SHOPPING

Brisbane city centre is a blend of historic and ultra-modern shopping arcades and shopping malls/centres. The best of Brisbane's shopping is located within the bounds of the Brisbane City Mall located on Queen St. Major department stores such as David Jones and Myer are also situated on this mall.

There are many major shopping malls/centres in Brisbane, several of which are in the top twenty in Australia. Chermside (2nd), Mt Gravatt (9th) and Carindale (12th) are the three largest in Brisbane. These are closely followed by Indooroopilly Shopping Centre (19th). All shopping centres have a variety of stores catering for general food items, specialty foods, food courts, cafes, pharmaceutical items, cosmetics, fashion, footwear, electronic equipment and household items. In some centers there are also cinemas & restaurants. Most people live within 30 minutes of a major shopping centre.

FOOD & GROCERY SHOPPING

Woolworths (Woollies), Coles, Aldi and IGA are the main supermarkets in QLD supplying groceries, meat, fruit & vegetables. They also stock a variety of general items and some have separate beer wine and liquor outlets attached or close by. Re-usable bags and chiller bags may be purchased at the checkout, shopping bags are no longer provided free of charge. Online purchasing and home delivery is available from most supermarkets for a small fee.

There are some reward schemes available through which 'loyalty' points on everyday spending can be earned and loyalty card holders can also receive discounts on future purchases, the main grocery loyalty cards are:

- Everyday Rewards
- Flybuys

There are many small specialty stores that stock items from "back home" wherever that may be. Asian and European products are particularly well represented. These stores tend to stock items that are not usually available in the larger supermarkets. Additionally, in recent years many small stores dedicated to a particular cuisine have popped up all over the city, particularly Chinese, Indian, Japanese and Korean. Mediterranean food supply stores have been around much longer to meet the needs of earlier arrivals from Europe and the middle east.

A Goods and Services Tax (GST) of 10 percent applies to most goods and services. It is included in the ticket price of goods and in restaurant menus, although many groceries are exempt. GST does not apply to most basic foods such as bread, milk, fruit, vegetables and meat.

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