



BLUE WATER PARADISE

Newcastle to Port Macquarie



10 DAY FULLY INCLUSIVE TOUR

13th May to 22nd May, 2026

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WEDNESDAY 13TH MAY TO FRIDAY 22ND MAY, 2026

Welcome to Port Stephens – a wonderful beach escape on a sparkling blue bay. Offering sublime natural beauty, delicious places to wine and dine, and a population of friendly bottle-nosed dolphins, while the Hunter Valley is the place to indulge, escape, and invigorate your senses. Port Macquarie is a charming seaside town that sits at the mouth of the Hastings River. The area boasts pockets of rainforest, fascinating penal history, koala habitat and sparkling beaches. Truly a Blue Water Paradise.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Nelson Bay and Tomaree Peninsula
- Port Stephens
- Stockton Bight Sand Dunes
- Hunter Valley Gardens
- Hunter Valley Cheese Factory
- Tour of Newcastle
- RAAF Fighter World
- Forster - Tuncurry
- Nabiac
- National Motorbike Museum
- Wild Koala Breeding Facility (Guulabaa)
- Sea Acres Rainforest Park
- Cassegrain Winery
- South West Rocks
- Trial Bay Gaol
- Slim Dusty Centre
- Wauchope - Timbertown
- Vickers Fudge
- Bago Vineyards and Maze

CRUISES

- Port Stephens Cruise
- Wallis Lake Cruise
- River Hastings Cruise

FLIGHTS

- Economy Flight Melbourne to Newcastle
- Economy Flight Newcastle to Melbourne

MULTIPLE NIGHT STAYS

- 5 nights in Port Macquarie
- 4 nights in Port Stephens



COACH



FLIGHT



BOAT



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, you will need to pay the Single Room Supplement.

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.
- **Return Flights.** Economy flights from Melbourne to Newcastle and return.
- **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. Three 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:	\$5,995 per person
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 2 - 10 Tours:	\$5,895 per person
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 11 - 20 Tours:	\$5,845 per person
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 21+ Tours:	\$5,795 per person
Single Room Supplement:	\$1,025 per person





DAY 1

Wednesday 13th May, 2026

MELBOURNE TO PORT STEPHENS

Welcome to our 10 day tour to the North Coast of New South Wales – and two delightful “Ports” - **Port Stephens** and **Port Macquarie**. With chauffeured pickup from home, we travel to Melbourne Airport where we’ll be greeted by an **O’Shannessy’s Quality Tours** representative who will assist us with check-in and see us onto the plane for our direct flight to Newcastle. Arriving at Newcastle Airport, we will be welcomed by our O’Shannessy’s Quality Tours coach crew, who will assist us with our luggage before we board the coach for the transfer to our accommodation, the **Oaks Port Stephens Pacific Blue Resort**. Port Stephens is an area of magnificent volcanic headlands and spectacular bays. This will be our base for the next four nights as we explore the local area, including **Newcastle** and the **Hunter Valley**.

Lunch at own expense and arrangement / Refreshments in flight

OVERNIGHT: Oaks Port Stephens Pacific Blue Resort, PORT STEPHENS ★★★★★

DAY 2

Thursday 14th May, 2026

EXPLORING PORT STEPHENS

We take in the sights of **Nelson Bay** and the **Tomaree Peninsula**. It’s easy to see why the area is referred to as the “Blue Water Paradise”! We’ll see all the major attractions including **Fingal Bay**, **Shoal Bay**, **Salamander Bay**, **Soldiers Point** and the town of **Salamander**. Mid-morning, we board our **cruise boat** for a cruise, followed by a light lunch, on the spectacular waterways of **Port Stephens** - with any luck, we may meet some of the long-time locals - the friendly dolphins! This afternoon, we head to the **Stockton Bight Sand Dunes**. Covering an area of over 2,500 hectares along a 32km stretch of **Stockton Beach**, the brilliant white sand dunes climb up to 30 metres high with slopes up to 60 degrees. We’ll take a drive through the dunes and along the beach aboard a specially designed 4WD vehicle. We’ll see “**Tin City**”, a small makeshift fishing village emerging from the dunes like a mirage and enjoy afternoon tea in a unique setting!

OVERNIGHT: Oaks Port Stephens Pacific Blue Resort, PORT STEPHENS ★★★★★

THE HUNTER VALLEY

We spend today in the nearby **Hunter Valley** – our first stop is the **Hunter Valley Gardens**, 25 hectares of stunning feature gardens nestled in the heart of the Hunter vineyards at the foothills of the Brokenback Ranges. Glory in the lavish array of colour and scent of more than eight thousand roses on display in the **Rose Garden**; laze above the 10-metre waterfall and take in the superb views from the lookout or step back in time with all your favourite fairytale characters in the **Storybook Garden**. We have all morning and lunch here, so there's plenty of time to enjoy! Early afternoon we visit the **Hunter Valley Cheese Factory** to taste their range of fine handmade and preservative-free cheeses; all available for purchase, as are their delicious preserves. After a beautiful day in the Hunter, we head back to the resort.

OVERNIGHT: Oaks Port Stephens Pacific Blue Resort, PORT STEPHENS ★★★★★





DAY 4

Saturday 16th May, 2026

NEWCASTLE

We head south this morning to take in some of the local sights of **Newcastle**, the state's second largest city and one of Australia's largest ports. **Newcastle** is a city of industry as well as history with its terraced houses, a majestic cathedral and ancient fort. A mixture of old and new! We take in both as we join our **local expert** for a guided tour through Newcastle's streets, past the sites of our convict history, fort and gaol, Australia's oldest school, oldest restaurant and many other places of interest. After some free time for a wander and to purchase lunch we head to **RAAF Williamtown** for our visit to **Fighter World**, the world's first fighter aircraft display centre. It's here we see the history of the Australian Air Force close up. After a wonderful day, we now head back to the resort to relax before dinner.

Lunch at own expense and arrangement

OVERNIGHT: Oaks Port Stephens Pacific Blue Resort, PORT STEPHENS ★★★★★

“...Newcastle, or ‘Newie’ as it’s affectionately known, is Australia’s second oldest city. It is still a working port that has been revitalised in recent years, making it a popular place to visit...”

FORSTER AND NABIAC

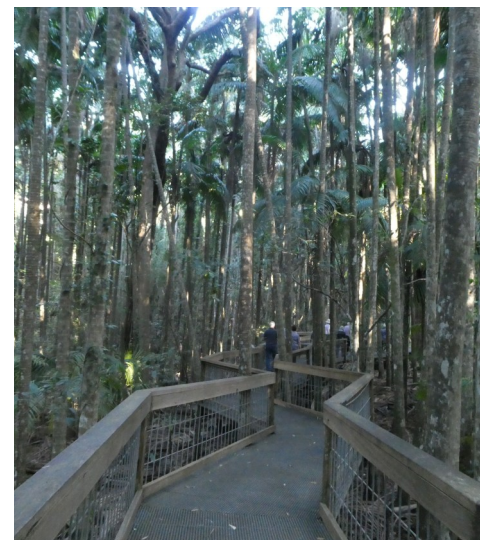
We depart Port Stephens this morning and head to Forster Tuncurry, where we see one of Australia's cleanest lakes - **Wallis Lake**. The lake stretches 25 kilometres between Walling at State Forest and a sliver of land separating the lake from the sea. Our **luncheon cruise** will take us on a tour of this crystal clear, pristine waterway, home to a rich seafood harvest, including the famous Wallis Lake oyster. After disembarking, we head to the nearby town of **Nabiac** to visit the **National Motorcycle Museum** of Australia. This purpose-built complex housing 800 motorcycles and a motorcycle orientated gift shop. Among the favourite machines on display are a Kenilworth scooter (1919), a twin-cylinder water-cooled 2-stroke Scott, and a Vincent Black Knight. There is an excellent range of vintage bikes from the early nineteen hundreds and many interesting later machines. From here, we continue north towards **Port Macquarie** – our home for the next five nights.

OVERNIGHT: Waters Edge Port Macquarie, PORT MACQUARIE ★★★★★

PORT MACQUARIE AND THE BEST OF THE HASTINGS

From our hotel, we take a sightseeing tour of the historical sites of "Port" including its oldest building, St Thomas' Anglican Church built by convicts in 1826. We view the old Court House, Allman Hill, The Garrison building and the historic town green. Our first visit for the day is to **Sea Acres Rainforest Park**, 72 hectares of rare coastal rainforest. We take a tour with a local expert through this magnificent area and visit the Enviro-Theatre and the Ecology display. After lunch, we head to **Cassegrain Winery** for a tasting. Our last stop for the day is **Ricardoes Tomatoes & Strawberries farm**. The greenhouses boast five varieties of hydroponic strawberries and eight varieties of tomatoes.

OVERNIGHT: Waters Edge Port Macquarie, PORT MACQUARIE ★★★★★





DAY 7

Tuesday 19th May, 2026

THE HINTERLAND

Our first stop today is the **Wild Koala Breeding Facility (Guulabaa)** where we view the great work done by volunteers. We can observe the resident koalas and immerse ourselves in the interactive, educational koala experience. We can also view koala care in action in the new koala clinic and watch as the koala feed is prepared. *(You can make a gold coin donation if you wish.)* It's now time for a cruise on the **River Hastings** through the everglade rainforest, navigating through 3 river systems and seeing water lilies, pristine rainforests, huge elk horns, birds, and wildlife in this fascinating environment. We'll enjoy morning tea underway. Back on dry land, we head down the coast to **Lake Cathie**, then onto Laurieton, taking in the spectacular scenery of this coastline. After lunch in **Laurieton**, we travel up **North Brother Mountain** for a magnificent view of the **Camden Haven** area.

OVERNIGHT: Waters Edge Port Macquarie, PORT MACQUARIE ★★★★★

DAY 8

Wednesday 20th May, 2026

THE NORTH COAST

We make our way north to **South West Rocks** where we take a sightseeing tour of the area and visit the **Trial Bay Gaol** and the Arakoon National Park. Work on the Trial Bay Gaol commenced in 1877 as an experiment in penal reform. Following our guided visit of the museum, we drive to Kempsey to salute the King of Country with a visit to the **Slim Dusty Centre**. The centre's exhibition features objects and images from the Kirkpatrick family's own extensive archive, as well as contributions from fans and friends from all over the world. The display provides a look into Slim's first steps into show

business, the early years of adventures with Joy and their mates touring the towns of Australia's outback and the glory days of life on the showgrounds of Australia with artistes and performers of vaudevillian delights. Memory acts, dental trapeze and comedy skits were all part of Slim and Joy's shows for years, until they settled into the type of performances for which they became famous; rollicking country music and Slim's natural good humour, all with a very Australian flavour. Enjoy the costumes, the music of some of Australia's finest musicians and the insights into Australia's vast history and geography that only Slim and Joy's 60 years on the road can provide.

OVERNIGHT: Waters Edge Port Macquarie, PORT MACQUARIE ★★★★★

DAY 9

Thursday 21st May, 2026

WAUCHOPE

Heading inland, we make our first stop at **Vickers Fudge**. Continuing through Wauchope, we step back in time with a visit **Timbertown**. The entire village is re-created to demonstrate the struggles and achievements of Australia's pioneers in the timber industry. We can ride on a steam train or horse and carriage, go panning for gold and watch a blacksmith demonstration. There are interesting displays through the village, in the saw mill, cottages, church and school house. Topping off the day we head to the **Bago Vineyard and Maze**. For those with a sense of adventure, have a go at conquering the maze (*additional expense*). The venue has a beautiful view point where we enjoy a wine tasting to end the day in a relaxing setting.

OVERNIGHT: Waters Edge Port Macquarie, PORT MACQUARIE ★★★★★





DAY 10

Friday 22nd May, 2026

PORT MACQUARIE TO MELBOURNE

After breakfast we complete our memorable tour of the naturally beautiful Mid–North Coast of New South Wales. Leaving Port Macquarie we enjoy the relaxing drive back to Newcastle Airport for our return flight to Melbourne. Upon arrival, our chauffeurs will be waiting to transport us home with many interesting stories to tell of our coastal adventure.

Lunch at own expense and arrangement / Refreshments in flight

“...Tucked between rainforest-cloaked hinterlands and the sparkling shores of the Mid North Coast, the Port Macquarie-Hastings region is renowned for its natural beauty, stunning beaches & abundance of wildlife...”

PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION POLICY

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Cancellation within 45 days of tour departure date	No Refund
On or after tour date departure	No Refund

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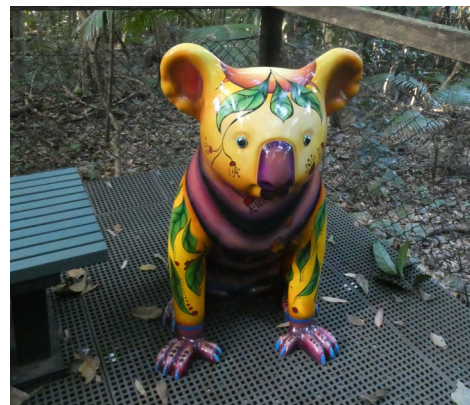
UPCOMING TOURS *Available*

Tropical North Queensland - June 2026

Meet the Locals in Outback Queensland - July 2026

Idyllic Cook Islands - August 2026

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