



# LES CLEFS D'OR

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### BEST KEPT SECRET

If you're a sport buff then chances are that you have already visited the Gabba, the home of Queensland cricket and the Brisbane Lions AFL club. However even if you are not a sport fan you will love Brisbane's best kept secret when it comes to restaurants. The Queensland Cricketers Club has a good restaurant with impressive views of the Gabba grounds. They can even put the flood lights on for you, whilst you are dining, and for that very special night why not put your own message to your loved one on the score board (for a fee) – it's a great way to surprise him or her on your special night. The food is just as good as you would get at any restaurant on Eagle Street Pier. Try it for yourself and you will not be disappointed. The restaurant is open from Wednesday to Saturday for dinner and it is also available for functions. The Gabba is located only a 10-minute cab ride from the heart of the city at 411 Vulture Street, East Brisbane. Ask your friendly concierge to book you a table tonight or phone 3896 4533.

### WHALE WATCHING

This month is the start of whale watching season – Saturday 26 June to be exact. You can see these majestic giants on Brisbane's Moreton Bay. Of all the great whales, the humpback is the most surface-active displaying behavior that will not only inspire you but also leave you in awe. The best person to take you on the water would have to be Captain Kerry Lopez from Brisbane Whale Watch Tours. Board their multi-million dollar luxury purpose built catamaran, Eye-Spy, which offers six viewing decks as well as floor to ceiling glass with air-conditioned cabins to ensure your comfort and enjoyment. It leaves every day from Redcliffe Jetty at 9.30am and returns between 2.30pm-3.00pm. A portion of every ticket is donated to ongoing whale research, with various whale organisations. Your experience includes morning and afternoon teas, sumptuous buffet luncheon including fresh tiger prawns, plus live on-board commentary to enhance your experience. Ask your concierge for further information and to organise a pick up from your hotel.

### HOSPITALITY CARNIVAL BALL

Back again due to popular demand is the Hospitality Carnival Ball! To be held on Saturday 11 September at the Sofitel Brisbane Central, this prestigious black tie ball is organised by the exclusive professional organisation Les Clefs D'Or Australia. This affordable evening keeps on getting more popular every year and includes a scrumptious three-course meal, beer, wine, soft drinks, a show and dancing all for \$110.00 per person. Contact Elvis Soiza, Chief Concierge at the Sofitel Brisbane Central to register your interest on 3835 3535.

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