



# EAST ASIAN - AUSTRALASIAN FLYWAY PARTNERSHIP

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## Information Note

### **11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Partners of the East Asian – Australasian Flyway Partnership**

***Brisbane, Australia, 14-19 March 2021***

**Meeting Venue is at Royal on the Park Hotel and Suites  
152 Alice Street, Brisbane Tel.: +61 7 3221 3411**



Breeding colony of Greater Crested Terns (*Thalasseus bergii*) on Lady Elliot Island, Great Barrier Reef, Australia © Graeme Chapman



**Australian Government**

**Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment**



*The 11th Meeting of the Partners of the East Asian – Australasian Flyway Partnership is kindly being hosted by the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment and BirdLife Australia.*

## 1. VISA INFORMATION

Participants are responsible for making their own arrangements for obtaining their entry visa for Australia and/or transit visa if applicable. Requirements for entry into Australia differ from country to country and are subject to change.

For nationals of countries requiring visas, application of the visa must be made ahead of your departure as visas are not issued on arrival. Please apply for your visa as early as possible, and no later than four weeks before your departure, at your nearest Australian Embassy or High Commission, as visa processing times can be long.

All passport holders of the participating countries are eligible to apply for a **Visitor visa (subclass 600)**. This visa lets you visit Australia for leisure or business purposes and can be issued for up to three, six or twelve months.

The base [application charge](#) for this visa ranges from AUD \$135 to AUD \$1,000. Passport holders can apply for this visa online from outside Australia.

Please use the [visa finder](#) on the website of the [Australian Department of Home Affairs](#) for information on your respective country. If you need an invitation letter from the host country, please kindly indicate the needs in your online registration. This letter will be issued by the Australian Government.

## 2. ONLINE REGISTRATION

Complete your registration as soon as possible and submit the [Registration Form](#) by 15 December 2020 to [secretariat@eaaflyway.net](mailto:secretariat@eaaflyway.net). The EAAFP invitation and form will be available on the website in early September 2020.

In the event that you need to update the information already submitted on the form or cancel your participation at MOP11, please contact the Secretariat via email ([secretariat@eaaflyway.net](mailto:secretariat@eaaflyway.net)).

Registration at MOP11 will open at the Royal on the Park at:

- Sunday, 14 March 2021: 8:00 – 17:00
- Monday - Wednesday, 15 - 17 March 2021: 8:00 – 9:00

## 3. GENERAL INFORMATION ON ACCESS TO BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA

Brisbane is served by the Brisbane Airport, approximately 12 kilometres (8 miles) from the city centre. The venue for MOP11 is located about 30 minutes from the airport. Please note that the Secretariat does not organize transportation from or to the airport.

**Taxis** are available outside arrivals at the Domestic and International terminals and will cost about AUD \$40-50. Taxis are available 24/7 from sheltered ranks right outside the Domestic and International Terminals. During peak times, Kerbside Officers are on hand to assist.

At the Domestic Terminal, the taxi rank is located centrally in the front of the Terminal building. At the International Terminal, you will find the cab rank at the northern end of the Terminal, through the doors and out to the left. Brisbane has two taxi companies: *Black & White Cabs: 13 22 22 / Yellow Cabs: 13 19 24*

Another option to get to venue is taking Brisbane's **Airtrain**. The Airtrain is a quick and easy option for getting

to and from the airport. Brisbane Airport is just 20 minutes by train from the Brisbane Central Business District – **Central Station** or **Roma Street Station**. Train services run every 15 minutes during peak times and every 30 minutes off-peak periods. Airtrain also offers express services to the Gold Coast and connects into the Queensland Rail suburban network.

#### Hours of Operation

Weekdays: 5:04am - 10:04pm

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To use this service you can purchase tickets at the Airtrain desks in each of the terminals, or at the Airtrain stations. Services run daily, with trains departing every 15 minutes from the airport. A one-way ticket from the airport to the city (or the other way around) costs from AUD \$12.50.



A well-established public transport system makes it convenient to get around the city. For more information on buses, trains and ferries please click [here](#).

#### 4. HOTEL INFORMATION

**Delegates are responsible for organizing their own accommodation.** It is recommended participants book their accommodation from the suggested hotel list below early to avoid disappointment. Participants should settle directly with the hotel of all accounts, including room charges and other expenses, such as for local and long-distance telephone calls, business centre use, laundry, room and hotel transportation services, mini-bar items, as well as restaurant and bar services. Participants are also responsible for any charges incurred with respect to rooms remaining vacant owing to late arrival or rescheduled departure for which inadequate prior notice is given.

Subject to the availability of funds and meeting the Sponsorship Guidelines (see [MOP10/Decision 6: Guidelines for Sponsorship of Participants for EAAFP Meetings of Partners](#)), the EAAFP Secretariat may provide support for existing and potential Partners, and other participants to attend MOP11 .

For participants, including those eligible for funding, the co-hosts of MOP11 have reserved a limited number of rooms for the duration of the meeting in the following hotel (it also may change subject to the funding availability):

### Royal on the Park Hotel and Suites

- Tel.: +61 7 3221 3411 / Address: 152 Alice Street, Brisbane, QLD 4000, Australia
- E-mail: [stay@royalonthepark.com.au](mailto:stay@royalonthepark.com.au) Website: <https://www.royalonthepark.com.au/>

If delegates are booking at **Royal on the Park Hotel and Suites**, please use “Department of the Agriculture, Water and Environment” as the booking code to receive a special MOP11 rate. Rooms are available with or without breakfast included.

Participants that are not eligible for funding by the Secretariat or require alternative accommodation, can find some suggestions for hotels in close proximity to the venue at the following links:

#### 5 Star

- The Sebel Quay West Brisbane <https://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-8778-the-sebel-brisbane/index.shtml>
- Stamford Plaza Brisbane <https://www.stamford.com.au/spb>

#### 4 Star

- Capri By Fraser Brisbane <https://brisbane.capribyfraser.com/en>
- Mantra on Mary Brisbane <https://www.mantra.com.au/queensland/brisbane-and-surrounds/brisbane/accommodation/hotels/mantra-on-mary/>
- Hotel Jen <https://www.hoteljen.com/brisbane/romastreet/gather/>
- Hotel Urban Brisbane <http://www.hotelurban.com.au/brisbane/brisbane-rooms/>

#### Budget

- Ibis Brisbane Hotel <http://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-2062-ibis-brisbane/index.shtml>
- George Williams Hotel <http://www.georgewilliamshotel.com.au/>



*Location of alternative Accommodation (image from Google Maps)*

## 5. VENUE FOR MOP11

The 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Partners of the East Asian – Australasian Flyway Partnership will take place in **Royal on the Park Hotel and Suites, Brisbane**. The detail of the meeting rooms will be announced in due course.

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The meeting will start at 9:00 on Monday 15 March.

- Registration will be open at the meeting venue from 8:00 the same day.
- Working Groups and Task Forces will meet on Sunday 14 March, 9:00 – 17:00.

## 6. MEALS

The co-hosts will kindly offer lunch for all participants on the days of the meeting. For any special dietary requirements, please indicate on your online registration form. Participants are requested to make their own arrangements for breakfast and dinner, as well as for lunches on the days before and after the meeting, if applicable.

## 7. WORKING LANGUAGE

The 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Partners will be held in English. Simultaneous interpretation will not be available.

## 8. DOCUMENTS AND INTERNET

Participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the pre-session documents for the meeting as there will be no extra copies made available on site. Use of printers will be limited and e-copy use is encouraged. Documents are available on the EAAFP Secretariat's webpage dedicated to the meeting.

Wi-Fi will be available throughout the Royal on the Park. The password of the meeting will be provided to delegates at the start of the meeting.

## 9. WEATHER AND TIME ZONE INFORMATION

Brisbane enjoys a subtropical climate, defined by warm or hot weather for most of the year.

Brisbane's weather starts cooling down a little during March, as the city settles down at a pleasant temperature of 24 degrees Celsius on an average. The average highs and lows range between 27 degrees Celsius and 20 degrees Celsius respectively as the city enters the autumn ahead.

For more information about the climate and current weather forecasts please visit the website of the Australian Bureau of Meteorology.

Brisbane applies to Australian Eastern Standard Time UTC+10.

## 10. INFORMATION ABOUT HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE

Brisbane has a number of public hospitals and medical centres should you experience illness or injury while visiting. In the event that you require emergency assistance, you can contact police, ambulance and/or fire brigade by calling Triple Zero (000).

If you are visiting from overseas, you generally are not covered under Australia's public Medicare system for medical or hospital expenses.

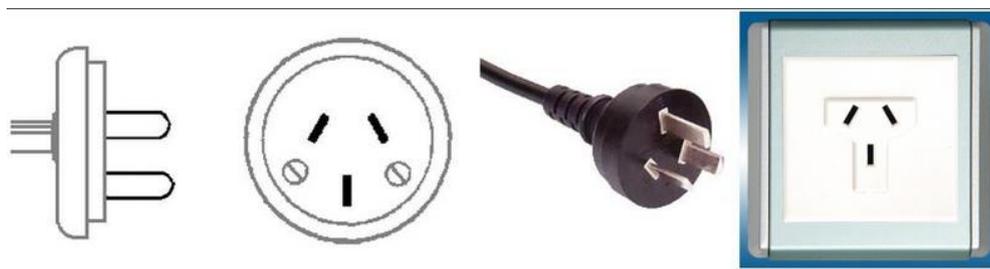
Therefore, please make sure that your insurance covers travels in other countries or subscribe to a travel insurance before starting your trip, as without health cover you can find yourself responsible for the full cost of treatment. For more information about health insurance for overseas visitors, please click [here](#).

As the sun can be very strong, please make sure to use sunglasses and SPF 30+ sunscreen when you are outside. Please stay out of the sun during the middle of the day and make sure you drink plenty of fluids to avoid dehydration.

There are no specific vaccinations recommended for Australia. Please notice that you must provide a proof of yellow fever vaccination only if you are coming from a country with risk of yellow fever.

## 11. ELECTRICITY

The Australian electrical current is 220–240 volts, AC 50Hz. The three-pin power outlet is different from some other countries, so you might need an adaptor. The type of plugs is illustrated below.



## 12. CURRENCY

The official currency in Australia is the Australian dollar (AUD). The current exchange rate as of 15 April was US \$1 = AUD \$1.56 or can be checked [here](#).

All Brisbane areas are serviced by cash machines which accept Visa, MasterCard, Cirrus and Maestro cards. The most commonly accepted credit cards are American Express, Diners Club, MasterCard, Visa, JCB and their affiliates. Banks and foreign exchange services are also available at the airport and throughout the city centre.

## 13. OPENING HOURS

Trading hours vary across Australia but shops in tourist and city areas are generally open seven days a week until 6pm with late-night shopping on Fridays in the city centre.

## 14. SAFETY INFORMATION

Brisbane is generally a safe destination, with tourists enjoying unhindered travel experiences in terms of their personal safety. In the event that you require emergency assistance, you can contact police, ambulance and/or fire brigade by calling Triple Zero (000).

## 15. DISCLAIMER

The EAAFP Secretariat disclaims all responsibility for medical, accident and travel insurance, compensation for death or disability compensation, loss of or damage to personal property and any other loss that may be incurred during travel time or the duration of the meetings/workshop. In this context, it is strongly recommended to secure international medical and travel insurance for the period of travel and participation at the meetings/workshop, prior to departure from home country.



**Have a good trip and enjoy your stay in Brisbane!**