



O'Shannessy's
QUALITY TOURS

CHRISTMAS

in Geelong



5 DAY FULLY INCLUSIVE TOUR

23rd December to 27th December, 2026

CHRISTMAS *in Geelong*

WEDNESDAY 23RD DECEMBER TO SUNDAY 27TH DECEMBER, 2026

Start “Decking the Halls” - it’s Christmas time and that means time to celebrate!

The City of Greater Geelong loves hosting Christmas including a floating Christmas tree that illuminates Corio Bay, projections on City Hall, street entertainment and much more.

Come and join us for a fantastic and relaxing celebration of all things festive, including a scrumptious Christmas lunch with all the trimmings.

Hop on board our luxury coach, relax, sit back and stretch your legs while we take care of everything for you as we whisk you away for a few days of R&R and celebration!

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- o Victoria State Rose Garden
- o Werribee Mansion
- o Werribee Open Range Zoo
- o National Wool Museum
- o Amazing Mill Markets
- o Hastings Ostrich Farm, Winchelsea
- o Christmas Day Lunch with all the Trimmings
- o Geelong Botanic Gardens
- o Guided Tour of Geelong
- o Jack Rabbit Vineyard
- o Geelong Gaol
- o Fort Queenscliff
- o Maritime Museum

CRUISE

- o Searoad Ferry from Queenscliff to Sorrento

MULTIPLE NIGHT STAY

- o 4 nights in Geelong



COACH



BOAT



STAY PUT



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, 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.



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.
- **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 most days, all lunches, light supper on Christmas night and three 2-course restaurant dinners.
- **No Hidden Extras.** O'Shannessy's Quality Tours are fully inclusive.

TOUR COSTS

Twin Share Room First Tour:	\$3,345 per person
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 2 - 10 Tours:	\$3,295 per person
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 11 - 20 Tours:	\$3,270 per person
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 21+ Tours:	\$3,246 per person
Single Room Supplement:	\$ 490 per person





DAY 1

Wednesday 23rd December, 2026

MELBOURNE TO GEELONG

Welcome to our Christmas holiday to **Geelong**. With chauffeured pickup from home, we are transferred to meet our **O'Shannessy's Quality Tours** coach and crew. Our first stop will be the **Victoria State Rose Garden** - home to 4500 roses from more than 100 different species. We'll have our morning tea stop here before visiting the **Werribee Mansion**, one of the largest and most spectacular homes in the country. With our **guide** leading the way, we soak up the richness of this estate, built on the wealth of an Australian pastoral empire. Next door to the Mansion is the **Werribee Open Range Zoo**. We enjoy lunch in the café before boarding our special safari coach to take a drive through the Zoo. We will be completely immersed in the sights and sounds of the savannah as we travel across the Zoo's open plains. The magnificent wildlife, including rhinos, giraffes, zebras and antelopes will seem almost touchable. This afternoon we arrive at our hotel in Geelong and settle in - this will be "home" for the next four nights.

OVERNIGHT: Rydges Geelong, GEELONG ★★☆☆☆

DAY 2

Thursday 24th December, 2026

GEELONG AND WINCHELSEA

This morning, we have planned a visit at the **National Wool Museum**. For most of its history, Geelong has been one of the great wool cities of Australia and nearly 200 buildings in the area, classified by National Trust, keep residents and visitors mindful of the city's heritage. We'll see many displays dealing with the arts of shearing, wool cleaning, classing, pressing and dispatching. Then we're off to explore the **Amazing Mill Markets**. There are more than 60 stalls here offering a selection of vintage clothes, vintage furniture, antiques, memorabilia, jewellery, and books – just to name a few. Afterwards we head to **Winchelsea** to enjoy lunch before encountering the majestic ostrich at **Hastings Ostrich Farm**. Our knowledgeable **tour guide** will address any inquiries we may have about these wonderfully prehistoric and unique birds. We will also learn how farming saved them from extinction.

OVERNIGHT: Rydges Geelong, GEELONG ★★☆☆☆

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

It's a gentle start today with transfers on hand to take anyone who would like to attend a Christmas Day church service before we sit down to enjoy a delicious traditional **Christmas Day Lunch** with all the trimmings at our hotel. This afternoon we can enjoy a visit to the **Botanic Gardens**. Established in 1851, the gardens have grown and transformed to include a variety of gardens and lawns, including the modern and innovative 21st century garden. There will also be time to take a stroll along the **Geelong Bollard Trail Walk**. The bollards, taken out of the old harbour, have been carved into colourful and interesting characters of various themes. There are more than 100 of these huge painted icons guiding visitors along the foreshore walking/cycling track. They represent a fascinating and fun chronicle of the city's past, focusing on some of the unique characters who played a part. Back at our hotel we enjoy a light supper before retiring for the evening after a lovely Christmas Day.

OVERNIGHT: Rydges Geelong, GEELONG ★★★★★





DAY 4

Saturday 26th December, 2026

EXPLORING GEELONG

Meeting a **local expert** this morning we explore more of Geelong's heritage. Uncover the stories behind Geelong's industrial reputation, wool stores, gardens, and much more. The CBD is quite elegant and beautiful owing to the Victorian public architecture, floral parklands and the thoughtful presentation of the promenade at Eastern Beach. Thanking our guide we then head to the **Bellarine Peninsula** where we have a lovely lunch and wine tasting planned at the idyllic **Jack Rabbit Vineyard**. With views across the bay to Geelong and exceptional food. This afternoon we walk in the footsteps of our convict past and unlock Australia's crime and justice history in Victoria's longest running colonial gaol, **Geelong Gaol**. Join Deb, the **Historian** of the Geelong Gaol to uncover the history and the stories of those contained within the bluestone walls. After a very intriguing afternoon, we return to our hotel.

OVERNIGHT: Rydges Geelong, GEELONG ★★★★★

DAY 5

Sunday 27th December, 2026

HOMeward BOUND

We bid farewell to our hosts and make our way to the enchanting historic town of Queenscliff. Once known as "Queen of Watering Places" it is imbued with old world character, historic hotels and homes. Our first stop is the historic **Fort Queenscliff**. With over 150 years of heritage on display, The Fort is home to an impressive collection of military artifacts and weapons. Our **tour** of the grounds and museum will have us pondering life as it was when Port Phillip was one of the most heavily defended harbours in the British Empire. Next we visit the **Maritime Museum**. Listening to our **guide** we discover a story of how the care of the last Queenscliff lifeboat expanded to cover the maritime history of township, Southern Port Phillip and the Bass Strait interface. Afterwards we enjoy lunch in Queenscliff and then have some time at leisure to soak in the atmosphere of the town before our mid-afternoon **Searoad Ferry** crossing to Sorrento and home. As usual, our chauffeurs will be on hand to take us to our very door - all part of **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.

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No Refund

On or after tour date departure

No Refund

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UPCOMING TOURS *Available*

Portland Coastal Summer Gem - February 2027

Flinders Ranges Experience - March 2027

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