



My friend and I arrived in Brisbane, the so-called ‘Sunshine State’ of Queensland, in the middle of July. The weather was mild and welcoming. It took us just a few days to settle into our new home before we realised what the right decision we had made to begin the new life chapter in such a lovely city. As much as I was overwhelmed with all the aspects that Queensland had to provide - from sun-kissed beaches to extreme outdoor activities and vibrant nightlife, I was surprised that Australians were incredibly friendly. Sometimes you might even have a deep conversation, involving life and love, with someone you just met. It was a beautiful culture.

No exchange student life in Australia was fulfilled without some adventures. Once, we partnered with a few Taiwanese and Thai friends to plan an amazing one-week trip, to Melbourne city and Great Ocean Road, that perfectly combined each of us’s favourite things into an adventure of a lifetime. We were fascinated with the experience of city, natural landscape and art. The outdoor activities are abundant. You would even find yourself coming across a helicopter ride ticket or a skydiving package all the time. An endless list of outdoor activities will be easily completed in Australia.



Thank to Australian Government, a student visa allowed us to work part time during the academic year and have plenty of choices to choose. I was paid A\$20 per hour to sell brownies and macadamia during the weekend and so were my friends. They worked at a Thai restaurant a few days a week and earned enough amount of dollars to fund their trips. Australia is absolutely the place to have fun!

