



O'Shannessy's
QUALITY TOURS

BALLARAT

Begonia Festival



4 DAY FULLY INCLUSIVE TOUR

5th March to 8th March, 2027

BALLARAT *Begonia Festival*

FRIDAY 5TH MARCH TO MONDAY 8TH MARCH, 2027

Celebrate beauty, colour and creativity at the annual Ballarat Begonia Festival.

Held in the heart of Ballarat,
this vibrant festival brings the spectacular Begonia Collection
to life within the stunning Ballarat Botanical Gardens.

Wander through breathtaking displays
where thousands of blooms burst with colour, texture and intricate design,
creating an unforgettable floral experience for visitors of all ages.

Tour Highlights

- Australian Gliding Museum, Melton
 - Tour of Her Majesty's Theatre, Ballarat
 - Guided tour of Ballarat
 - The Begonia Display
 - Ballarat Tramway Museum
 - Creswick Woollen Mills
 - Lavandula Farm
 - Amazing Mill Markets
 - Ballarat Begonia Festival Parade
- CRUISE**
- Golden City Paddle Boat

Tour Prices

Twin share room first tour:	\$2,995
Twin share room repeat traveller 2 - 10 Tours:	\$2,970
Twin share room repeat traveller 11 - 20 Tours:	\$2,945
Twin share room repeat traveller 21+ Tours:	\$2,920
Single room supplement:	\$345

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 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.



MULTIPLE NIGHT STAY

3 nights in Ballarat

ACTIVITY LEVEL

Our Leisurely Tours are perfect for those who enjoy a slower pace; our leisurely tours are domestic and mostly “stay put,” with minimal physical activity required.

Please refer to back cover.



COACH



BOAT



STAY PUT



MEDIUM GRP



NEW TOUR



Leisurely

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.

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, flights 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.

Welcome to our four-day tour celebrating the colours and blooms of the **Ballarat Begonia Festival**. With chauffeured pickup from home, we are transferred to meet our **O'Shannessy's Quality Tours** coach and crew. Our first stop today will be Melton, where we visit the **Australian Gliding Museum** for a tour of the facility. Established by a group of kindred spirits interested in preserving older and historic gliders, the museum houses over 50 historic aircraft. After this interesting visit, we continue to **Ballarat**, arriving in time to enjoy lunch before visiting **Her Majesty's Theatre** for an inside tour of the world of theatrics! Opened in 1875, Her Majesty's Theatre is the beating cultural heart of Ballarat, holding the title of Australia's oldest continuously operating live theatre venue. We then settle into our hotel for the next three nights.

OVERNIGHT: Sovereign Park Motor Inn, BALLARAT ★★★★★





DAY 2 - BALLARAT AND THE BEGONIA FESTIVAL

Saturday 6th March, 2027

Meeting a **local guide** this morning, we uncover the charms of this gold rush town. Next, it's all about colour, texture and design at the **Begonia Display**, housed inside the Robert Clark Conservatory. The **Ballarat Begonia Festival** is held on the foreshore of Lake Wendouree, within the Ballarat Botanical Gardens. The gardens have grown tuberous begonias since the late 1800s, many of which were originally imported from England. The collection now also includes many Australian-bred varieties. We have allowed plenty of time to explore the different areas and browse the many stalls before enjoying lunch. This afternoon, we head to the **Ballarat Tramway Museum** to discover the story of Ballarat's tramway history. While here, we'll step aboard a heritage tram, explore historic tramcars and learn how trams once connected communities across the city.

OVERNIGHT: Sovereign Park Motor Inn, BALLARAT ★★★★★

Today we explore further afield into Creswick and the Daylesford region, beginning with a visit to the **Creswick Woollen Mills**. “A Very Fine Yarn” is the mill’s interactive experience, showcasing the journey of fibre from its source on the animal, through the manufacturing process, and ultimately to the shop shelf. As we continue through the countryside, we travel via Kingston to follow the Avenue of Honour—an avenue of 286 trees originally planted in 1918 to commemorate those from the district who served in World War One. The trees were planted by the families of the men and women from the Shire of Creswick. From here, we visit **Lavandula Farm**, offering us a taste of Europe. Stone farmhouse buildings cluster around a cobbled courtyard, surrounded by beautiful gardens, lavender fields, a creek, and distant hills. We enjoy a brief tour and have time to browse The Barn, which stocks a range of products for the body and soul, before a delicious lunch. This afternoon, we continue with an eclectic experience at the many stalls of the **Amazing Mill Markets**, featuring vintage furniture, collectables, antiques, memorabilia, home décor, jewellery, books and records, to name just a few. When we are ready, we return to our hotel in Ballarat.

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We enjoy a relaxed morning, with time to explore the town at our own pace before taking the opportunity to experience one last festival highlight—the **Ballarat Begonia Festival Parade**. It promises to be a spectacular display of creativity, community and colour as the parade brings Ballarat’s streets to life. After the parade, we enjoy lunch before cruising along Lake Wendouree aboard the **Golden City Paddle Boat**, a working replica of its namesake that operated on the lake as early as the mid-1880s. As we cruise peacefully along, we note that the lake provides the perfect habitat for numerous species of birds, as well as a diverse range of flora and fauna. Later this afternoon we return to Melbourne. As always, our chauffeurs will be waiting to take us straight to our very door—a delightful way to finish our time away, and all part of the exceptional service provided by **O’Shannessy’s Quality Tours**.



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. Deposit is fully refundable until **46 days** prior to departure date. Balance due on invoice.

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

Cancellation **on or after** tour departure date: **No refund**

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

CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL

These terms and conditions form the basis of the contract between You and O'Shannessy's Quality Tours (O'Shannessy's Quality Tours "We", "Us", or "Our" contract). It is important that You read the complete list of terms and conditions provided to you upon invoice carefully and that you understand your rights and obligations. A complete list will be provided upon invoice, alternatively they are available upon request via phone, mail, email or on our website. By agreeing to participate in a tour arranged by Us, You are deemed to have accepted these terms and conditions in full. Any special requests, dietary/personal must be notified to Our office at the time of booking. All efforts will be made to accommodate any special requests. It is your responsibility to advise O'Shannessy's Quality Tours of any pre-existing medical conditions that may affect your ability to participate on the tour. No passenger will be permitted to embark on or continue the tour while their physical or mental condition is, in the opinion of any representative of O'Shannessy's Quality Tours, such as to render them incapable of caring for themselves, or whereby they become objectionable to other passengers or they become a hazard to themselves or other passengers. Passengers rotate seats in the coach daily to ensure fairness to all passengers. No exceptions will be made. The information presented in any printed publications, itineraries, brochures or touring programs is to the best of our knowledge correct at the time of publication. The itinerary may be subject to change without notice. Whilst every effort is made to adhere to the itinerary provided, O'Shannessy's Quality Tours reserves the right to alter the touring and attractions as dictated by circumstances and conditions outside the company's control. Alterations may be made to ensure the smooth running of the tour. O'Shannessy's Quality Tours cannot be held responsible for printing or typographical errors arising from unforeseen circumstances. O'Shannessy's Quality Tours representatives/crew or any associated carrier, reserves the right at its discretion to exclude from a tour or to terminate the travel arrangements of any person during the course of the tour, without refund, of anyone who: Presents on the day of the tour departure as ill or unwell in any way, including but not limited to: cough, runny nose, sneezing, vomiting or temperature above 37.5 deg C, Is incapable of caring for themselves without a minder/carer, Is unable to cope with the requirements of the tour or who may need or require services or facilities that are not available, Fails to comply with the reasonable instructions of O'Shannessy's Quality Tours crew, Engages in undesirable behaviour or interferes with the enjoyment of other passengers, Is a hazard to themselves or other passengers and/or is likely to become objectionable to other passengers, O'Shannessy's Quality Tours staff and or third party suppliers. Anyone so excluded will be required to disembark at a safe public location, transport from which will be wholly their responsibility. However, if and where possible, O'Shannessy's Quality Tours staff may assist in obtaining transport. You agree that O'Shannessy's Quality Tours is released from all liability for You and You agree not to hold O'Shannessy's Quality Tours responsible for termination of Your travel arrangements.

Activity Level - Leisurely

Our Leisurely Tours are perfect for those who enjoy a slower pace; our leisurely tours are domestic and mostly “stay put,” with minimal physical activity required. You can expect to:

- Embark and disembark the coach unassisted
- Negotiate some steps and gentle, undulating paths
- Walk or stand for up to 45 minutes at a time during local tours
- Travel seated comfortably for up to 2 hours at a stretch

Upcoming Tours

Yarra Valley in Autumn - April 2027

Caloundra Escape - May 2027

Christmas in July in Wangaratta - 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:

 **1800 354 352**

