

EXTEND THE OPTIONS ...

With a fantastic spread of cultural and nature-based experiences, delegates should also add New Zealand and the islands of the Pacific to their travel radar.

New Zealand

New Zealand's amazing landscapes, forests and wildlife make it a haven for many outdoor activities and a great place to unwind. New Zealand society is diverse, sophisticated and multicultural, and the open, friendly nature of Kiwis will impress you. Best of all, the diverse physical, cultural and artistic landscapes have a shared proximity that makes for convenient travel.

The Pacific Islands

Papua New Guinea, one of the world's most culturally and biologically diverse countries, is just a three hour flight north of Brisbane. The nearby Melanesian islands of Vanuatu, the Solomon Islands and Fiji also have direct flights from Brisbane. Extended flights are also available to the Polynesian islands of Samoa, Tonga, the Cook Islands, and Kiribati and, further still to Micronesia and the Hawaiian Islands.



Reef Fish

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WHILE IN BRISBANE ...

As a modern, cosmopolitan city with a growing presence on the international stage, Brisbane promises IHC2014 delegates plenty of pre and post touring opportunities. From vibrant urban experiences to adventurous outdoor activities, Brisbane offers a well-rounded range of leisure options. Bring the family and make the most of your time in this easy-going city.

Alongside world-class art galleries and a vibrant urban precinct culture, Brisbane has a wide variety of wining, dining and shopping experiences to be enjoyed. A year-round promise of sunshine, 1,800+ parks and reserves and more than 500 kilometres of bikeways also set the scene for playful outdoor activities. Whether you choose to swim in Australia's only inner-city beach at the famed South Bank Parklands, cruise the river in a kayak, climb the Story Bridge, cuddle a koala at the world's largest koala sanctuary or escape to the Moreton Bay and Islands region for aquatic adventures, whale watching and dolphin feeding, Brisbane will deliver an unforgettable travel experience.



Brisbane City Botanic Gardens

WHILE IN QUEENSLAND ...

Beyond Brisbane, there's a wealth of sun-kissed opportunities for leisure and pleasure in the state of Queensland. Road, rail and air links from the capital all provide easy access to some of the country's most awe-inspiring tourism treasures. From tropical islands with their lush rainforests and gleaming white beaches, to the rugged beauty of the Outback, Queensland has it all.

Favoured sunshine state spots for extending the stay include the supremely beautiful Fraser Island – the world's largest sand island and a must-do nature experience that embraces ancient rainforests, idyllic lakes and long stretches of surf and sand; the Great Barrier Reef – with its spectacular displays of coloured corals and marine life; and the sandy islands and tropical warm waters of the Whitsundays. Further north there's the magnificent 1,200km² spread of the Daintree Rainforest, while out west there's the epic landscapes, immense deserts and red sunsets of the rugged Queensland Outback.



The Great Barrier Reef

WHILE IN AUSTRALIA ...

With an extensive network of domestic flights, Brisbane is the ideal launch pad for further Australian adventures. Across all compass points and from city to coast to country, Australia's itinerary options cover every traveller's taste.

Nature enthusiasts might like to extend the stay with a visit to Australia's Top End. Home to iconic destinations like Kakadu and Uluru, the Northern Territory is a truly unforgettable experience of epic waterfalls, exotic wildlife and Indigenous insights. At the opposite end of the country and in a vastly different island environment, Tasmania stands out as another region of natural beauty and untamed wilderness. For urban beauty, many travellers opt for the hip – almost European – sophistication of Melbourne or the bright, glamorous lights of Sydney and its must-see harbour.



Uluru, Northern Territory



View of Brisbane's CBD



North Stradbroke Island



Whale watching, Hervey Bay



Daintree National Park



Queensland Wildlife, Kangaroo



12 Apostles, Victoria