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Travel Guide

Welcome to Brisbane, home to the 2024 STEM MAD National Education Showcase! Whether you're an educator, parent, or teacher traveling from across Australia, this guide will help you make the most of your trip.

STEM MAD National Showcase

The [Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre](#) (Merivale St, South Brisbane) will host the STEM MAD National Education Showcase, featuring a range of exhibitors and speakers focused on STEM education. Be sure to check the program for keynote speakers, workshops, and networking opportunities.

Accommodation

Affordable lodging options near the Convention & Exhibition centre include:

- **Ibis Brisbane** - A budget-friendly hotel in walking distance of the convention centre.
- **Novotel Brisbane South Bank** - A mid-range hotel offering comfortable rooms and a convenient location.
- **Rydges South Bank Brisbane** - A stylish hotel with modern amenities, just a short walk from the convention centre.
- **Mantra South Bank Brisbane** - Apartment-style accommodation with kitchen facilities, ideal for longer stays.
- **Great Southern Hotel Brisbane** - A budget-friendly hotel located in the CBD, close to public transport options.

Getting Around

Brisbane has an efficient public transport system, including buses, trains, and ferries, making it easy to get around. You can also explore by bike or on foot.

Dinner Ideas

- **The Charming Squire** - A restaurant with craft beers and modern Australian cuisine.
- **Stokehouse Q** - Enjoy fine dining with waterfront views at this South Bank restaurant.
- **Madame Wu** - Asian fusion cuisine with a modern twist, located in the CBD.
- **Sono Japanese Restaurant** - Authentic Japanese dining experience in the CBD.
- **Black Fire Brisbane** - Mediterranean-inspired dishes cooked over an open fire.



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Brekkie Ideas

- **Egg Bistro** - A cozy café in Fortitude Valley known for its delicious breakfast options.
- **Pablo** - A popular café in New Farm serving up tasty breakfast dishes.
- **Pawpaw Café** - Enjoy breakfast with a twist at this café in Woolloongabba.
- **Kith 'n' Chow** - Asian-inspired breakfast and brunch dishes in the CBD.
- **The Gunshop Café** - A café in West End known for its creative breakfast menu.

Attractions

- **South Bank Parklands** - A vibrant riverside park with gardens, swimming pools, and dining options.
- **Queensland Museum and Science Centre** - Explore interactive science exhibits and cultural displays.
- **Brisbane Botanic Gardens** - Take a relaxing stroll through lush gardens and tropical plants.
- **Story Bridge Adventure Climb** - Scale Brisbane's iconic Story Bridge for panoramic views of the city.
- **CityCat Ferry Ride** - Take a scenic ride along the Brisbane River on the CityCat ferry.
- **Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary** - Get up close with Australian wildlife, including koalas and kangaroos.
- **XXXX Brewery Tour** - Learn about the history of Queensland's famous XXXX beer on a brewery tour.
- **Mount Coot-tha Lookout** - Enjoy stunning views of Brisbane from the lookout at Mount Coot-tha.
- **Riverwalk Brisbane** - Walk or cycle along the Brisbane River on the scenic Riverwalk.
- **Queensland Art Gallery** - Explore a diverse collection of Australian and international art.

**We hope you have a fantastic time at the STEM MAD
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Brisbane!**