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About the Brisbane River

The river was traditionally a rich hunting ground for the Jagera and Turrbal tribes of the area. It was first surveyed by John Oxley in 1823 who recommended it as a site for a convict settlement.

The Brisbane River catchment has a sub-tropical climate with 1.5m of rainfall a year mostly as intense summer storms. It is the largest catchment in South East Queensland at 13,500km² and supports the largest population of any catchment in Queensland, with over one million inhabitants.

Dominating the banks of the Brisbane River are Gray Mangrove trees acting as nurseries for the river fish. The river and its wonderful surroundings are best explored on a CityCat ferry cruise.

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