

RESTAURANTS/DINING OUT

Australians love to eat out with so many excellent restaurant choices both in the city and suburbs. Brisbane's subtropical climate encourages outdoor dining experiences throughout the year. There is a large variety of cuisines from all around the world often cooked by people from the place of origin. Given that virtually all capital cities are on the coastal regions of the country, there is also a large variety of fresh seafood restaurants.

Tipping is generally expected for extra or friendly service, usually 10%. On the bill there will be a separate amount for GST (Goods and Service Tax) of 10% of the total. There is often a surcharge applied for dining on public holidays and sometimes on Sunday's.

Licensed restaurants may have a full bar service, supplying wine, spirits and beer, while unlicensed restaurants, known as 'BYO' (Bring Your Own), allow diners to take their own wine to consume with their meal, a 'corkage' fee is usually but not always charged.

Some areas of Brisbane have seasonal cultural food festivals celebrating traditional ethnic cuisines and street food (hawker style) food courts are situated in most of the larger shopping malls. These are very popular places to eat even for non-shoppers. Takeaway and 'Uber Eats/Door Dash/Menulog' home delivery services are very popular too.

Below are some links that will help locate a restaurant for most occasions:

- [Brisbane best restaurants - The Urban List](#)
- [Food & Drink - Time Out](#)

BARS AND NIGHTCLUBS

Brisbane is a vibrant city full of bars, clubs and many other options for nightlife entertainment. As Brisbane covers a large physical area, the choice of nightlife options usually depends on both where one lives and how far one is prepared to travel. Additionally, the Sunshine Coast and the Gold Coast are in close proximity offering even more choice for the night or weekend.

Live music venues are popular as are quiet and cozy cocktail lounges.

Below are some links to find an array of different bars and night spots in Brisbane:

- [Best bars in Brisbane - Time Out](#)
- [Nightlife in Brisbane - Visit Brisbane](#)

