O'Shannessy's
QUALITY TOURS

BLUE WATER PARADISE

Newcastle to Port Macquarie

10 DAY FULLY INCLUSIVE TOUR

9th May to 18th May, 2027

BLUE WATER PARADISE *Newcastle - Pt Macquarie*

SUNDAY 9TH MAY TO TUESDAY 18TH MAY, 2027

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
- National Motorbike Museum, Nabiac
- Wild Koala Breeding Facility (Guulabaa)
- Sea Acres Rainforest Park
- Cassegrain Winery
- South West Rocks
- Trial Bay Gaol
- Slim Dusty Centre
- Vickers Fudge
- Bago Vineyards and Maze

CRUISES

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

FLIGHTS

- Melbourne to Newcastle and Return

Tour Prices

Twin share room first tour:	**$5,995**
Twin share room repeat traveller 2 - 10 Tours:	**$5,895**
Twin share room repeat traveller 11 - 20 Tours:	**$5,845**
Twin share room repeat traveller 21+ Tours:	**$5,795**
Single room supplement:	**$845**

Please note a deposit of $500 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, 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.

MULTIPLE NIGHT STAYS

5 nights in Port Macquarie
4 nights in Port Stephens

ACTIVITY LEVEL

Our moderate tours may include some air travel and a mix of touring styles. 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, flights and tours listed in the itinerary are included, as are fully cooked breakfasts, along with delicious two-course restaurant dinners daily and most morning teas and lunches. Please note: three lunches are at your own expense as outlined in the itinerary.

DAY 1 - MELBOURNE TO PORT STEPHENS — Sunday 9th May, 2027

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

DAY 2 - EXPLORING PORT STEPHENS — Monday 10th May, 2027

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 ★★★★☆

DAY 3 - THE HUNTER VALLEY Tuesday 11th May, 2027

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 - DISCOVERING NEWCASTLE — Wednesday 12th May, 2027

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 is a city where coast and culture meet — a destination that invites you to slow down and explore. Golden beaches, ocean baths, live music, art-filled laneways and coastal adventures waiting around every Newcastle corner..."

www.newcastletourism.org.au

"...Wallis Lake is the sparkling jewel in the crown that consists of the Great Lakes region in the Barrington Coast. This aqua blue waterway is famous for white sands, fishing and boating. Forster and Tuncurry are the twin towns that sit where Wallis Lake meets the ocean, where the Coolongolook River flows into the Tasman Sea..."

www.visitnsw.com/north-coast/forster-and-taree-area/wallis-lake

DAY 5 - FORSTER AND NABIAC — Thursday 13th May, 2027

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 ★★★★☆

DAY 6 - PORT MACQUARIE AND THE BEST OF HASTINGS — Friday 14th May, 2027

This morning, 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 - THE NORTH COAST — Saturday 15th May, 2027

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

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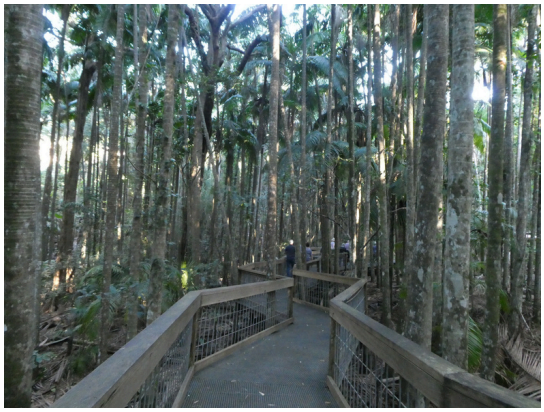

DAY 8 - THE HINTERLAND Sunday 16th May, 2027

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.)* Next, we enjoy morning tea while cruising the beautiful **Hastings River** - a winding and picturesque waterway. While onboard nature will entertain us as dolphins, turtles, osprey and even sea eagles can often be seen. 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 9 - PAST STORIES AND ROLLING HINTERLAND — Monday 17th May, 2027

This morning we visit the **Mid North Coast Maritime Museum**, treasure trove of Greater Port Macquarie's rich maritime history. The Museum encompasses two separate cottages which were originally built as pilot cottages in 1896. Now they house a wonderful collection of memorabilia and artefacts including superbly built scale models of a variety of vessels, charts and an extensive collection of historical maritime photographs. After our morning break we head inland to visit **Bago Vineyard and Maze**, set in the rolling hinterland. The venue has a beautiful viewpoint, so we enjoy a guided wine tasting followed by lunch. For those with a sense of adventure, have a go at conquering the maze *(own expense)*. We finish our day at **Vickers Fudge** in Wauchope. Known for a wide variety of handmade fudge, rock candies, and lollipops, we'll have time to stock up on treats before returning to Port Macquarie for a bit of free time.

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

DAY 10 - PORT MACQUARIE TO MELBOURNE — Tuesday 18th May, 2027

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

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 **61 days** prior to departure date. Balance due on invoice.

Cancellation within **60 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

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 - 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

Brisbane to Cairns Coastal Explorer - June 2027

Singapore Splendour - July 2027

Cape York Adventure - August 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

Be sure to visit our website **oshannessys.com.au** where you'll be able to stay up to date with information, tour inspiration or simply enjoy sharing your travel experiences with us.

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!
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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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