will give you a rough estimate in terms of time and money. If they know their business well, they can give you a run-down of things and give you a report. More or less the final cost will be around the same price.

Their price quotations will usually be fixed. The worst thing is getting a reasonable quote from a House Removals Brisbane company, only to be hit with hidden costs

later. That's why it's always safer to choose a professional company since they offer fixed prices. This way you know what you are paying for and can budget for it more effectively.



Note: Many companies offer cheaper rates to attract customers but ask them to pay hidden charges in the middle of the process. So, be aware of such scams and choose the budget-friendly removalists Brisbane wisely.

5. Customer Service

From the initial phone call you make to a company, you should expect to be treated respectfully by people who maintain the highest level of professionalism. Whether you are working with a customer service representative over the phone, or a professional mover at your home, you should be treated fairly and be confident that any questions you have will be answered knowledgeably.

A professional removals Brisbane company will also guide you throughout the relocation process. There are companies that do not have patience with their customers. So make sure to choose a company that is willing to provide you with the required assistance. Professional moving companies are not only great with their services but also with their character. They only provide staff and movers that are respectful to customers.

These are five key traits to look for when choosing quality removalists Brisbane. An experienced company with a good customer service, transparent pricing policy and fully-insured team will give you peace of mind throughout the moving journey.

CONCLUSION

Brisbane is one of the most wholesome cities in Australia! Brisbane, the capital of Queensland, is no dearth of diverse attractive factors that makes people fall in love with it.

If you are contemplating about moving to Brisbane, don't think. Just do it! Consider these reasons why living in Brisbane will make your life awesome.

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