O'Shannessy's QUALITY TOURS

CANBERRA FLORIADE

Festival Tour 2



6 DAY FULLY INCLUSIVE TOUR

21st September to 26th September, 2027

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TUESDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER TO SUNDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER, 2027

Experience the rainbow of colour from the one million blooms that make up Floriade. This is the largest flower festival in the Southern Hemisphere and includes horticultural workshops, music and entertainment.
Explore the Australian War Memorial, a world class museum and shrine; Lake Burley Griffin, the masterful centrepiece of Canberra; and delight in the art and world class exhibitions at the National Gallery of Australia.

Tour Highlights

- Lakes Entrance
- Cooma
- Charles Davis Gallery
- Canberra
- Mount Ainslie Lookout
- Museum of Australian Democracy
- New Parliament House
- Australian War Memorial
- Floriade Festival
- National Gallery
- Tulip Top Gardens
- Cockington Green
- Albury Botanic Gardens
- Benalla

Tour Prices

Twin share room first tour:	**$3,595**
Twin share room repeat traveller 2 - 10 Tours:	**$3,545**
Twin share room repeat traveller 11 - 20 Tours:	**$3,520**
Twin share room repeat traveller 21+ Tours:	**$3,495**
Single room supplement:	**$495**

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 Canberra

ACTIVITY LEVEL

Our Moderate Tours are for those comfortable with a bit more movement while still enjoying a relaxed pace; these tours may include 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 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: two lunches are at your own expense as outlined in the itinerary.





DAY 1 - MELBOURNE TO LAKES ENTRANCE — Tuesday 21st September, 2027

Welcome to our tour to the spectacular **Canberra Floriade Festival**. With chauffeured pickup from home, we are transferred to meet our **O'Shannessy's Quality Tours** coach and crew. Our journey today has us travelling through the Latrobe Valley and across Gippsland. After a morning tea break to stretch our legs and take in the scenery, we continue to Sale for lunch. Our destination today is beautiful **Lakes Entrance** and we have plenty of time for a stroll along the Esplanade to inspect the nearby **WW1 Memorial Sculptures** – carved from the original Cypress trees planted as an Avenue of Honour for the servicemen that gave their life during World War 1. We check into our accommodation with time to relax before dinner.

OVERNIGHT: Bellevue on the Lakes, LAKES ENTRANCE ★★★★☆

DAY 2 - CANN RIVER-SNOWY MOUNTAINS-CANBERRA Wednesday 22nd September, 2027

This morning we travel through Eastern Gippsland. We cross the Snowy River and take a drive through the little town of Orbost before our morning tea stop at **Cann River**. A scenic drive takes us north into NSW and to the Monaro Plain in the Snowy Mountains region. We enjoy an afternoon break in **Cooma**, set amongst rolling plains, legendary rivers and snow-capped peaks. Cooma is known as the capital of the Snowy Mountains and the administrative centre for the Snowy Mountains Scheme. We'll take a wander through the **Charles Davis Gallery** – home to the award-winning photographic work of Charles himself. We reach our accommodation in Canberra late afternoon with time to relax before dinner.

OVERNIGHT: Canberra Rex Hotel, CANBERRA ★★★★☆

DAY 3 - EXPLORING CANBERRA — Thursday 23rd September, 2027

This morning we get to know **Canberra**. We'll start our day with a drive up to **Mt Ainslie Lookout** where we can take in the spectacular views over Canberra and see how Walter Burley Griffin's vision for the city has been brought to life. We will learn of the International Embassies and High Commissions as we pass by in the coach. After our morning break, we'll visit the **Museum of Australian Democracy** (Old Parliament House). Our tour will have us exploring the ideas, individuals and events of Australian democracy, in the very places where they occurred. We now head over to **New Parliament House** where we discover the must-see highlights of this iconic building. We're enjoying our time here so much we decide to stay on for a late lunch at the Queen's Terrace Café. The remainder of our day will be spent at the **Australian War Memorial**. Wander at your own pace through this sombre and uplifting memorial, unveiling the sacrifices made by the women and men who served in war. We stay on for the very moving Last Post Ceremony before returning to our hotel for dinner.

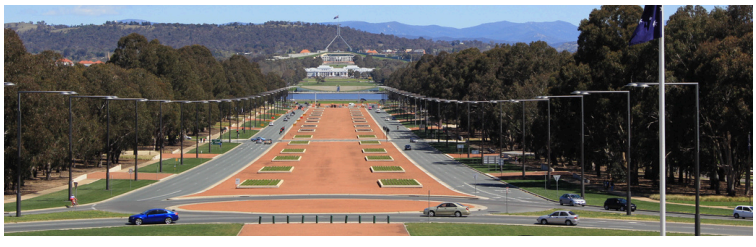
OVERNIGHT: Canberra Rex Hotel, CANBERRA ★★★★☆

DAY 4 - CANBERRA FLORIADE — Friday 24th September, 2027

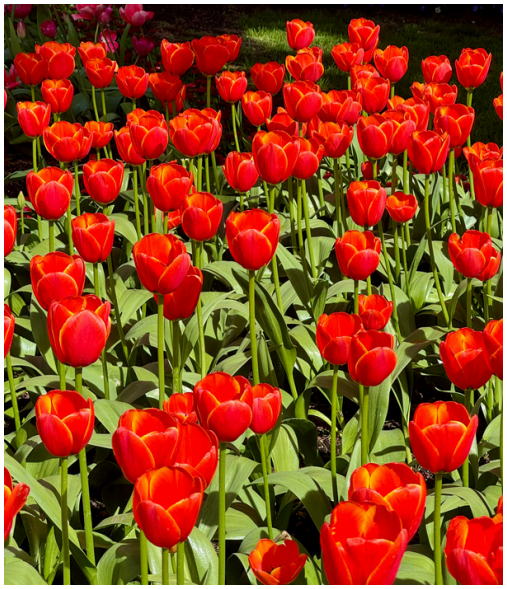
With a leisurely start we spend the morning at **Floriade** where Commonwealth Park on the edge of Lake Burley Griffin is ablaze with colour, beauty and vibrancy. Be inspired and get ideas from experts in the field, peruse the market stalls, catch a live music performance or simply explore the stunning garden bed displays – the choice is yours. We are free to enjoy lunch from one of the market stalls - there will be something on the menu for all taste buds! This afternoon is at leisure, or alternatively, we have time to visit the **National Gallery**, home to the most valuable collection of art in Australia. The national collection comprises over 155,000 works of art, including the world's largest collection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art. The significant collection represents the whole of Australian art, modern art worldwide, particularly from Europe and America, and art from across Asia and the Pacific. The collection includes some of the finest examples in Australia of French Impressionism, Dada and Surrealism, the Russian avant-garde, Abstract Expressionism, Pop Art, Minimalism and Conceptual Art.

Lunch at own expense and arrangement

OVERNIGHT: Canberra Rex Hotel,CANBERRA ★★★★☆











DAY 5 - CANBERRA TO ALBURY — Saturday 25th September, 2027

This morning, we make our way to the **Tulip Top Gardens**. The 10-acre garden of magnificent tulips, daffodils, and other spring flowers creates a spectacular display. Hundreds of blossom trees nestle between the flowers and provide a magic pathway to the cascading waterfall and watercourse with classical music wafting through the air in the hidden valley. Next, we travel to the famous world in miniature **"Cockington Green Gardens"**. Cockington Green is one of Canberra's landmark attractions and offers visitors a unique experience. We will see a delightful display of meticulously crafted miniature buildings set within beautifully landscaped gardens. Farewelling our Nation's capital, we travel down to **Albury** for our final evening together.

Lunch at own expense and arrangement
OVERNIGHT: Quality Resort Siesta, ALBURY ★★★★☆

DAY 6 - ALBURY-BENALLA-MELBOURNE — Sunday 26th September, 2027

Sadly, our tour is coming to an end! Taking our last opportunities to celebrate Spring today, we visit the **Albury Botanic Gardens**. Meeting our **guide**, we begin meandering under the towering trees that line the inspiring gardens, uncovering the impressive plant collections of both native and exotic origins. Arriving into Benalla we take time to enjoy the town's wonderful display of roses. Strolling along the many pathways of beautiful roses at the **Benalla Rose Garden** - see how many you can identify before reading the labels! Pause at the **Sir Weary Dunlop** statue and take a moment to reflect his compassion and perseverance during his time as a prisoner of war on the Burma-Thailand railway. Our final lunch today will be at the **Benalla Golf Club**, before making the return to Melbourne to complete a wonderful tour. As always, our chauffeurs will be on hand to take us straight to our door – all part of the **O'Shannessy's Quality Tours** superior service.

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**

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; these tours may include 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
- 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
- Occasionally stay above ground floor (no guarantee of ground floor rooms)

Upcoming Tours

Griffith Spring Fest - October 2027

Q Train in Springtime - November 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! **#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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