

Brisbane will be a ghost town over the G20 long weekend

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Fears the Brisbane CBD will be a ghost town during the G20 Leaders Summit have been confirmed by peak tourism bodies.

CEO of The Accommodation Association of Australia Richard Munro said he suspects Brisbane will be very quiet over the G20 long weekend.

“Bookings for the Gold Coast are up by 35 percent and some of our member properties there are booked out,” Mr Munro said.

“The Sunshine Coast has shown an uptick of 15 percent and is very heavily booked,” he said.

“We believe this is all a direct result of the G20 long weekend.”

But it appears that Brisbane residents are not just planning an escape to the coasts.

CEO of Southern Queensland Country Tourism Mary-Clare Power said they have had a great response to their ME20 promotion.

“We have had a nice boost for our operators, as normally it is quiet for us at this time of year,” Ms Power said.

“Aussies love a long weekend and we are well booked in the Eastern Country region which is only about a four hour drive from Brisbane.”

“Some of our operators in Toowoomba, South Burnett and the Southern Downs region are booked out.”



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Lord Mayor Graham Quirk told 612 ABC Brisbane recently that he did not want Brisbane to be a "ghost town" during the G20 long weekend.

He encouraged the public to come into the city by offering free parking in the King George Square and Wickham Terrace car parks next Friday, Saturday and Sunday during the G20 summit.

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November 5, 2014 at 11:07 am

It would seem to be a tourism boon for the CBD given the thousands of media and the thousands of diplomats ? I would seem logical for the locals to take a week end off perhaps and avoid any conflict. Despite our ideology , I'm sure none of the locals want to experience conflict during such a significant forum.

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craigthomsonmusic says:

November 6, 2014 at 11:28 pm

Thank you for your Comment Walter, it is appreciated. Craig.

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craigthomsonmusic says:

November 6, 2014 at 11:30 pm

Thank you for your comment Tizi, it is appreciated. Craig.

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craigthomsonmusic says:

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Thank you for your comment Walter, I appreciate it.

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Tizi says:

November 5, 2014 at 11:23 am

So true about being a ghost town as most of my friends have all booked to be away that week end.

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Dave Jacks says:

November 10, 2014 at 12:12 pm

We are getting out as we don't want to risk being thrown in Jail for carrying a dozen eggs home for breakfast or exposing our offspring to what is basically an Army-State for 3 days.

We tried getting somewhere close but have ended up having to go to Hervey Bay as the closest place not fully booked up!

Can I ask; who is paying for all this farce? Brisbane tax payers?

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