O'Shannessy's
QUALITY TOURS

ADELAIDE OPERA

Bluebeard's Castle



7 DAY FULLY INCLUSIVE TOUR

23rd February to 1st March, 2027

ADELAIDE OPERA *Bluebeard's Castle*

TUESDAY 23RD FEBRUARY TO MONDAY 1ST MARCH, 2027

Join us to experience Bluebeard's Castle at the Festival Centre.

Composed in 1911 and premiered in 1918, Béla Bartók's is a haunting masterpiece of psychological opera. Known for its powerful exploration of love, trust and hidden truths, its richly atmospheric score blends lush orchestral colour with striking modern harmonies to create an immersive emotional journey.

Presented in the intimate setting of the Festival Theatre, this compelling production draws audiences into a world where symbolism and reality intertwine.

Tour Highlights

- Murtoa Stick Shed
- Kaniva Silo Art
- Coonalpyn Silo Art
- Guided tour of Adelaide
- Tour of Carrick Hill
- Fermoy House, David Roche Gallery
- Guided tour of Hahndorf
- The Cedars
- A-Reserve seats for Bluebeard's Castle at the Festival Centre
- Guided tour of Mount Gambier
- Port MacDonnell
- District Maritime Museum
- Caroline Hills Winery

Tour Prices

Twin share room first tour:	**$4,445**
Twin share room repeat traveller 2 - 10 Tours:	**$4,395**
Twin share room repeat traveller 11 - 20 Tours:	**$4,370**
Twin share room repeat traveller 21+ Tours:	**$4,345**
Single room supplement:	**$ 650**

Please note a deposit of $300 is required upon booking.

As a thank you for travelling with O'Shannessy's Quality Tours, you will automatically receive a saving on the total tour price for your second and subsequent tours.

O'Shannessy's Quality Tours will match single travellers who wish to twin share with another single traveller of the same gender. However, if this is not possible, in most cases you shall be provided with single acccommodation at the twin share fare (no additional cost). If you are willing to twin share but are a smoker, have a CPAP machine or snore, you will need to pay a single supplement for a sole use room.



MULTIPLE NIGHT STAYS

3 nights in Adelaide

2 nights in Mount Gambier

ACTIVITY LEVEL

Our Moderate Tours are for those comfortable with a bit more movement while still enjoying a relaxed pace. Please refer to back cover.



Tour Inclusions

Complimentary Chauffeur Driven Transfers

Victorian passengers from Greater Melbourne, Bendigo, Torquay, Ballarat, Geelong, the Bellarine and Mornington Peninsulas, Phillip Island and selected areas of Gippsland will be picked up and returned home in a private chauffeured vehicle by one of our professional drivers. For passengers not within this pick up zone, or our interstate passengers, a quote can be provided for home pickup in extended areas.

Luxury Touring Coaches

Our full size luxury coaches have only 32-36 passenger seats allowing you even more personal space and extra leg room. Our coaches are fitted with comfortable reclining seats with aisle arm rests, foot rests, seat belts, panoramic windows with blinds, refrigerator for passenger use, restroom, climate control air conditioning and Road Cam monitors which display the road ahead in real time. Each coach has a second door for easier entry and exit and touchless hand sanitizer dispensers at each entry to help keep everyone safe. Our coaches have full air suspension delivering a smooth and quiet ride which also allows us to lower the coach closer to the ground, making boarding and disembarking even easier.

Friendly Tour Directors

Enjoy peace of mind with O'Shannessy's Quality Tours, where our dedicated coach crew and experienced tour directors are on board to ensure your journey is as comfortable and memorable as possible. From start to finish, they're there to assist, guide and take care of every detail. Relax and enjoy the experience without a worry.

Quality Accommodation & Fully Inclusive Tours

Enjoy the best available ensuite motel accommodation each night, ensuring a restful journey. All attractions and tours listed in the itinerary are included, as are fully cooked breakfasts, all lunches, along with delicious two-course restaurant dinners daily and most morning teas.

DAY 1 - MELBOURNE TO HORSHAM — Tuesday 23rd February, 2027

Welcome to our spectacular 7-day tour to experience **Bluebeard's Castle** at the **Adelaide Festival Theatre**. With chauffeured pickup from home, we are transferred to meet our **O'Shannessy's Quality Tours** coach and crew. Today is a travel day so sit back and enjoy the facilities aboard our 5 Star Touring Coach as we make our way to Horsham. Enjoying lunch along the way, later this afternoon we visit the awe-inspiring **Murtoa Stick Shed**. Crafted from 560 natural mountain ash poles, it spans 270m, reaching 19m in height and 60m in width—an overwhelming testament to bush-style construction. Afterwards arrive in **Horsham** for our overnight stay.

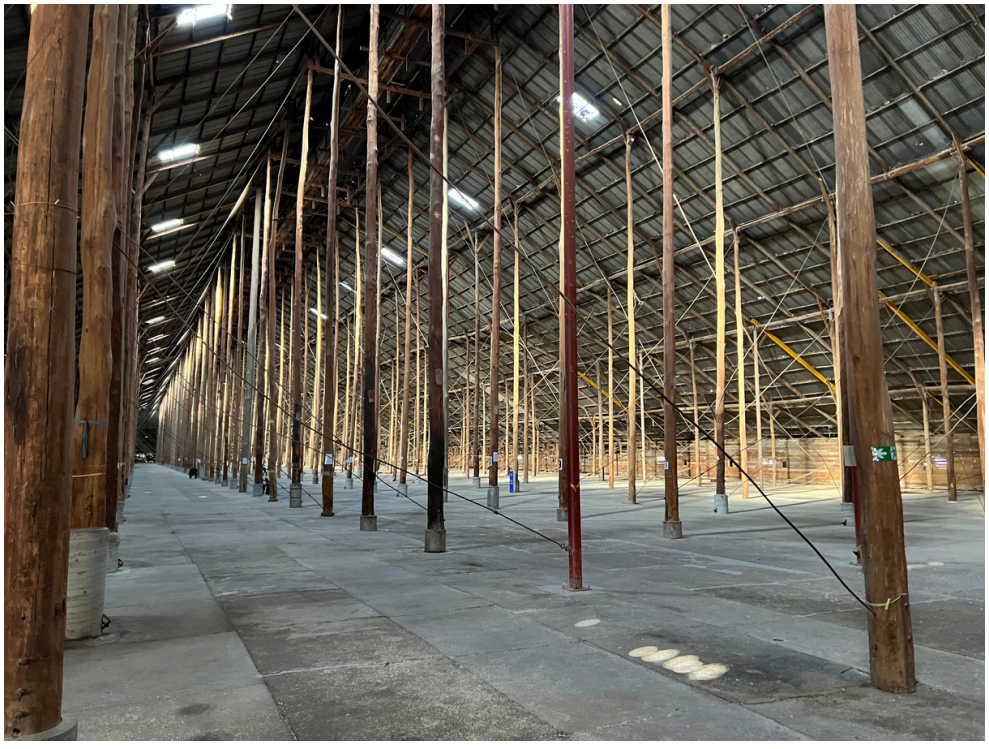
OVERNIGHT: Best Westlander Motor Inn, HORSHAM ★★★★☆

"...The Stick Shed
(previously known as the Murtoa No. 1 Grain Store)
is the only remaining emergency grain store
built during World War Two.
It is an enduring testament to Australian bush ingenuity
and a symbol of the growth and strength
of the Australian wheat industry..."

www.thestickshed.com.au















DAY 2 - HORSHAM TO ADELAIDE — Wednesday 24th February, 2027

Before we leave Horsham this morning, we'll stop to view the **Horsham Silo Art**. Walking on Country artwork celebrates the life and story of the Wotjobaluk warrior, Yanggendyinanyuk. His name means 'His Walking Feet' and his totem, the Black Cockatoo has been painted on the adjacent flour mill. At **Kaniva**, we see the Silo Artwork of an Australian Hobby bird and a Pink Sun Orchid, that pays homage to the nearby Little Desert National Park and its diverse flora and fauna. We then continue our journey towards the South Australian border to enjoy lunch in **Bordertown** before heading to **Coonalpyn** where we take a moment to stretch our legs and view the silo artwork. It's a lovely tribute to the local school children representing "hope for the future". From here it's straight on to Adelaide where we have time to settle in and refresh before dinner.

OVERNIGHT: InterContinental Adelaide, ADELAIDE ★★★★½

DAY 3 - DISCOVERING ADELAIDE — Thursday 25th February, 2027

This morning, we begin our day by exploring this vibrant and welcoming city as we set out on a guided **City Sights** tour, offering an introduction to Adelaide's elegant boulevards, historic landmarks and cultural highlights. From here, the journey continues to **Carrick Hill** in Springfield, a beautifully preserved historic estate that feels like stepping into another era. A guided tour reveals the charm and character of the house and its remarkable collection. We then enjoy a relaxed lunch at the cafe, set among the tranquil gardens. This afternoon, we discover more elegance at the **David Roche Gallery**. A guided tour of Fermoy House offers an intimate look into one man's extraordinary passion for art and antiques, with each room revealing treasures gathered from around the world. Afterwards there will be time to wander through the Gallery before returning to our hotel to relax before dinner.

OVERNIGHT: InterContinental Adelaide, ADELAIDE ★★★★½

"...Adelaide offers a blend of cultural richness, culinary delights and natural beauty, making it a top destination. It is also known as the world's only city within a park, with sweeping boulevards and 900 hectares of lush Park Lands surrounding the city centre, offering a unique urban experience combined with nature..."

www.experienceadelaide.com.au








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DAY 4 - HAHNDORF AND BLUEBEARD'S CASTLE — Friday 26th February, 2027

Nestled just beyond Adelaide,we explore picturesque town of **Hahndorf** - Australia's oldest surviving German settlement and one of the Adelaide Hills' most charming destinations. Enjoy a unique **guided tour** of exclusive Hahndorf locations rarely open to the public. Visit the historic **St Paul's Lutheran Church** and discover the story of Hahndorf's early settlers, who fled Prussia in 1838 seeking religious freedom. Learn about the remarkable pioneering women celebrated in the Pioneer Women's Walk, before enjoying free time to explore this charming Adelaide Hills village. Afterwards we visit the historic home and studio of celebrated Australian landscape artist Hans Heysen - **"The Cedars"**. Set among the beautiful Adelaide Hills, this preserved property offers a rare glimpse into Heysen's life and work, featuring original furnishings, personal artefacts and his working studio. During a tour we explore the grounds and experience the inspiring scenery that shaped some of Australia's most iconic landscape paintings. Thanking our hosts we return to Adelaide where we have time to relax or explore the city at leisure before dinner and tonight's performance!

Bluebeard's Castle is an extraordinary operatic experience: intense, visually evocative and emotionally resonant, showcasing Bartók's singular musical vision in one of opera's most powerful one-act works.

OVERNIGHT: InterContinental Adelaide, ADELAIDE ★★★★½

DAY 5 - ADELAIDE TO MOUNT GAMBIER — Saturday 27th February, 2027

After our magnificent evening last night, we enjoy a relaxed start before we begin our journey to **Mount Gambier**. Our first stop will be **Meningie** where we enjoy our lunch break by the shores of Lake Albert. Our day now takes us along the Coorong National Park. The whole area is a superb natural bird sanctuary with vast numbers of waterbirds. The movie Storm Boy, a film about a young boy's friendship with a pelican, was shot on the Coorong. This afternoon we arrive in **Kingston SE**, where we see **The Big Lobster** and enjoy the sea air. From here we continue to Mount Gambier for our final two night stay.

OVERNIGHT: The Barn Accommodation and Steakhouse, MOUNT GAMBIER ★★★★☆

"...The Coorong is a wetland of international importance, supporting many significant and endangered flora and fauna..."

www.parks.sa.gov.au/coorong-national-park











DAY 6 - EXPLORING MOUNT GAMBIER — Sunday 28th February, 2027

This morning we enjoy a guided tour of **Mount Gambier**, uncovering the highlights and stories of this unique city built on ancient volcanic landscapes and limestone formations. With our guide we will also visit the remarkable **Umpherston Sinkhole,** a hidden garden formed within a collapsed limestone cave. Cascading greenery, towering walls, and filtered light create a peaceful oasis in the heart of the city. Our day now takes us to **Port MacDonnell**. This historic coastal town sits at the edge of the limestone coast, where rugged beauty meets a rich maritime past. Once a bustling fishing port, today it offers sweeping ocean views and a relaxed seaside atmosphere. During our visit, uncover the stories of long ago during a **guided sightseeing tour** before a visit to the **District Maritime Museum**. We will also enjoy a seaside lunch before heading back to Mount Gambier, along the way visiting **Caroline Hills Winery**. Uncover the tales behind the winery and the efforts to revegetate the land. While here, we will also enjoy a tour through the peaceful surrounding gardens and a tasting. After thanking our hosts, we return to the hotel for our final night on tour.

OVERNIGHT: The Barn Accommodation and Steakhouse, MOUNT GAMBIER ★★★★☆

DAY 7 - MOUNT GAMBIER TO MELBOURNE — Monday 1st March, 2027

This morning we travel back into Victoria and the very picturesque area of the great volcanic plain of Victoria's Western District, surrounded by crater lakes and volcanic cones. As we cross the "great volcanic plain" we travel alongside miles of fascinating dry-stone walls which are a feature of the countryside and known as the stony rises. The walls were built in the 1860s by highly skilled "wallers" from Ireland and Scotland. We continue to Melbourne, where our chauffeurs will be on hand to take us straight to our door - all part of the **O'Shannessy's Quality Tours** superior service!







"... The scenic journey between Mount Gambier and Melbourne offers a blend of historical landmarks, picturesque towns and stunning natural landscapes..."

www.racv.com.au

PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION POLICY

Receipt of payment of funds will be taken as acceptance of O'Shannessy's Quality Tours conditions of travel for this tour. Prices include GST and all taxes. Balance due on invoice. The deposit is refundable until 1st December 2026.

Cancellation within **45 days** of tour departure date:	**No refund**
Cancellation **on or after** tour departure date:	**No refund**

If a tour is cancelled for any reason by O'Shannessy's Quality Tours before the departure date, all passengers will be offered the option of transferring to another tour of their choice, hold the funds in trust for a future tour or a full refund. There is no time limit as to when this must be used. If a lockdown is implemented while a tour is in progress, our first priority is the safety and wellbeing of our passengers and ensuring that we get each and every one of them home safely, and therefore we treat every situation individually. The Australian Government (see www.smarttraveller.gov.au) recommends all travellers no matter where you are going, obtain comprehensive travel insurance from a reputable provider. It may enable you to claim back the cost of your tour if you are unable to travel or have to cancel at late notice. Always read the PDS provided, to ensure the cover meets all of your needs. We are able to provide travel insurance through Nib Insurance.

If you would like a quote for travel insurance, please call our office on 1800 354 352.

CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL

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Activity Level - Moderate

Our Moderate Tours are for those comfortable with a bit more movement while still enjoying a relaxed pace, our moderate tours may include air travel and a mix of touring styles. You should be prepared to:

- Embark and disembark the coach unassisted
- Negotiate some steps and gentle, undulating paths
- Embark and disembark watercraft and other vehicles via stairs
- Walk or stand for up to an hour at a time, including through domestic airports
- Negotiate a flight of stairs
- Travel for up to 2 hours in various vehicles for guided tours
- Manage uneven ground such as sand, pebbles or gravel
- Handle different climates, including heat and humidity
- Occasionally stay above ground floor (no guarantee of ground floor rooms)

Upcoming Tours

Yorke and Eyre Peninsulas - May 2027

Fiji Escape - June 2027

Christmas in July - July 2027

Travelling with like-minded, mature aged travellers means you'll experience a casual and relaxed atmosphere, where fellow travellers become new-found friends.

Keep in Touch

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You can subscribe to our **eNewsletter** so you'll be the first to find out about our additional tours that pop up throughout the year.

You can also find us on **Facebook** at *O'Shannessy's Quality Tours* and stay up to date with our posts by liking the page. We would also love to see your pictures exploring Australia or travelling the world with O'Shannessy's Quality Tours so be sure to tag us in your travels! **#oshannessys #friendstotravelwith**

Feel free to call into our office for a chat with our friendly team at **2121 Point Nepean Road, Rye Vic 3943**. You can also email us at **enquiries@oshannessys.com.au** or call us:

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