Brisbane Tour Queensland, Australia





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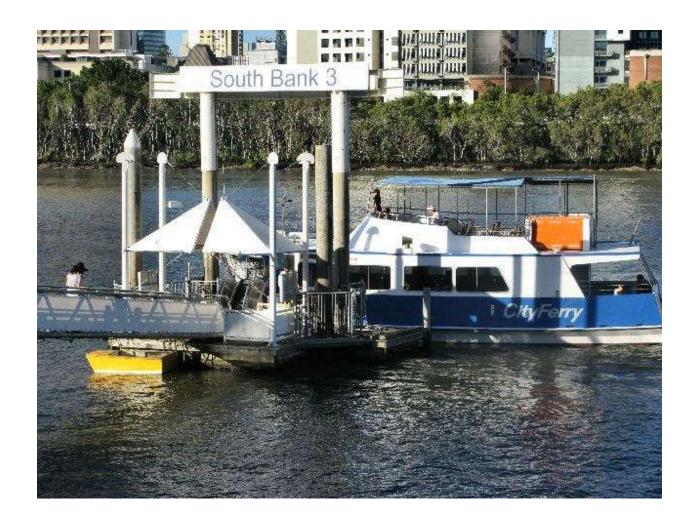
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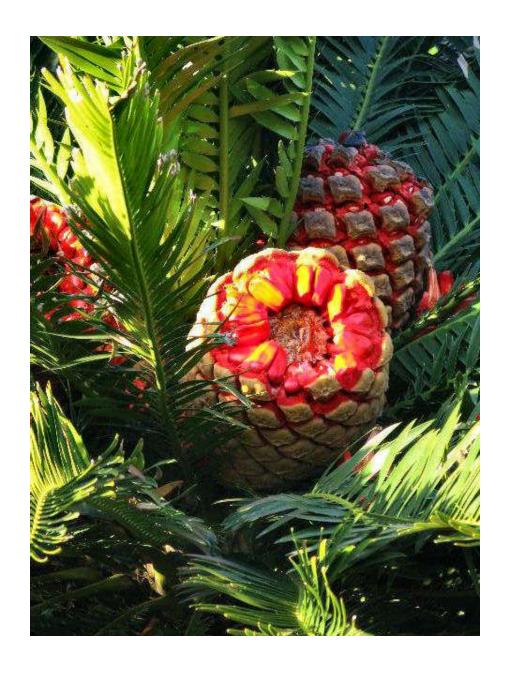
Tour Summary

Brisbane, capital of Queensland, nestles on the river between the popular Australian tourist destinations of the Gold Coast and the Sunshine Coast. It's very compact and easy to explore on foot. Visit the beautiful Roma Street Parklands, and then walk into the city. Take an elevator inside the historic Town Hall Clocktower where you can stop inside the clock itself. Shop in Queen St. Mall, and drop by the old Treasury building, which is a casino now. Then cross the river to South Bank where you can swim, eat, be entertained, and walk under the Bougainvillea Arbour. To finish up, head back to Roma Street past the Law Courts. Ready? Here you go on your tour!

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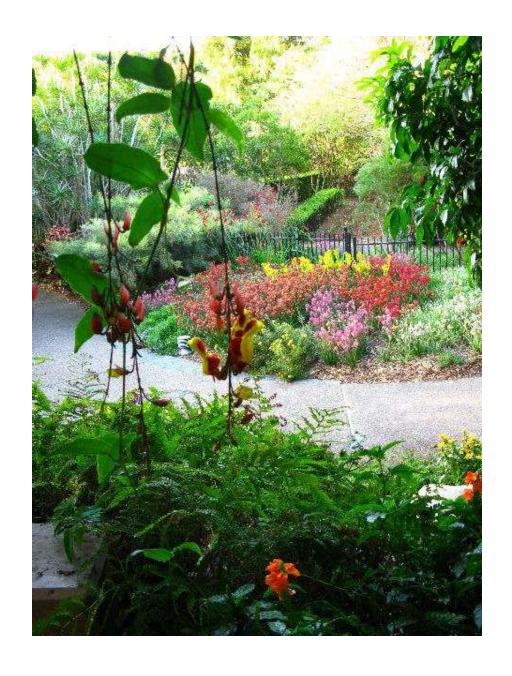




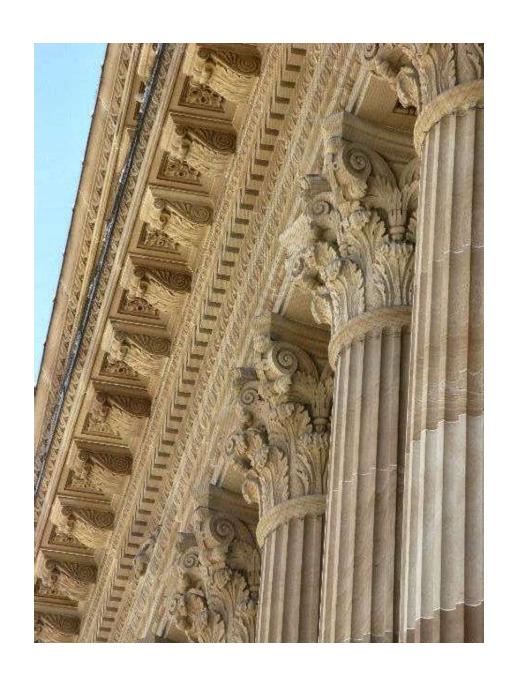
When I'm visiting Brisbane, I always start by visiting the wonderful 16 hectare (39.5 acre) Roma Street Parklands...



...a cleverly designed mix of sub-tropical garden "rooms," water features, and expansive public space.



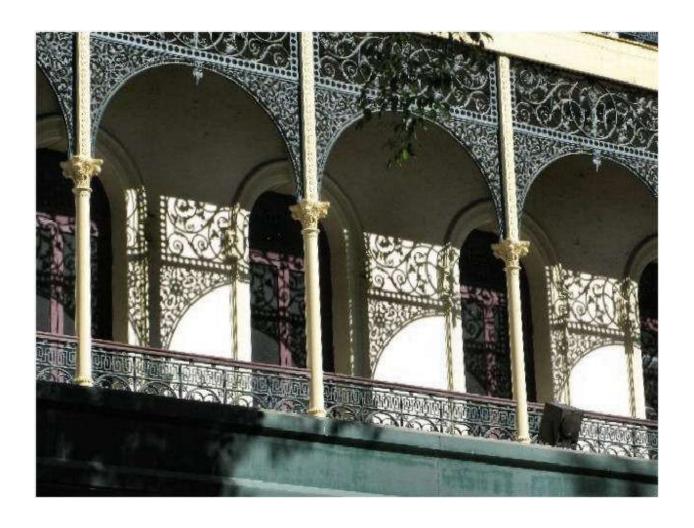
Join me on this tour. No matter what the time of year, there's always something to see in the Spectacle Garden.



Explore City Hall and climb 76 meters (249 feet) to the Clock Tower observation deck. Or use the vintage elevator!



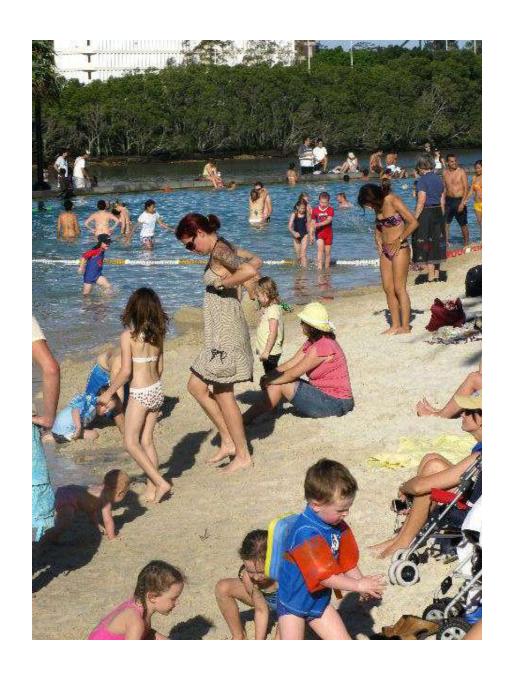
Wander down Queen Street Mall, meeting colorful vendors like this balloon seller...



...and admire the iron lace on the heritage colonial buildings.



Cross to South Bank and walk under the shady bougainvillea Arbour.



Swim at the man-made Street's Beach, a family favorite.



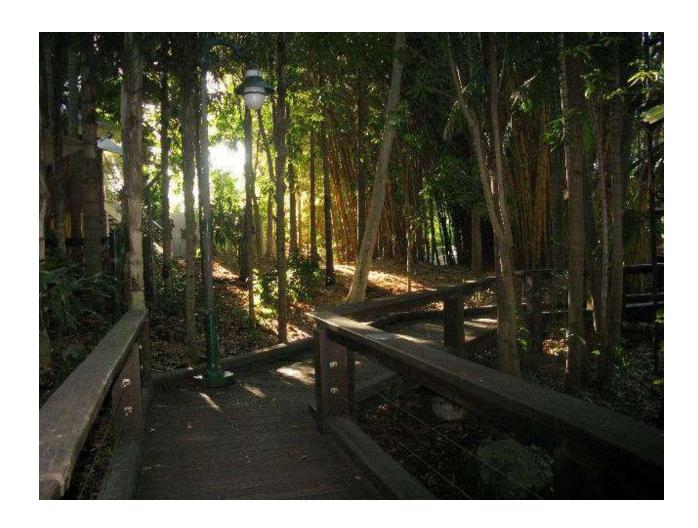
Elegant Sacred Ibis poses and scavenges for rubbish. Yes, this is the bird in the Egyptian tomb paintings! Well, its Australian cousin, anyway.



Catch the ferry that runs between South Bank and the city...



...or walk back along the river bank where more bougainvillea flourishes near the water.



Follow the boardwalk through this atmospheric grove on your way home.

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