

Don't Forget to Visit Australia

MELBOURNE:- THE JOHNSTON COLLECTION is a hidden treasure in the heart of Melbourne. Two houses owned by an antique collector who bequeathed his homes, private collections and contents of his shops to the State of Victoria. You may book as an individual or as a group (limit of 14). A place to visit again and again as the display is changed often eg special Christmas and Easter themes. Tel: 03 9416 2515 wrjohnston@bigpond.com
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Places to take visitors to, and things to do with them in Brisbane:

Mt Coot-tha when they arrive to see an overview of Brisbane

Take a CityCat from the CBD to The University of Qld, wander around its Great Court with wonderful structures by local internationally renown artist Rhyl Hinwood, enjoy the Lake with its birdlife, in October see the jacarandas in all their glory, visit the university's Art Gallery and Museum of Antiquities.

Return to the **CityCat for the trip to South Bank** or Waterfront Place, admire the old Qld houses on the Right bank, swim on the beach at South Bank, visit the 2 Art Galleries, State Library, Museum, Performing Arts Complex.

Cross the River by the **Goodwill Bridge, small ferry** or **CityCat** to the **Qld University of Technology** to visit its Art Gallery, the **Botanical Gardens, Old Government House** and **Parliament House**.

New Farm Park with its rose gardens and jacarandas

Near Home:

Sandgate, Redcliffe, Shorncliffe—a wonderful walk along kilometres of beach front followed by fish and chips at Sam's or Morgan's.

Bribie Island Cross the bridge to enjoy the slow-paced charms of this island. Take a cruise up Pumicestone Passage where you might see Dugong, Dolphins, Turtles, Jabiru, Swans, Sea Eagles, Osprey, and Kangaroos as well as some of the 360 different bird species there – many of which migrate from the Northern Hemisphere to these shores each year. Swim in the still waters or cross to the surf side and enjoy the small waves of Woorim Beach.

Sunshine Coast

Caloundra—have an old-fashioned day out at Caloundra. Paddle, eat fish and chips, lick an ice cream, body surf – all at one of the closest beaches to Brisbane.

Mooloolaba—Surf some of the best waves and stroll past the shops and cafes afterwards at Mooloolaba.

Maleny - Escape the heat of the coast and head for the hills of the Sunshine Coast hinterland. See where milk really comes from when you do a tour of Maleny Dairy. Or swim in the cool water of Gardiners Falls or the deep rock pool of Kondalilla Falls. There is a short bushwalk at Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve. Nab a shady picnic or barbecue spot, watch the bush turkeys and admire the best view on the coast of the Glasshouse Mountains.

Mount Tamborine - Another inland option, this time on the Gold Coast hinterland, is to explore **Mount Tamborine**. Walk the easy tracks of Queensland's first national park, eat well at the cafes which feature local produce, and you can even see amazing glow worms. Maybe you'll be lucky enough to visit when the art is in town. Drive to Dayboro for a little taste of the country

Head to the waterfront of **Victoria Point**, where you can catch a cheap ferry ride to pretty **Coochie Mudlo Island** where you can circumnavigate the island in an hour or visit several Art Galleries. In you have time, continue by boats to the other tiny islands in Moreton Bay.

Breathe the clean air of **Mt Glorious** and **Mt Nebo**. They are both deceptively close to Brisbane but you'll feel you've explored somewhere new.