

Discover Ipswich

You only have to venture 30 minutes from Brisbane by train to discover Queensland's time-honoured heritage region, packed with surprising new adventures.

It's where historic homes meet culinary cool. Where the open road leads to beautiful countryside, dotted with unexpected delights. Where you can float high above the rolling hills and ranges, or chopper in for lunch at a hatted restaurant. Where museums mark the time and vineyards ramble from vale to vale.

The pioneering spirit remains alive in Ipswich, bringing a new wave of creativity to this beautiful heritage city. Craft breweries let off steam in languid laneways, cheek by jowl with eclectic cafés. Art galleries invite you in for a breath of fresh air. Sculptured gardens amble through serene spaces and sprawling parks play host to the restless and the restful.

There's a feeling in the air here, that every turn will uncover a new curiosity – and all you have to do is to be here in the moment. You'll find diversion in diversity, with trails and tracks for motorheads and mountaineers, train lovers and theatre-goers, aviators and acrobats, ecologists and mixologists. It's a place where you're more than likely to encounter extraordinary experiences you were never expecting.



Pumpyard Bar and Brewery



The Workshops Rail Museum



Ipswich Nature Centre at Queens Park

Catch the Tilt Train or Spirit of Queensland to Brisbane and connect with a suburban Citytrain to Ipswich. Your long distance rail ticket to Brisbane, includes same day travel on the suburban Citytrain network. For more information to plan your next trip visit queenslandrailtravel.com.au or discoveripswich.com.au

Here are just some of the must-do's to discover in Ipswich:

Family Fun at The Workshops Rail Museum

You won't be able to drag the kids away from the interactive exhibits at The Workshops Rail Museum with a popular one being the Diesel Revolution where they take the controls of the diesel locomotive simulator. Then there's the ever-popular Nippers' Railway where the full gamut of rail experiences is on offer – drive a train, collect tickets, control signals and so much more. Hands on fun for everyone! Don't miss a Day out with Thomas from the 26 December 2016 to 22 January 2017.

Ipswich Art Gallery

For a great day out with the kids make sure to visit the Ipswich Art Gallery. The Ipswich Art Gallery was the first in Australia to offer a dedicated Children's Gallery with an innovative programme including interactive exhibitions, dance and movement sessions, puppet shows and create-your own- art workshops.

Queens Park and Ipswich Nature Centre

The magnificent Queens Park boasts enormous, shady trees dotted around the picturesque green expanse on the hill at the eastern entrance to the city. The Ipswich Nature Centre located in Queens Park, offers a magical opportunity to get up close and personal with Australian native wildlife, including a walk through bird aviary and a nocturnal bilby exhibit.

Queensland Motorsport Museum

A motoring enthusiast's dream awaits at the Queensland Motorsport Museum in the centre of the Ipswich Central Brisbane District. Ipswich is the motor racing capital of south-east Queensland, with both Willowbank and Queensland Raceways on its outskirts, so the city is a great fit for this museum with its outstanding collection from motoring's past.

Floating Images Hot Air Balloon

It's an early morning start, but why wouldn't you want to combine a magnificent sunrise, the romance and adventure of old-world transport and spectacular scenery in one memorable experience. Owner and chief pilot of Floating Images Hot Air Balloon Flights, Graeme Day knows what it takes to create a legion of enthusiastic fans who like their adrenalin rush a little on the softer side.

Grandchester Model Steam Railway

Train enthusiasts young and old are spoilt for choice in Ipswich. When you arrive, it's like the hustle and bustle of a real railway station only the locomotives are scaled down versions of actual coal burning steam engines. This attraction is open on the first Sunday of the month.

Queensland Pioneer Steam Railway

The romanticism of the steam train era awaits you in Ipswich courtesy of the Queensland Pioneer Steam Railway. Hop on board an immaculate vintage wooden carriage and discover the rich mining history of the Ipswich area as you go past ruins of old mines and equipment from days gone by.

Rosewood Railway Museum

The Museum is an operating railway that includes a PB15 steam locomotive that hauls restored wooden carriages plus a variety of diesel locomotives and railmotors. The museum, part of the Australian Railway Historical Society Queensland Division, also has an extensive collection of restored carriages and wagons on display.

Eating Out

Your spoilt for choice with trendy bars, live music, craft beer and great atmosphere. Head to the **Pumpyard Bar and Brewery**, this one uber-cool place combines craft beers brewed on site and great bar food in the atmosphere of a 100 year old industrial design building. Try their carrot beet, Wabbit Saison, or the new s'more inspired sweet stout, aptly named S'more than a feeling.

Nearby, **Heisenberg Haus** offers hearty German-fare. With Austrian chef Marcel Jaritz in the kitchen and premium German beers straight from some of the best breweries in Munich, Heisenberg Haus is a great addition to the dining and entertainment scene.

Dusty's Bar and BBQ celebrates all thing American with plenty of great memorabilia ranging from sporting to country and western. Live music on a Saturday night is complimented with mouth-watering American food ranging from the Boston Dog to Dusty's famous ribs, and a selection of American and Aussie beers.

If you are a true craft beer lover, head to **Tap'd** where they have 72 different beers and ciders on tap... variety is the spice of life after all.



Dusty's Bar and BBQ

Events

Whether you're an enthusiastic spectator, a die-hard participant or a polished performer you'll find that perfect event in Ipswich.

CMC Rocks Queensland is the biggest international country and roots festival in the Southern Hemisphere. Delivering an explosive array of international and national country music superstars, over three massive days and nights, Willowbank, Ipswich. The annual Ipswich Festival held in April, is a celebration of all things Ipswich – unique heritage, performing arts, artistic creativity, ethnic diversity, family fun and community pride. The two week festival kicks off in spectacular style with the Fire on the River celebration.



Welcome aboard

As the end of 2016 draws near we look back at some of the milestones celebrated across the Queensland Rail network.

The historic Gullfander and award-winning Kuranda Scenic Railway both celebrated 125 years this year. It's certainly a testament to the rail workers who built these railways, at a time when only hand tools were used. Both railways have stood the test of time and continue to provide a unique rail travel experience today.

Earlier this year we welcomed the Queensland Governor, His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC to Longreach Station ahead of the Station's centenary celebrations in October. The Queensland Governor travelled on the Spirit of the Outback with the historic Vice-Regal carriages attached for the journey between Emerald and Longreach. It was great to see the communities along the way come out to welcome the train and celebrate this historic event.

We also look at the remarkable changes witnessed through Queensland Rail employees who celebrated fifty years of service connecting Queenslanders.

In this edition there are plenty of ideas for a travel holiday on-board one of Queensland Rail's travel and tourist services. From gourmet getaways in North Queensland to world class sporting events in Brisbane and outback adventures in Longreach. There is something for everyone.

Thank you for choosing to travel with us. Sit back, relax and enjoy your journey with Queensland Rail.



Helen Gluer
Chief Executive Officer



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Gladstone Gladstone railway station, Cnr Tank & Tooloola Streets, Gladstone	4976 4324
Gympie Gympie North railway station, Sandy Creek Rd, Gympie	5483 0309
Mackay Mackay railway station, Connors Road, Paget	4952 7418
Maryborough Old Maryborough railway station, Lennox Street, Maryborough	4123 9264
Rockhampton Rockhampton railway station, George Street, Rockhampton	4932 0242
Toowoomba Toowoomba railway station, Railway & Russell Streets, Toowoomba	4631 3381
Townsville Old Townsville railway station, Flinders Street, Townsville	4772 8358



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