



[Home](#) | [Links](#) | [Queensland Singapore](#) | [Queensland Weather Today](#) | [Q-News Archives](#) | [Contact Us](#)

Dear Industry Colleagues,

As the year winds down, we wish to thank you for your continued support. We have enjoyed working with you in promoting Queensland, Australia.  
We wish you a joyous festive season and happy holidays! To a wonderful 2010!

Warm regards  
Tourism Queensland team



## Behind the Scenes in Queensland

There are many ways to enjoy your favourite attractions, including behind the scenes, and many of them welcome you to take up this unique opportunity to do so. Here're a few popular experiences:



### Animal Encounters at Sea World

Sea World's four and a half hour Animal Adventures is a group programme that offers a selection of exclusive opportunities for visitors such as the Dolphin Trainer for the Day programme. You can also get up close to sharks, polar bears and other marine life.

[seaworld.myfun.com.au/attractions/animal-adventures.htm](http://seaworld.myfun.com.au/attractions/animal-adventures.htm)

### Australia Wildlife Hospital

The largest wildlife hospital in the world, this state-of-the-art facility next to Australia Zoo on the Sunshine Coast conducts tours four times a day for approximately 75 minutes. See how injured and orphaned wildlife are cared for before being released back into the wild.

[www.wildlifewarriors.org.au/wildlife\\_hospital/](http://www.wildlifewarriors.org.au/wildlife_hospital/)



### Queensland Performing Arts Centre

If you are keen on the arts, then this 90-minute group tour into the public spaces, theatres and backstage area of the world-class QPAC will be an exciting prospect. Be entertained by experienced guides with little known facts about the complex and the many artists who have performed within its walls.

[www.qpac.com.au/at\\_qpac/guided\\_tours/](http://www.qpac.com.au/at_qpac/guided_tours/)

### Lone Pine Keeper for the Day

Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary's One Day Keeper Experience Programme allows participants to choose to work with one of four different kinds of animals – birds, macropods and mammals, koalas or farmyard animals.

[www.koala.net](http://www.koala.net)



### XXXX - Brisbane's Favourite Amber Ale

Visit the historic Castlemaine Perkins Brewery in Milton, which brews the famous Australian iconic XXXX ale. The 75 minute tour lets guests view firsthand the raw ingredients and brewing processes that produce the popular drop, and a visit to the Southern Hemisphere's biggest single packing line. You will also learn how to pour a perfect beer.

[www.xxxxalehouse.com.au/index.php/brewery-tour](http://www.xxxxalehouse.com.au/index.php/brewery-tour)

## What's New

### Festive Celebrations at South Bank Parklands



If you're spending Christmas in the heart of Brisbane, enjoy caroling, variety shows, a children's pantomime as well as fireworks each night (8pm) at South Bank.

Christmas programme:  
18 Dec: 4pm - 8pm  
19 Dec: 3pm - 8.15pm  
20 Dec: 3pm - 8.15pm

On New Year's Eve, enjoy free live entertainment in this recreational precinct, plus the dazzling fireworks display at 8.30pm and midnight.  
[www.visitsouthbank.com.au](http://www.visitsouthbank.com.au)

### Bike Tours on the Gold Coast

Imagine bike riding through vineyards, sampling local wines and visiting underground glow worm caves. Take a 10km bike tour of Tamborine Mountain, and explore some of the Gold Coast's finest natural wonders. A\$88 per person, including morning tea.

[www.bunyipbiketours.com.au](http://www.bunyipbiketours.com.au)



### Prestigious Awards for Queensland Properties

Luxury boutique hotel, Emporium in Brisbane has won Best Luxury Accommodation at the 2009 Queensland Tourism Awards, adding to its growing list of awards since opening, including being named one of the world's best new hotels in Conde Nast Traveller's Hot List last year.

[www.emporiumhotel.com.au](http://www.emporiumhotel.com.au)

The winning combination of ecotourism, unique spa and Aboriginal culture experiences has won Daintree Eco Lodge & Spa the Australasia's Leading Green Hotel and World's Leading Eco Lodge awards at the World Travel Awards. From now until 31 March 2010, they are celebrating with a 'Stay 3, Pay for 2' special.

[www.daintree-ecolodge.com.au](http://www.daintree-ecolodge.com.au)

### Ardent Acquires QDeck

The Ardent Leisure Group, whose businesses include Dreamworld and WhiteWater World, recently acquired the real estate and business of QDeck - Australia's highest beachside observation tower of the Q1 building in Surfers Paradise. Established in 2005, QDeck attracts about 250,000 visitors annually.

[www.qdeck.com.au](http://www.qdeck.com.au)



## EVENTS

### 6th Asia Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art (APT6)



5 December 2009 to 5 April 2010

Don't miss one of most influential contemporary art exhibitions for the Asia Pacific region, at the Queensland Art Gallery in Brisbane. This year's exhibition features works from countries such as North Korea and Tibet for the first time, among more than 25 countries.

[qag.qld.gov.au/exhibitions/apt/apt6](http://qag.qld.gov.au/exhibitions/apt/apt6)

### Woodford Folk Festival

27 December to 1 January

One of the largest folk festivals in the world with entertainment from more than 2000 performers at 400 events, this eco-friendly festival is set in a parkland an hour's drive from Brisbane. Expect an enriching experience with music, comedy, films and children's programmes.

[www.woodfordfolkfestival.com](http://www.woodfordfolkfestival.com)



Lim Mui Khim  
Regional Director, Southeast Asia  
Tourism Queensland  
51 Goldhill Plaza  
#16-04  
Singapore 308900  
Tel: (65) 6253 2811  
Fax: (65) 6253 8653  
E-mail: [khim.lim@tq.com.au](mailto:khim.lim@tq.com.au)

Ivan Teh  
Market Development Manager  
Tourism Queensland  
12, Jalan Lang Perut Putih 8  
Taman Sri Bintang  
52100 Kuala Lumpur  
Tel : (6012) 383 2093  
Fax : (603) 6275 2093  
E-mail: [Ivan.Teh@tq.com.au](mailto:Ivan.Teh@tq.com.au)

It takes less than 5 minutes to read Q News. In each edition, we will provide you with information and updates that will help you increase your knowledge and awareness of Brisbane, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast and all of Queensland. You'll be surprised. There is much more to Queensland than you think you knew! If you wish to unsubscribe from Q-News, please click [here](#) or reply to this e-mail with UNSUBSCRIBE as the email subject. If you wish to change your e-mail address or to add other e-mail address use this [link](#).

Download PDF version (230KB)