

1, 2 & 3 Day Itinerary:

Discover Greater Brisbane & Ipswich with a Must-Do Hot Air Balloon Experience

If you're planning a Queensland getaway that blends breathtaking scenery, local charm, and unforgettable experiences, the Greater Brisbane and Ipswich region offers the perfect balance of city sophistication and countryside serenity. At the heart of this short-break destination is a sunrise experience consistently rated as a must-do – a Floating Images Hot Air Balloon Flight.

Perfect for couples, families, and visitors looking for a premium experience just 30 minutes from Brisbane, this flexible 1, 2 or 3-day itinerary is designed specifically for guests booking a balloon flight and wanting to build a memorable stay around it.

Day 1: Arrival, Brisbane City Exploration & Riverside Relaxation

Welcome to Brisbane – a vibrant, sun-soaked river city known for its relaxed lifestyle, cultural precincts, and world-class dining. Staying in the CBD or South Bank places you within easy reach of your early morning balloon flight departure in Ipswich.

Morning: Arrival & Check-In

Choose a centrally located hotel in Brisbane CBD, South Bank, or nearby inner-city precincts for convenience and comfort. This allows for an easy early departure for your sunrise balloon experience the following morning.

Late Morning: South Bank & Cultural Precinct

Ease into your Queensland escape with a visit to South Bank Parklands, one of Brisbane's most popular lifestyle destinations.

Suggested experiences:

- Stroll the Brisbane River promenade
- Visit the Queensland Art Gallery & Gallery of Modern Art (QAGOMA)
- Relax at Streets Beach lagoon
- Enjoy a coffee at a riverside café

This relaxed first day sets the perfect tone before your early morning hot air balloon adventure.

Afternoon: River Views & Iconic Brisbane Sights

Spend the afternoon soaking in Brisbane's scenic highlights. A River city cruise, Brisbane City Cat Ferry, a ride on the Wheel of Brisbane, or a peaceful walk through the City Botanic Gardens are all ideal low-impact options before your early start.

Evening: Riverside Dining & Early Night

Enjoy dinner at Eagle Street, Howard Smith Wharves, or South Bank with stunning river and city views. As balloon flights depart early, we strongly recommend a relaxed evening and an early night to ensure you're well rested for your sunrise flight.

Day 2: Sunrise Balloon Flight with Floating Images & Discover Ipswich

Early Morning: Floating Images Hot Air Balloon Flight (The Must-Do Brisbane Experience)

Rise before dawn for your unforgettable sunrise flight with Floating Images Hot Air Balloon Flights. Meeting at the Ipswich Visitor Information Centre (approximately 30 minutes west of Brisbane), your experience begins as the balloon inflates at first light.

As you gently lift into the morning sky, you'll drift peacefully over the scenic landscapes of the Brisbane, Ipswich, Scenic Rim and Somerset regions, watching the sunrise over suburban sprawl, snaking rivers, rolling hills, farmland, and open countryside.

Flight highlights include:

- Spectacular sunrise views over Southeast Queensland - Greater Brisbane region including Ipswich, Scenic Rim and Somerset countryside
- A peaceful, bucket-list hot air balloon experience
- Professional and highly experienced Chief Pilot, with more than 34+ years ballooning
- Boutique ballooning - small and personal flights with a maximum of only 10 passengers per flight
- Post-flight breakfast celebration

This signature experience is widely considered one of the top things to do in Brisbane and a true centrepiece of any Southeast Queensland itinerary.

Late Morning: Breakfast & Explore Ipswich

After landing, enjoy your post-flight breakfast before heading out to explore Ipswich – a heritage-rich city known for its creative culture, historic streetscapes, and welcoming atmosphere.

Top places to visit in Ipswich:

- Queens Park & Nature Centre
- Ipswich Art Gallery
- Historic Top of Town precinct
- Tulum Place and Nicholas Street dining precinct

Lunch: Local Dining in Ipswich

Ipswich's dining scene features charming cafés, heritage venues, and modern eateries showcasing local produce and relaxed Queensland hospitality – the perfect way to unwind after your early morning flight.

Afternoon: Heritage, Nature & Unique Attractions

Spend the afternoon discovering more of the region's standout attractions:

- The Workshops Rail Museum (ideal for history lovers and families)
- Scenic drives through the surrounding countryside
- Boutique shopping and local galleries
- Optional visit to Summer Land Camels (nearby Scenic Rim region)

Evening: Return to Brisbane & Relax

Head back to Brisbane for a relaxed evening. A sunset drink by the river or a casual dinner is the perfect way to reflect on your incredible ballooning experience.

Day 3: Scenic Rim, Wildlife & Signature Brisbane Experiences (Optional Extension)

For guests extending their stay, Day 3 offers a deeper exploration of Southeast Queensland's natural beauty and iconic attractions.

Morning: Scenic Rim or Somerset Countryside Escape

Just beyond Brisbane and Ipswich lies the breathtaking Scenic Rim or Somerset Countryside, known for its lush landscapes, farm gates, wineries, and panoramic lookouts. It's the perfect complement to the aerial views experienced during your balloon flight.

Suggested activities:

- Farm-to-table experiences
- Vineyard visits and cellar doors
- Short scenic walks and lookouts
- Local produce tastings

Midday: Wildlife & Iconic Lookouts

On your return toward Brisbane, consider stopping at a wildlife sanctuary or lookout for classic Queensland experiences.

Popular options include:

- Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary
- Mount Coot-tha Lookout for panoramic city views

Afternoon: Shopping, Leisure & Wellness in Brisbane

Return to Brisbane for a relaxed afternoon enjoying:

- Queen Street Mall shopping
- James Street boutique precinct
- Spa or wellness treatments
- Riverside walks and café hopping

Evening: Farewell Dinner

Finish your stay with a memorable farewell dinner overlooking the Brisbane River, celebrating a truly unique regional escape centred around your hot air balloon adventure.

Why a Floating Images Hot Air Balloon Flight is the Ultimate Must-Do Brisbane Experience

A visit to Greater Brisbane and Ipswich is not complete without seeing the region from the sky. A sunrise flight with Floating Images Hot Air Balloon Flights offers a premium, once-in-a-lifetime experience that elevates any Brisbane itinerary.

Key reasons guests choose this experience:

- Uninterrupted sunrise views over the Greater Brisbane region
- Convenient location just 30 minutes from Brisbane
- Perfect for romantic getaways, special occasions, and bucket-list travel
- Professional and personal service boutique ballooning experience
- Seamless pairing with a Brisbane city stay and Ipswich day trip

For visitors searching for the best things to do in Brisbane, hot air ballooning with Floating Images consistently ranks as one of the most unforgettable and unique experiences available.

Suggested Stay Summary

1 Day Itinerary:

Brisbane stay + Sunrise Floating Images Hot Air Balloon Flight + Short Ipswich visit

2 Day Itinerary:

Brisbane exploration + Balloon Flight + Full Ipswich discovery

3 Day Itinerary:

Brisbane + Balloon Flight + Ipswich + Scenic Rim or Somerset Countryside touring

With its blend of city sophistication, countryside beauty, and iconic hot air ballooning, the Greater Brisbane and Ipswich region is the perfect short-break destination. Placing a Floating Images Hot Air Balloon Flight at the centre of your itinerary ensures a memorable, high-value experience that guests will remember long after their Queensland holiday ends.

For more information on *Things To Do* in ... the Greater Brisbane Region - check out:

[Visit Brisbane](#) or [Highlights](#)

[Discover Ipswich](#)

[Scenic Rim](#)

[Queensland Country](#) & [Somerset regions](#)

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