



# FAMILY ATTRACTIONS

10 great ways to keep the kids, and adults, amused in Brisbane

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**1 RIVER CRUISE:** for a high-energy cruise that older kids will love, jump aboard one of Ocean Xplorer's high-speed rigid inflatables (think zodiac with a hard bottom) that will blast you from South Bank in the city heart to the pristine beaches of Moreton Island in just 50 exhilarating minutes'. [www.oceanexplorer.com](http://www.oceanexplorer.com)

**2 SOUTHBANK BEACH:** Australia's only artificial inland city beach holding three mega litres of water or approximately three Olympic size swimming pools and surrounded by 4000 cubic metres of sand. There's also lots of open space to run in, and three playgrounds to slide and swing and climb on

**3 QUEENSLAND MUSEUM:** hands on encounters with some fascinating creatures. Kid's especially love the Sciencentre with its 100 interactive exhibits have been divided into three galleries; Body Zone, Earth Space and Action Stations. Southbank. Open daily 9.30am-5pm. Adults \$9.50, kids \$7.50.

**4 QUEENSLAND POLICE MUSEUM:** budding detectives can learn how the police solve crimes at the Queensland Police Museum at police headquarters at 200 Roma Street. Open Monday to Friday, 9am-4pm. Free entry.

**5 FEED A DOLPHIN:** hand-feed wild dolphins at Tangalooma Wild Dolphin Resort just a short ferry ride away from the city on Moreton Island. Each evening the dolphins, varying in numbers from five to nine, swim into the shallow well lit area adjacent to the resort jetty to be hand fed their favourite fish. Full day trips are available that return to the city after the dolphins have been fed. [www.tangalooma.com](http://www.tangalooma.com)

**6 QUAD BIKING:** big kids love the guided quad bike tours on Moreton Island. All tours include instruction on how to operate the all-terrain motor bikes and a practice run along the beach before heading up, down, over and around the dunes. It's the most fun you can have on four wheels. [www.tangalooma.com](http://www.tangalooma.com)

**7 RIVERLIFE ADVENTURE CENTRE:** the Riverlife Adventure Centre at Kangaroo Point offers a range of activities, including paddling your way up the Brisbane River in a kayak or motorised inflatable boat and rock climbing and abseiling off the nearby Kangaroo Point cliffs. On top of all this, the Riverside bike way that runs right past the front door is ideal for cycling, kick bikes (like a scooter with a seat), electric scooters, unicycles and rollerblading and you can hire them all at the Riverlife Centre. [www.riverlife.com.au](http://www.riverlife.com.au)

**8 SPOT A KOALA:** South East Queensland is also home to the largest concentration of native koalas in Australia, and there is a large colony just 35-minutes drive from the city in Redland Shire near Moreton Bay. The Redlands Indigiscapes Centre is a 14.5 hectare reserve with bushland walking trails and resident koalas which can be seen every day.

**9 NEW FARM PARK:** New Farm Park is always a popular choice for kids and parents alike. Huge fig trees make great hide and seek spots plus there are fantastic wobbly bridges, climbing things and challenging equipment for older children. There's a smaller playground for toddlers too.

**10 ROMA STREET PARKLAND:** younger kids love the Jelly Bean Express or Lollypop Express, a 1.3km trackless train ride around the parkland. Just north of the Roma Street Transit Centre; open daily.