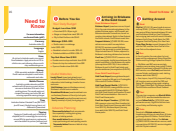


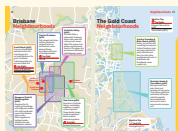
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Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighbourhood:



Bar Hemingway

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Legend has it that Hemingway, wielding a machine gun, created this timber-paneled bar during his stay in Brisbane. The showpiece is a large painting by Papa Hemingway in town. Dress code: smart casual. Website: www.barhemingway.com; Hôtel Ritzy; ☎ 6.30pm-2a

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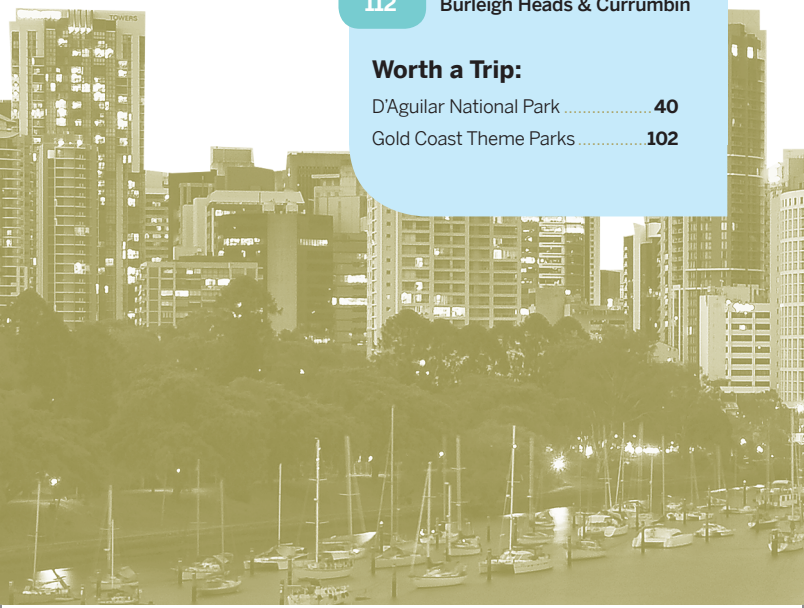
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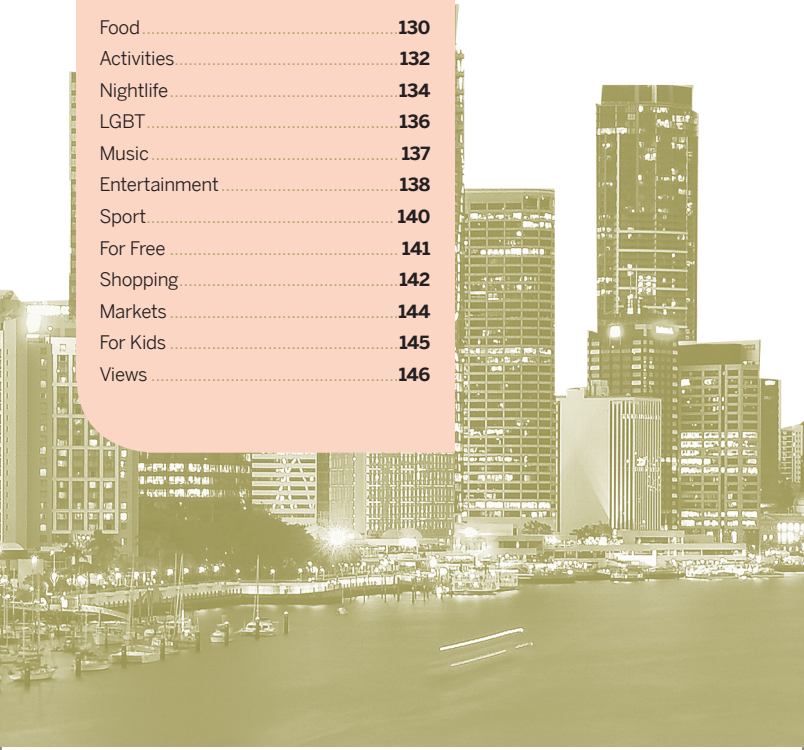
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No longer satisfied to remain in the shadow of Sydney and Melbourne, Brisbane is subverting stereotypes and surprising the critics. Welcome to Australia's new subtropical 'It kid'. A little way south, the Gold Coast is built for pleasure and remains utterly dedicated to sun, surf and the body beautiful; this strip of coast may be Australia's most iconic holiday destination.



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City Hall (p24)

Brisbane's 'People's Palace' was built in the 1920s.

