O'Shannessy's
QUALITY TOURS

CENTRAL AUSTRALIA

Wonders Spring



11 DAY FULLY INCLUSIVE TOUR

6th September to 16th September, 2027

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MONDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER TO THURSDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER, 2027

An exciting Outback Adventure awaits!
Our spectacular 11 Day Central Australia tour departs Melbourne
travelling overland through three states to finish in Alice Springs.
Along the way we stop at the outback town of Coober Pedy for two nights,
where many live and work underground
hunting the elusive Opal – and to escape the heat.
Two nights among the spectacle that is Uluru,
finishing the tour exploring the sublime Western MacDonnell Ranges outside The Alice!

Tour Highlights

- Mildura
- Burra
- Southern Flinders Ranges
- Port Augusta
- Woomera
- Coober Pedy
- Uluru (Ayers Rock)
- Kata Tjuta (The Olgas)
- The Field of Light Exhibition
- ANZAC Hill, Alice Springs
- Road Transport Hall of Fame
- Araluen Arts Centre
- Earth Sanctuary
- Western MacDonnell Ranges
- Standley Chasm
- Simpsons Gap
- Old Telegraph Station
- Royal Flying Doctor Base
- Alice Springs Desert Park
- School of the Air

Tour Prices

Twin share room first tour:	**$7,595**
Twin share room repeat traveller 2 - 10 Tours:	**$7,495**
Twin share room repeat traveller 11 - 20 Tours:	**$7,445**
Twin share room repeat traveller 21+ Tours:	**$7,395**
Single room supplement:	**$1,275**

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

2 nights in Coober Pedy
and Yulara
4 nights in Alice Springs

ACTIVITY LEVEL

Our active tours require greater mobility and stamina, making them best suited to travellers comfortable with longer days of sightseeing and more physical activity.
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 MILDURA — Monday 6th September, 2027

Welcome to our tour through fabulous **Central Australia**. With chauffeured pickup from home, we are transferred to meet our **O'Shannessy's Quality Tours** coach and crew. We stop enroute for morning tea and lunch. This afternoon, we cross the **Wimmera Plains** and travel through the **Victorian Mallee** to **Mildura** for our first night away.

OVERNIGHT: Best Western Chaffey International Motor Inn, MILDURA ★★★★☆

DAY 2 - RIVERLAND TO PORT AUGUSTA — Tuesday 7th September, 2027

Today we drive along the **Riverland** from the Sunraysia to Renmark in South Australia to Morgan, once a very busy maritime port. Leaving the Murray, we head for the Southern Flinders Ranges calling at historic **Burra** (classified by the National Trust). This afternoon we take the scenic drive through the North Mount Lofty Ranges to **Port Augusta**.

OVERNIGHT: Standpipe Golf Motor Inn, PORT AUGUSTA ★★★★☆





















DAY 3 - PORT AUGUSTA - WOOMERA - COOBER PEDY Wednesday 8th September, 2027

We start our journey north on the Stuart Highway to Pimba, before detouring to **Woomera**. Until 1982, Woomera was a prohibited area for travellers. These days, we are welcomed with an interesting Visitors Centre. The town was built by the British and Australian Governments as the headquarters for the Maralinga and Emu Field - nuclear rocket and atomic bomb test sites. After lunch, we rejoin the Stuart Highway and continue to **Coober Pedy** to check into our two night's accommodation.

OVERNIGHT: Desert Cave Hotel, COOBER PEDY ★★★★☆

DAY 4 - EXPLORING COOBER PEDY — Thursday 9th September, 2027

We start the day with an opal-cutting demonstration and **town tour**, including an inspection of an opal mine, an underground house or "dug out" and a church. Did you know that the Coober Pedy Golf Course is the only golf course in the world with reciprocal rights to St Andrews in Scotland??!! We'll also have time for some retail therapy for anyone interested in opals. We have time to purchase lunch before we head to the nearby **"Kanku - Breakaways Conservation Park"** - a stunning natural landscape that has featured in a number of movies such as Mad Max 3, Priscilla Queen of the Desert and Ground Zero. Returning to town, we have some free time to relax, or perhaps some more opal shopping.

Lunch at own expense and arrangement

OVERNIGHT: Desert Cave Hotel, COOBER PEDY ★★★★☆









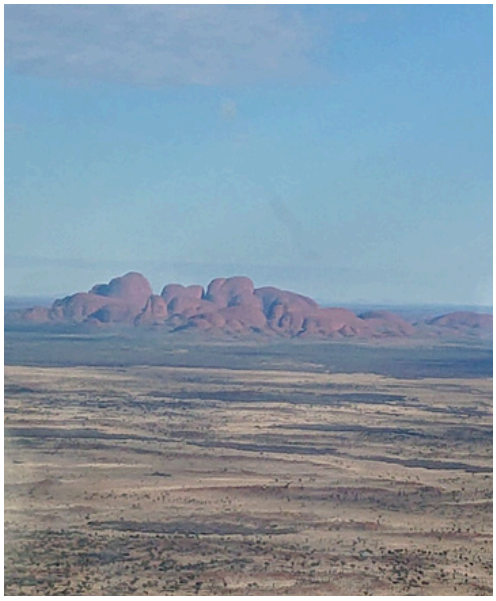
DAY 5 - COOBER PEDY TO YULARA — Friday 10th September, 2027

An early start for a travel day as we head for the border and into the **Northern Territory**. At **Erldunda**, we head west towards **Uluṟu Kata Tjuṯa National Park**. There is an air of excitement in the coach as we are drawn closer to Uluṟu. Upon our arrival, we head straight to **Sunset Strip** to enjoy the spectacle of the changing colour of **Uluṟu** as the sun sets behind us. We now make our way to the resort to check in. Dinner will be a little later this evening.

OVERNIGHT: Voyages Desert Gardens Hotel, YULARA ★★★★☆











DAY 6 - ULURU AND KATA TJUTA — Saturday 11th September, 2027

We have a magical day in store. **Uluru**, previously known as Ayers Rock, is located in the World Heritage Listed **Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park**. It rises 348 metres from the desert floor and has a girth of 9.4kms. It's the world's most famous monolith with at least two thirds of the Rock lying beneath the surface. We spend some time at the **Cultural Centre** and take a drive around the Rock, stopping for photo opportunities. Lunch today is available from one of a number of restaurants and cafes in the Yulara Shopping Village. Early afternoon we visit the nearby Olgas, called by the Aboriginal people **Kata Tjuta**. We'll stop at the viewing platform, then further on, stop for a photo opportunity and a short walk. We return to the resort, but our day isn't over yet as we are in for a special treat – a unique outback experience. We will be seeing internationally acclaimed artist Bruce Munro's once in a lifetime staging of **The Field of Light**. This is the biggest Field of Light exhibition to date and it is held at Uluru. We have the chance to wander through 50,000 slender stems crowned with frosted-glass spheres that will bloom as darkness falls over Australia's spiritual heartland. This display is for a limited time, making the experience that much more memorable. After a fantastic day, we return to the resort for a later dinner.

Lunch at own expense and arrangement

OVERNIGHT: Voyages Desert Gardens Hotel, YULARA ★★★★☆

DAY 7 - YULARA TO ALICE SPRINGS — Sunday 12th September, 2027

This morning we have the opportunity to view Uluru, Kata Tjuta and Yulara from the air. We reserve a number of seats for an unforgettable 40 minute Scenic Flight of the area. This flight is at patrons own expense and is highly recommended. After breakfast we say farewell to Uluru and rejoin the Lasseter Highway, through sand dune country, past Mt Connor to **Erldunda** where we stop for our lunch break. This afternoon, we head north crossing the Finke River and enjoy the ever-changing scenery as we near **Alice Springs.**

OVERNIGHT: Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters, ALICE SPRINGS ★★★★☆

DAY 8 - EXPLORING ALICE SPRINGS — Monday 13th September, 2027

Welcome to **"The Alice"**! We begin today with a view of Alice Springs from **Anzac Hill**. From here we can see the East and West MacDonnell Ranges, the Stuart Highway, the Todd River, the Ghan Line and the prominent city buildings. Our first visit of the day is to the **National Road Transport Hall of Fame** where we uncover how a unique breed of road transport pioneers used improvisation, innovation and sheer determination to carve a road transport network through the harsh wilderness, creating an industry that has become the backbone of Australia's development. From here we head to the **Araluen Arts Centre** where we discover some of the most significant works of art in Central Australia, including original paintings by renowned watercolourist Albert Namatjira. We enjoy some free time this afternoon to relax or go for a swim. We have a special evening planned tonight. Just 15 minutes out of Alice is **Earth Sanctuary** - a World Nature Centre at Quandong Homestead. We will enjoy a mouth-watering bush BBQ with music and entertainment and experience the spirit of the outback through stories of the aboriginal dreamtime. We will even learn how to cook a swagman's damper! After dinner we can relax around the camp fire before heading back to the hotel.

OVERNIGHT: Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters, ALICE SPRINGS ★★★★☆













DAY 9 - WESTERN MACDONNELL RANGES — Tuesday 14th September, 2027

We have a great day in store as we explore the majestic **Western MacDonnell Ranges.** The natural beauty in this area is outstanding! Our first stop is at the monument of the **Reverend John Flynn**, founder of the Royal Flying Doctor Service. We continue the scenic drive to **Standley Chasm** with its towering walls; this is also where we'll enjoy our morning break. Next stop is beautiful **Simpsons Gap** where we can stretch our legs. We head back to town to visit the **Old Telegraph Station** for a tour and lunch. The Alice Springs Telegraph Station Historical Reserve marks the original site of the first European settlement in Alice Springs. It was established in 1871 to relay messages between Darwin and Adelaide along Australia's Overland Telegraph Line. This not only connected Australia's population centre's with the north of the country, but it also connected Australia up with the undersea telegraph network of the British Empire.

OVERNIGHT: Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters, ALICE SPRINGS ★★★★☆

DAY 10 - MORE TO SEE IN ALICE SPRINGS — Wednesday 15th September, 2027

This morning, we visit the **Royal Flying Doctor Service** (RFDS). We hear the incredible history of one of the largest and most comprehensive aeromedical organisations in the world. Next, we visit the **Alice Springs Desert Park**, where we immerse ourselves in the beauty and mystery of Australia's remarkable desert landscapes. We will finish the day on a virtual journey into 'The World's Largest Classroom' which will leave us enlightened and inspired as we visit the **School of the Air**. The film and guide presentations reveal stories about the school and its students, sharing a distinctive history, outback lifestyle and world-renowned innovations of this uniquely Australian school.

OVERNIGHT: Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters, ALICE SPRINGS ★★★★☆

DAY 11 - ALICE SPRINGS TO MELBOURNE — Thursday 16th September, 2027

We say farewell to the Red Centre and transfer to the airport to join our flight home to Melbourne. On arrival we will be met by our chauffeurs who will return us safely home with wonderful memories of our unique overland experience to the **Red Centre of Australia**!

Lunch at own expense and arrangement / refreshments on flight







"...Nestled between the East and West MacDonnell Ranges, 'Alice' is famous for its beautiful desert landscapes, colourful outback characters, opportunities for adventure and a strong Aboriginal culture..."

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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 - Active

Our active tours require greater mobility and stamina, making them best suited to travellers comfortable with longer days of sightseeing and more physical activity. You may be required to:

- Embark and disembark the coach unassisted
- Negotiate some steps and gentle, undulating paths
- Stand or walk for up to 2 hours 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
- Handle different climates, including heat and humidity
- Occasionally stay above ground floor (no guarantee of ground floor rooms)
- Walk through airports with the support of an O'Shannessy's representative or tour director

Upcoming Tours

Mungo National Park & Silo Art Trail - October 2027

Sydney and The Blue Mountains - November 2027

Christmas Lights of Loxton - December 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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