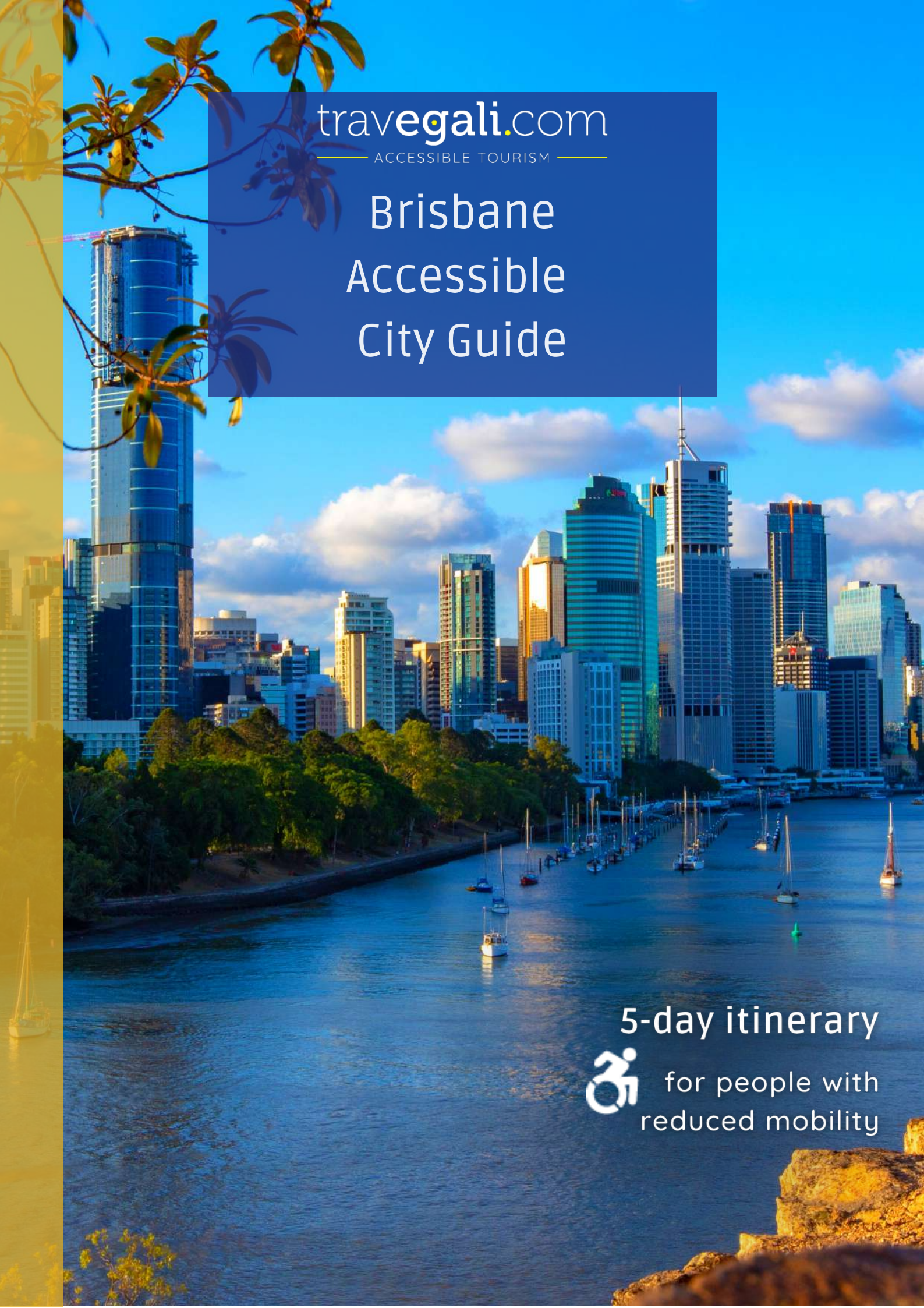


A scenic view of the Brisbane skyline at sunset, featuring the city's skyscrapers reflected in the water, with a line of trees in the foreground and a sailboat in the distance.

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Brisbane Accessible City Guide

5-day itinerary



for people with
reduced mobility

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Destination: Brisbane

In 2012, Brisbane launched its first **accessibility** and **inclusion** plan. Since then, improvements have been made to public transportation, parks, and other community spaces so everyone can enjoy the city without discrimination.

Queensland's capital is home to beautiful botanical gardens, renowned art institutions and various entertainment venues. It is also close to the best-known beaches in the country.

In this guide we propose you make a 5-day **accessible itinerary**. However, you can always select the information that interests you and plan your trip in the time you have.

You will discover...

- Tourist attractions you can visit as a person with **reduced mobility** and description of their **accessibility**.
- **Accessible transportation** options.
- Recommended hotels from our catalog.
- Multiple links of interest.

Airport accessibility

The **Brisbane Airport** facilities are suitable for passengers with **reduced mobility**. However, in order for the experience to be fully satisfactory, you must **request assistance from your airline** and inform them about your specific needs.

There are **accessible parking spaces**, unisex **accessible restrooms**, waiting areas with priority seats for people with **reduced mobility** and **accessible buses** that provide services between terminals. In addition,

support animals have relief areas and drinking fountains.

The airport's official website provides a [comprehensive accessibility guide](#). You will find a detailed description of all services and frequently asked questions.



Accessible hotels



Novotel Brisbane South Bank

Novotel Brisbane South Bank is located in close proximity to South Bank Parklands, Queensland Performing Arts Center, Queensland Art Gallery, Gallery of Modern Art, Queensland Museum and world class restaurants.

All common areas of the hotel are adapted for the use of people with reduced mobility. [...]

[Learn more](#)

Best Western Plus Hotel Diana

Located in Brisbane's vibrant Southbank compound, the Best Western Plus Hotel Diana is across from the Brisbane Mater and Lady Cilento Children's Hospital.

The hotel offers modern and spacious Deluxe accessible rooms that guarantee a comfortable and unforgettable stay. [...]

[Learn more](#)

Rydges Fortitude Valley

The Rydges Fortitude Valley is ideally-located in the lively heart of the Brisbane Showgrounds fair complex, within walking distance of the Royal International Convention Center.

All common areas are adapted for the use of people with reduced mobility, including a wheelchair-accessible ramp entrance. [...]

[Learn more](#)

Oakwood Hotel & Apartments Brisbane

With the best views of the Brisbane River, Oakwood Hotel & Apartments Brisbane connects business and leisure travelers with the best the city has to offer. The one-bedroom accessible apartments with one double bed are equipped with all the modern comforts and services that one can expect in a hotel to ensure a pleasant rest. [...]

[Learn more](#)

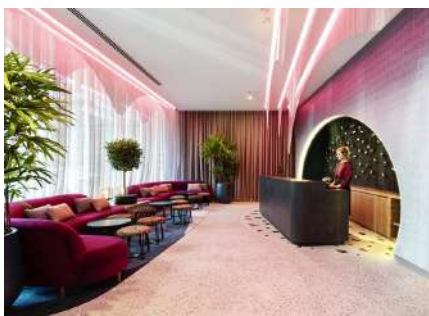


Adina Apartment Hotel Brisbane Plaza Anzac

The historic Adina Apartment Hotel Brisbane, built in the early 20th century, faces the central train station and overlooks the Anzac Square Memorial Gardens. This establishment is located just 100 meters from Queen Street Shopping Center. [...]



[Learn more](#)



Ovolo The Valley Brisbane

Located in the heart of Fortitude Valley, Ovolo The Valley Brisbane is inspired by eclectic culture and the iconic history of the neighborhood. The hotel is surrounded by shops, restaurants and bars.

The hotel's accessible rooms offer a streamlined design, decorated with original artwork by Lisa Madigan. [...]



[Learn more](#)



Mantra South Bank Brisbane

Mantra South Bank is located on the south bank of the Brisbane River, opposite the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Center.

It offers a range of elegant and comfortable accessible rooms, as well as accessible 1 and 2 bedroom studios and apartments equipped with a full kitchen and a balcony. [...]



[Learn more](#)



Treasury Casino and Hotel Brisbane

The Treasury Casino & Hotel is a five-star luxury accessible hotel located in one of Australia's premier heritage buildings, less than a 5-minute walk from Queen Street Mall's shops, restaurants and nightlife.

The hotel's spacious and comfortable accessible rooms indulge your senses with 18-foot high ceilings and subtle lighting. [...]



[Learn more](#)



5-day accessible travel itinerary

Day 1

After you've rested in your **accessible hotel**, it's time to head out to explore the city. Cross the **Victoria Bridge** and walk along the **South Bank**. To learn more about the main parks and tourist attractions in the area, let yourself be accompanied by friendly experts and volunteers.

Guided tours are held every day at ten in the morning. Register in advance and specify that you want to do a barrier-free route. You can find all the information on the [Visit Brisbane](#) website.

Later head to the **Wheel of Brisbane**, which has two cabins with access for **wheelchair users**. You will enjoy spectacular views. If you prefer, reserve this activity for when it gets dark and observe the illuminated urban landscape.

The Ferris wheel was inaugurated in 2008, on the occasion of the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the creation of the state of Queensland and the 20th anniversary of the World's Fair in 1988. Since then, it has become one of the most iconic places in the city. Take the opportunity to take beautiful photographs from above.

You will find various international cuisine restaurants at the South Bank Parklands, Little Stanley Street or Gray Street.



In the afternoon you can go to **Queen Street**, where there are more than 500 stores. In this area there are leisure options for the whole family, and you can buy numerous Australian brands. As the [Visit Brisbane website](#) indicates, the site is accessible to people with **reduced mobility**.



A short distance away you can see the **Brisbane City Hall**, whose construction is inspired by the Campanile of San Marco in Venice and the Roman Pantheon. At the moment, its tower is not accessible for **wheelchair users**.

Located in the center of the capital, the **Treasury building** will also catch your eye. This Queensland heritage-listed building is only 450 meters away. Its construction took place between 1886 and 1928. Previously it was occupied by government offices; currently, it is a hotel and casino.

Don't leave without visiting **Anzac Square Memorial Galleries**, a monument in honor of those who fell in different conflicts since the Boer War of 1899. As indicated on the official website, the commemorative areas and entrances are accessible to **wheelchair users**.

Lastly, head over to the Howard Smith Wharves and enjoy dinner overlooking the **Story Bridge**. The complex has elevators, rest areas and accessible entrances.



Day 2

Discover the **Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary**, the oldest reserve dedicated to these endemic animals in Australia. It all started in 1927 with the rescue of two wild koalas that were going to be slaughtered for the fur trade. Since then, wildlife has been protected and conserved in this place.

The sanctuary is situated on hilly terrain, therefore **wheelchair users** will need to

take some alternative routes to avoid hills or unpaved areas. [Download the map](#) to avoid the less suitable paths.

In case you need to, it is possible to rent a **wheelchair** (the number is limited, so we recommend you book in advance through the contact information indicated on the website).



Another plan for today is to explore the **Brisbane Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens**. It comprises the Bonsai House, the National Freedom Wall, the Japanese garden, the planetarium and the tropical exhibition dome. Keep in mind that it usually closes at 6 pm (at 5 from April to August), so go early.

You can download the accessibility map from the [Brisbane City Council official website](#). It will allow you to better orient yourself around its facilities.

Finally, take in spectacular views from the **Mount Coot-tha lookout**.



Day 3

If you get the chance, check out the [Valley Laneway Markets](#) stalls. You may want to bring back some sustainable fashion and numerous artisan products home with you.

Next, visit a museum that is of interest to you. Here are some suggestions:

- [Queensland Maritime Museum](#). Discover the valuable maritime heritage of the state of Queensland. Most of the facilities are accessible to people with **reduced mobility**, except for the ST Forceful or Penguin boats. In the case of HMAS Diamantina, only the main deck is accessible.
- [Museum of Brisbane](#). Located inside City Hall, this institution delves into the

history of the city. The building is accessible to **wheelchair users**, except for the Clock Tower. Also, **walkers** and **wheelchairs** are available during the visit.

- [Queensland Museum](#). Learn about Australia's natural and cultural heritage. There is accessible parking, elevators and **wheelchair loans** in the lobby on floor 2. The **accessible restrooms** are on levels 0 and 2 of the museum.
- [Gallery of Modern Art](#). This museum is part of the Queensland Cultural Centre. The buildings are **barrier-free** for people with physical disabilities.



Later you can take a **sightseeing cruise on the Brisbane river**. [River City Cruises](#) offers a one and a half hour guided tour. It is an excellent way to delve into the history of the city and better appreciate the details. Contact the agency for more information.

After, enjoy dinner at **[Eat Street Northshore](#)**. You will find food stalls to suit all palates. In addition, the facilities have a **portable ramp**, **accessible restrooms** near the entrances, wide paths and parking for people with disabilities. Open from Friday to Sunday.



Day 4

Book the fourth day for a getaway to the **Gold Coast**. It will take an hour and twenty minutes on the train from Brisbane, but the long journey is worth it. Many beaches in the coastal region have **accessible facilities** for people with **reduced mobility**.

The [City of Gold Coast website](#) indicates where you can request an **amphibious wheelchair** or mat. The most popular beaches are at Surfers Paradise and Burleigh Heads.

If you are a nature lover and/or the weather is not favorable for going to the beach, visit the [Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary](#) or the [Lamington National Park](#). These activities will occupy you all day, so choose carefully.



Another alternative is to go to **Bribie Island**. [Visit Moreton Bay Region](#) recommends several plans suitable for people with disabilities. For example, go for a swim at **Woorim Beach** (there is a removable mat, accessible restroom and wheelchair rental), visit the **Bribie Island Butterfly House**, cool off at the **Aquatic Center** (its three pools are accessible) or **take a 4x4 excursion**.

Many people travel to **Moreton Island**. However, the [official website of the national park](#) specifies that there are no accessible areas for wheelchair users. We hope that will change in the near future.



Day 5

Say goodbye to Brisbane like a local. Tour one of the oldest and largest parks in the city, **New Farm Park**. There are **accessible trails** for strollers and **wheelchairs**. Nor can you leave without seeing the **Botanical Garden** on Alice Street.

If you have enough time, relax on **South Bank beach**. Wheelchairs designed for the beach and pool are rented for a maximum of two hours.

Last, but not least, tour **Woolloongabba**. Unlike other neighborhoods, the streets of this suburb do not have as many slopes. Many fine dining restaurants where you can have a feast are found here.

Continue reading the “**More accessible attractions**” section to discover other places of interest that you can add to your itinerary.



More accessible attractions

1. Chung Tian Temple is located twenty minutes by public transportation from the center of Brisbane. Surrounded by beautiful Chinese gardens, the building features traditional Buddhist architecture. Regarding its accessibility, it has adapted bathrooms and ramps. The meditation room is the only one inaccessible by wheelchair or walker.

2. If you are traveling with children, you may be tempted to **visit a theme park**.

Movie World, Sea World and Dreamworld are on the east coast of Australia.

3. Take a **jet boat adventure on the Gold Coast**. Paradise Jet Boating offers this activity for people with certain disabilities. You only need to use your hands to hold on. The team will help you get on the boat.



Transportation around the city

Much of Brisbane's public transportation is **accessible**. The new buses circulating around the city incorporate a ramped entrance and spaces suitable for **wheelchairs**. Likewise, the bus and train stations are equipped with elevators, ramps, tactile indicators on the floor and induction loops, among other services for different travelers with disabilities.

To find out more, take a look at this list with information on transportation and rental of **mobility equipment**:

- **Translink**. Public transportation agency in the state of Queensland. It operates train, light rail, bus and ferry services.
- **Hello Mobility**. Maintenance, repair and purchase of mobility equipment.
- **Queensland Rail**. Rail services in Queensland are accessible to people with reduced mobility.
- **Queensland Government**. Traveling with a wheelchair in the state of Queensland.
- **Wheelchair Vehicles Brisbane, AccessCar Hire, Wheelaway y Wheelies Van Rentals**. Rental of accessible vehicles for people with reduced mobility.



Medical attention

Australia has a public health plan, Medicare, which provides free coverage for all citizens of the nation. The government has an agreement with several countries (Belgium, Finland, Slovenia, Sweden, United Kingdom, New Zealand, Malta, Italy, Ireland, the Netherlands and Norway) that includes certain basic treatments free of charge.

On the other hand, the rest of foreign travelers must contract **medical insurance** to prevent any unforeseen event that may affect their health.

In an emergency, call **000** from anywhere in Australia to receive help from Police, Fire or Ambulance.



Other useful information

Concierge Service

Travegali.com provides a **free Concierge service** to all its customers. It is responsible for finding the best accessible room. In addition, it helps with the reservation of mobility equipment, accessible activities, airport assistance and accessible transportation.

Climate

According to Weather Spark, the best time for outdoor tourist activities is usually from the end of September to the end of April. However, you can check the weather on a website like Accuweather and decide when the best time to travel is.

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