

September 2015

The summer is upon us and Brisbane certainly is getting warmer! September is offering us some exciting entertainment, and we've listed some free and cheap activities to do if you're here on a budget!

Brisbane Festival: 5th – 26th September 2015

The famous Brisbane Festival attracts around one million people every year.

Their mission is to encourage the city to express itself and connect artists and audiences in ways that lift the spirit!

What's on?

Just a few of the free things to see and do at the Brisbane Festival:

05 Sept: The big festival Opening at Arcadia, Brisbane River South Bank

- The *Brisbane Airport 3D Chalk Walk*, in Arcadia
- The thrilling *RAPcity*, featuring the best hip hop & break dancers from Southeast Queensland competing in Arcadia for \$5,000 cash.
- Brisbane's Indigenous community in Arcadia – *Welcome to Country* and smoking ceremony and a performance by the Aboriginal Centre for Performing Arts.
- Chill with *Sila*, a sensuous wrap-around sonic experience.
- The People's Choice Award winners at Valentine's Busk, hoo8hoo are back to warm your hearts again with an acoustic performance.
- Join in the Brisbane Festival *Silent Disco!* Feel free to dance out of time and sing out of tune with abandon to DJ Mikey's beats streaming to wireless headphones.
- Join them for The Big Festival Opening Official Welcome and after party. DJ Tyrone will have you dancing in Arcadia until the small hours!
- The Spiegeltent welcomes guests from all over the world, both onstage and off, and the liquor flows long after sundown.
- Free Artist chats - Connect with your favourite festival artists in our series of Artist Chats each Thursday, Friday and Saturday night around 7pm and 9pm in the Theatre Republic Garden Bar and delve into the inspirations that drive their practice.
- Little Stanley Street comes alive with Brisbane's best buskers. Venture down to Little Stanley Street for dinner on any Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday to enjoy a memorable dining experience, with a different busking genre each night. Whether your pleasure be singer/songwriters, young performers, magicians or contortionists, there will be a night just right for you.
- QPAC's Melbourne Street Green, on the corner of Melbourne and Grey Streets, is a home for FREE live music during Brisbane Festival.
- Pop in any night between 5pm and 8pm (excluding Sundays) to enjoy generous helpings of iconic genres including Latin, jazz, and rock, folk, soul and pop. Sample marvelous morsels amongst the relaxed setting of QPAC's green space. Who knows who you might spot?
- It's the perfect place to kick back and discover your new favourite local act while looking forward to your next bit of festival fever.

Sunsuper Riverfire

A perfect way to celebrate the final night of three weeks of a mind-blowing Brisbane Festival.

Sunsuper Riverfire ignites the skyline with a firework extravaganza set to an almighty soundtrack of the year's biggest songs and heart-pumping classics.

This is one of the most technically challenging and electrifying fireworks displays in Australia from Foti International. Fired from multiple bridges, barges and city rooftops, spectators are also treated to aerobatics from the Australian Defence Force with displays by Super Hornets and helicopters.

Vantage Points

Victoria Bridge, South Bank, Kangaroo Point Cliffs, Captain Burke Park, Wilson's Lookout, City Riverwalk, including Riverside Centre and Eagle Street Pier. All these sites offer food and beverages for sale.

West End Markets

The West End markets located on Boundary Street, offers pop up shops showcasing local designers, collectors, vintage fashion, homewares, bakers, foodies & West End Tea Company. On every Friday night, Saturday & Sunday, the laneways come alive with Market stalls, foodies, music and the Friday Factory Nights bring live bands to The Motor Room.

The Davies Park Markets

This weekly community event which features music with fresh produce and healthy fast food, fashion and gifts, is held every Saturday from 6am – 2pm at Davies Park, West End

You won't be disappointed with the huge range of food options to choose from. Grab a seat on the grass and eat away whilst listening to some locals play the acoustic guitar in the background!

Queensland Museum and The Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA)

Located just a 10 minute walk from us here at Brisbane Backpackers Resort at the Cultural Precinct, South Bank.

One of our favourite things to do at a weekend is visit the Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA).

The GOMA holds over 16,000 works of historical, modern and contemporary art and stages international exhibitions. Did we mention that it is FREE? Then head around the corner and visit the Queensland Museum, boasting natural history, cultural heritage, science and human achievement that tells the changing story of Queensland.

Go and pump some culture into your life and head on down to the Museum and GOMA!

Brisbane Greeters

A MUST MUST do whilst you're in Brisbane! Having enjoyed this ourselves just the other week, these informative, enthusiastic and friendly greeters will show you around the sites of Brisbane. Departing from the hostel every Thursday at 10:30am. Do not miss out on this one! Also FREE OF CHARGE!

Mount Coo-tha Lookout

A favourite destination for locals and visitors for more than a century. Check out the breathtaking panoramic views of Brisbane city right out to Moreton bay! This is a must see for all visitors and guess what, we can take you there for FREE every Wednesday at 7pm! So what are you waiting for?!

Suitcase Rummage

The suitcase rummage is a mini scaled market where you can rummage through suitcases filled to the brim with goods and treats to buy! Includes, clothes, vintage, artwork, bric-a-brac, books, jewellery, seconds, hand-made, shoes, records, music, cards and more!

Located next to the Brisbane Casino on the first and third Sunday of every month,. Do not miss your chance to find some treasures!