



O'Shannessy's
QUALITY TOURS

AUTUMN

in the Adelaide Hills



7 DAY FULLY INCLUSIVE TOUR

14th April to 20th April, 2026

AUTUMN *in the Adelaide Hills*

TUESDAY 14TH APRIL TO MONDAY 20TH APRIL, 2026

Brace yourself for the magnificence that is Adelaide Hills in Autumn.

Striking red leaves that slowly merge into burnt orange
then fade to pale yellow and greens.

Walk through a tunnel and emerge within the clawing range
of one of Australia's largest lion prides.

Ride the historic Cockle Train.

Soak up the atmosphere with a four-night stay
in the beautiful artisan village of Hahndorf.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- The Blue Lake, Mount Gambier
- Mary MacKillop Penola Centre
- Kingston SE
- Hahndorf - Guided Tour
- Strathalbyn
- Goolwa
- Victor Harbor
- Monarto Safari Park
- Lions 360 Experience
- National Motor Museum, Birdwood
- Mannum
- Coonalpyn
- Horsham Silo Art
- Gum San Chinese Museum, Ararat

RAIL

- The Cockle Train

MULTIPLE NIGHT STAY

- 4 nights in Hahndorf, Adelaide Hills



COACH



TRAIN



SMALL GRP

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 accommodation 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.



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, 3 axle 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.
- **Tour Directors.** Dedicated O'Shannessy's Quality Tours coach crew (tour directors) on board to ensure your travel experience is memorable.
- **Best Available Quality Accommodation.** Ensuite motel accommodation each night.
- **Attractions.** All tours and interest venues as per itinerary.
- **Meals.** All full cooked breakfasts, morning teas and lunches most days, and two course restaurant dinners daily. Two lunches at your own expense as per itinerary.
- **No Hidden Extras.** O'Shannessy's Quality Tours are fully inclusive.

TOUR COSTS

Twin Share Room First Tour:	\$3,995 per person
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 2 - 10 Tours:	\$3,945 per person
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 11 - 20 Tours:	\$3,920 per person
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 21+ Tours:	\$3,895 per person
Single Room Supplement:	\$ 575 per person





DAY 1

Tuesday 14th April, 2026

MELBOURNE TO MOUNT GAMBIER

Welcome to our Autumn Tour to the beautiful **Adelaide Hills**. With chauffeured pickup from home, we are transferred to meet our **O'Shannessy's Quality Tours** coach and crew. Today we make our way through the morning to **Warrnambool** where we have our lunch stop. This afternoon, our journey takes us across the border into South Australia to **Mount Gambier** for our first night.

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

DAY 2

Wednesday 15th April, 2026

MOUNT GAMBIER TO HAHNDORF

Following breakfast, we briefly take in the sights of Mount Gambier. With a population of about 23,000 people, the water supply comes from the famous **Blue Lake** - the largest of the many crater lakes in the area. Between November and April, the steely grey waters of the lake changes to a brilliant blue, almost overnight. A little way north of Mount Gambier is the delightful village of **Penola**. Here we'll break for **morning tea** and visit the **Mary MacKillop Penola Centre** to hear the story of the **Blessed Mary MacKillop** and **Fr Julian Tenison Woods** who co-founded the Institute of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart – initially to provide a Catholic education for poor, isolated and rural children. From here we travel to the coast and the township of **Kingston SE** and the newly revamped **Big Lobster** where we can stretch our legs and perhaps enjoy a photo opportunity. Kingston SE is also our **lunch** stop today. As we drive to **Meningie** on the shores of **Lake Albert** we'll see a different view of the **Coorong National Park** on our left. The whole area is a superb natural bird sanctuary with vast numbers of waterbirds. The remake of 1976 movie **Storm Boy**, a film about a young boy's friendship with a pelican, was filmed along the Coorong. We head off from here and drive straight to **Hahndorf** – our base for the next four nights. The delightful **Manna of Hahndorf** is located right in the heart of the town.

OVERNIGHT: The Reisen Hotel, Hahndorf, ADELAIDE HILLS ★★★★★

EXPLORING HAHNDORF

We have a wonderful day planned! Starting with meeting our guide for a unique tour of Hahndorf locations not available to the general public. Inside the historic St Paul's Lutheran Church, we'll hear about the early settlers of Hahndorf and their flight from Prussia in 1838 to escape religious persecution, plus admire the pioneering women for their faith and entrepreneurial spirit after hearing the story of the Pioneer Women's Walk. You'll then have free time to explore this wonderful Adelaide Hills village before heading to **Beerenberg Farm**. Here, we'll enjoy a talk and learn more about this six-generation family farm, followed by time to browse the shop filled with delicious homemade Australian jams, chutneys, gourmet relishes and sauces are made right here. We then sit down to enjoy lunch here before returning to our hotel. Some may like to head out again, while others may prefer to relax before dinner.

Lunch at own expense and arrangement

OVERNIGHT: The Reisen Hotel, Hahndorf, ADELAIDE HILLS ★★★★★

GOOLWA, THE COCKLE TRAIN AND VICTOR HARBOR

Today our travels take us firstly to **Strathalbyn**, well known for its antique shops set amongst some of the most historic buildings in South Australia. This is the perfect place to browse amongst the ambience of early South Australian settlement. Our morning tea stop is at the **Strathalbyn Soldiers Memorial Gardens**, the lawn area is beautifully presented with gardens of roses and enhanced by the historic features of the War Memorial and Rotunda. We continue to the historical township of **Goolwa** (an aboriginal word meaning "elbow"). Situated on the bend in the Murray, near the mouth of the river, Goolwa initially grew with the developing trade along the Mighty Murray. We head to the historic Goolwa Wharf Precinct to board the **Cockle Train** for a run along the oldest steel railed railway in Australia dating back to 1887. The train gained its name from the early days of settlement when the local residents would take a horse drawn train to Goolwa to collect cockles from the sandy beaches near the mouth of the Murray River. Our 30 minute journey will take us via Middleton and Port Elliot before climbing the coastal cliffs overlooking Encounter Bay and into Victor Harbor. Originally a whaling centre, **Victor Harbor** had three whaling stations in the mid 1900s that virtually decimated the migratory southern right whales arriving into Encounter Bay each season. It is only in the last 20 years they have returned to the bay in increasing numbers. We have some free time in the town centre to buy lunch before returning to Hahndorf, taking the delightful sightseeing drive via Mount Compass, Willunga Hill and Meadows.

Lunch at own expense and arrangement

OVERNIGHT: The Reisen Hotel, Hahndorf, ADELAIDE HILLS ★★★★★



“...Monarto Safari Park is now the largest safari experience to exist outside of Africa. Spanning more than 1,500 hectares and home to more than 50 species of exotic and native mammals, birds and reptiles, you can fit every major zoo in Australia inside the Park and still have land left over!...”

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DAY 5

Saturday 18th April, 2026

MONARTO SAFARI PARK

Today we visit **Monarto Safari Park**, the largest open-range safari experience outside of Africa and is home to more than 50 species of exotic and native animals. The zoo plays a major role, nationally and internationally, in breeding programs for rare and endangered species. We'll be joined on board our coach by a qualified guide for a safari tour of the park. After a **light lunch** we're in for a real treat! The **Lions 360 experience**, the only 360 degree lion experience in Australia. Walk through a tunnel and emerge within clawing range of one of Australia's largest lion prides. Enjoy a jaw-dropping, absolutely safe encounter, giving a prey's-eye view into the world of these awe-inspiring predators! After some time to view the exhibits and a poke through the Zoo's gift shop we return to Hahndorf with time to freshen up before dinner.

OVERNIGHT: The Reisen Hotel, Hahndorf, ADELAIDE HILLS ★★★★★

HAHNDORF TO HORSHAM

After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to **Birdwood** where we will spend some time admiring **The National Motor Museum**. The museum provides one of Australia's finest collections of motor cars, trucks and motor bikes from the late 19th Century to the present day. After our visit we head to the delightful riverside township of **Mannum** for **lunch** at the **Pretoria Hotel** overlooking the Murray River. We have some time after lunch for a wander along the banks of the river. Travelling through **Coonalpyn** we stop to admire the incredible images painted on the town's grain silo by artist Guido Van Helten before we make our way to **Horsham** for our final night.

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

HORSHAM TO MELBOURNE

Before leaving Horsham this morning, we take a look at the **silo art**. "Walking on Country" artwork celebrates the life of a Wotjobaluk warrior, Yanggendyinyanyuk. World renowned street artist Sam Bates 'Smug' was commissioned to transform Horsham's silo with the image of Yanggendyinyanyuk. His totem, the Black Cockatoo has been painted on the adjacent flour mill. After a photo opportunity, we head to **Ararat** where we'll visit the fascinating **Gum San Chinese Heritage Centre**, which tells the story of the miners from Southern China and their remarkable trek from Robe in South Australia to the Victorian Gold Fields. Back on the coach, we make our way to **Ballarat** where we stop for our last lunch together. From here we make our way home – no need for a taxi as our chauffeurs will be on hand to take us straight to our door – all part of the **O'Shannessy's Quality Tours** superior service!



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No Refund
No Refund

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