



O'Shannessy's
QUALITY TOURS

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Wangaratta



5 DAY FULLY INCLUSIVE TOUR

19th July to 23rd July, 2027

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MONDAY 19TH JULY TO FRIDAY 23RD JULY, 2027

Who doesn't love a Christmas in July celebration?

Enjoy a delicious full hot Christmas lunch with all the trimmings.

Join us as we travel to the bustling rural city of Wangaratta.

Explore the stunning beauty of the surrounding Victorian High Country and be enchanted by the magnificent scenery along with the rich history of bushrangers and the gold rush. To top it all off, we'll include some gourmet tastings, making this a tour to remember! Grab your Santa hat and festive scarf and join in the fun.

Tour Highlights

- Kate's Cottage, Glenrowan
- The Big Strawberry
- Cactus Country
- Beechworth Courthouse
- Guided Tour of Beechworth
- Christmas in July Lunch
- Guided Tour of Wangaratta

- Guided Tour of Bright
- Red Stag Deer Farm
- Milawa Cheese Company
- Mansfield

CRUISE

- Paradise Queen, Lake Mulwala

Tour Prices

Twin share room first tour:	\$3,095
Twin share room repeat traveller 2 - 10 Tours:	\$3,045
Twin share room repeat traveller 11 - 20 Tours:	\$3,020
Twin share room repeat traveller 21+ Tours:	\$2,995
Single room supplement:	\$480

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

4 nights in Wangaratta

ACTIVITY LEVEL

Our Leisurely Tours are perfect for those who enjoy a slower pace; they are domestic tours and mostly “stay put,” with minimal physical activity required. Please refer to back cover.



COACH



BOAT



Leisurely



SMALL GRP



STAY PUT

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, all lunches, along with delicious two-course restaurant dinners daily and most morning teas.

Welcome to our 5 day **Christmas in July** tour. With chauffeured pickups from home, we are transferred to meet our **O'Shannessy's Quality Tours** coach and crew. We stop enroute for our morning break before travelling to Euroa, nestled at the foot of the Strathbogie Ranges where we enjoy lunch. The hotel dates back to 1884 and Euroa has a colourful history with links to the infamous Ned Kelly. Further up the road is **Glenrowan**, scene of the Kelly Gang's last stand. We'll visit **Kate's Cottage** (named after Ned's sister), situated opposite the "Big Ned Kelly" Statue. Wander the cottage featuring a huge range of interesting and exciting Ned Kelly and Australian gifts and souvenirs, as well as a fascinating museum. From here we continue to **Wangaratta**, home for the next four nights.

OVERNIGHT: Quality Hotel Wangaratta Gateway, WANGARATTA ★★★★★

Today we head up to Yarrawonga, located on Lake Mulwala in a region of the Murray often referred to as "**Sun Country**". It is one of the Murray River's most beautiful stretches with towering River Red Gums and dozens of sandy beaches features of the area. Here we join the **Paradise Queen** for a morning tea cruise on Lake Mulwala. The lake was developed in 1939 by the completion of the Yarrawonga Weir, which was part of the massive Lake Hume project to harness the waters of the Murray for irrigation purposes. The Lake is home to hundreds of thousands of ghostly dead gums, tall grey sentinels that remain as a reminder of the past when they drowned with the filling of the Lake. Back on dry land, we travel to **Koonoomoo** and visit **The Big Strawberry**. Anything you can think of that has strawberries in it, they make it here - jams, ice creams, liqueurs, milkshakes - you name it! After enjoying lunch, drive to nearby **Strathmerton** for our visit to **Cactus Country**. The Hall family run business has been a labour of love for many years, which we will hear about before a self-guided walk through this large garden with over 4,000 different species of cacti from Africa, North America, Mexico and South America. Back at the hotel, we have time to relax before enjoying a well-deserved dinner.

OVERNIGHT: Quality Hotel Wangaratta Gateway, WANGARATTA ★★★★★



Our touring today takes us to **Beechworth** where we enjoy a tour of the historic Courthouse. Built in 1858 and in continuous service for 131 years, the **Beechworth Courthouse** retains its original furniture and fittings. It has been the setting of some of the most fascinating court cases in Victoria's history. It was here that Australia's most famous bushranger, Ned Kelly, was committed to stand trial for murder. His mother Ellen, brothers Dan and Jim and Uncle Jim Kelly also faced charges in this courtroom. Next, we will be joined on the coach by our **local guide**. This imposing historical town will remind us of those exciting gold rush years, with many landmarks still surviving. Returning to Wangaratta, we'll have time to freshen up before our delicious **Christmas in July lunch** with all the trimmings! This afternoon, we enjoy some sightseeing with a **local guide**. The **Wangaratta Water Tower Art** mural which was painted in March 2021 is inspired by the Bpangerang concept "Dirrawarra", meaning together or united, paying respect to an ancient and continuing Indigenous practice of gathering people to tell a story.

OVERNIGHT: Quality Hotel Wangaratta Gateway, WANGARATTA ★★★★★

"...Sitting on the junction of the Ovens and King Rivers, Wangaratta is a fantastic place to stay, offering plenty to see and do ..."

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Following breakfast, we travel along the Great Alpine Road to **Bright**. Greeting our **local guide**, we come to realise that Bright has managed to retain its character and charm, thanks to its old-fashioned guesthouses and historical buildings. After our tour enjoy morning tea from the coach before some time at leisure to wander the beautiful township. Our next stop is in Eurobin where we visit the **Red Stag Deer Farm**. This is our lunch venue and our hosts will give us a talk about the farm and there'll be an opportunity to hand feed the animals. We now start making our way back through what is known as the "gourmet food area of Northeast Victoria". We stop at **Milawa Cheese Company** which is located in the historic Murray Goulburn Butter Factory, for a talk and sit-down tasting. Afterwards we will return to our hotel in Wangaratta.

OVERNIGHT: Quality Hotel Wangaratta Gateway, WANGARATTA ★★★★★

Unfortunately, our holiday is coming to an end. We farewell our hosts and travel via Moyhu to Whitfield, a very pretty and very small town situated in a dairying and tobacco growing district in the highly scenic King River Valley where lush river flats are surrounded by some magnificent high country. From here we continue onto **Mansfield** which also has a colourful history of squatters, selectors, bushrangers, gold miners, packers, coachbuilders etc. It is famous for its magnificent scenery, farms, cattle, horses and hospitality. We have time to take a wander along the main street before lunch. This afternoon, we pass by Bonnie Doon on the edge of Lake Eildon and continue to join the Melba Highway which will take us to the outskirts of Melbourne. As always, our chauffeur service will drop us to our very door – all part of the great **O'Shannessy's Quality Tours** 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 - Leisurely

Our Leisurely Tours are perfect for those who enjoy a slower pace; our leisurely tours are domestic and mostly “stay put,” with minimal physical activity required. You can expect to:

- Embark and disembark the coach unassisted
- Negotiate some steps and gentle, undulating paths
- Walk or stand for up to 45 minutes at a time during local tours
- Travel seated comfortably for up to 2 hours at a stretch

Upcoming Tours

Canberra Floriade - September 2027

Griffith Spring Fest - October 2027

NSW Silo and Water Tank Tour - 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

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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:

 **1800 354 352**

