

# CHRISTMAS



**5 DAY FULLY INCLUSIVE TOUR** 

24th December to 28th December, 2025

# CHRISTMAS in the Govlborn Valley

# WEDNESDAY 24TH DECEMBER TO SUNDAY 28TH DECEMBER, 2025

Set off on a delightful journey from Melbourne to the Goulburn Valley where art, culture and history blend seamlessly.

Enjoy a scenic river cruise, explore vibrant outdoor art and experience the charm of local communities along the way.

Discover impressive murals, iconic sculptures and unique installations that showcase the region's creativity.

This Christmas tour offers a perfect mix of relaxation and exploration!

## **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Nagambie
- o Christmas Lunch at Mitchelton Winery
- o Colbinabbin Silo Art
- o Tungamah Silo Art
- St James Silo Art
- Devenish Silo Art
- Goorambat Silo Art
- Benalla Street Art with guide

- Tatura Irrigation and Wartime Camps Museum
- Rochester Historical Society
- o Rochester Silo Art
- Kyabram Water Tank Art
- Mooving Art, Shepparton
- o Marysville

#### **CRUISE**

o Goulburn Explorer

#### **MULTIPLE NIGHT STAY**

o 4 nights in Nagambie









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DEPOSIT

\$300pp UPON

BOOKING

# **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.
- o **Tour Directors.** Dedicated O'Shannessy's Quality Tours coach crew (tour directors) on board to ensure your travel experience is memorable.
- o Best Available Quality Accommodation. Ensuite motel accommodation each night.
- Attractions. All tours and interest venues as per itinerary.

 Meals. Three fully cooked breakfasts and one continental breakfast, morning teas most days, all lunches and three 2-course restaurant dinners and one picnic supper box.

No Hidden Extras. O'Shannessy's Quality Tours are fully inclusive.

#### **TOUR COSTS**

Twin Share Room First Tour: \$3,295 per person

Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 2 - 10 Tours: \$3,245 per person

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Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 21+ Tours: \$3,195 per person

Single Room Supplement: \$ 355 per person





DAY 1

Wednesday 24th December, 2025

# **MELBOURNE TO NAGAMBIE**

Welcome to our **Christmas holiday** to the **Goulburn Valley**! With chauffeured pickup from home, we are transferred to meet our O'Shannessy's Quality Tours coach and crew. We'll make a stop for morning tea enroute to **Nagambie**, where we join the **Goulburn Explorer** for a 2-hour cruise through **Lake Nagambie**, heading downstream towards the historic Kirwans Bridge. Whilst on board, we enjoy lunch and a wine tasting of some local wines. Back on dry land, our coach will be there to greet us for the short transfer to our hotel, home for the next four nights.

**OVERNIGHT:** Nagambie Waterfront Motel, NAGAMBIE ★★★★

DAY 2

Thursday 25th December, 2025

# **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

It's a gentle start today with a continental breakfast and 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 at the **Mitchelton Winery.** After lunch we'll take a drive **Colbinnabin** where artwork features across six silos. Artist Tim Bowtell's work depicts five different scenes from varying times through the town from the early 1900s to the 1980s. Afterwards we will return to the hotel to relax. After today's wonderfully filling festive lunch, we enjoy a picnic Christmas supper, so that tomorrow we are well rested for more exploring!

**OVERNIGHT:** Nagambie Waterfront Motel, NAGAMBIE ★★★★

#### **LARGE ARTS**

It's quite amazing to think that agricultural storage spurred on the idea of creating the largest outdoor art exhibition in Australia! Started in Northam WA in March 2015 with the painting of the first wheat silos, other states and communities soon took up the call recognising the benefits such curiosities would bring to small communities struggling with the aftermath of drought, bushfire and now a pandemic. We're going to see some great examples of these large artworks over the next three days. We begin in the small town of Tungamah, where the silo features much-loved Australian wildlife. Includes the iconic Kookaburra, pink and grey Galah and sulphur crested Cockatoo. Not far from here is our next silo, St James. Artist Tim Bowtell, depicts a mural of Sir George Coles, the founder of Coles supermarkets who was a local to the St James township. In **Devenish**, see Cam Scale's artwork representing the changing role of women in the military – a First World War nurse and a modern-day combat medic. Our last silo is in **Goorambat** – a Barking Owl, which is critically endangered. Here we also visit 'Sophia' representing the female aspect of the Holy Trinity on the wall inside the Uniting Church. Each silo has a different artist and a different story. We'll have lunch in **Benalla** before we are joined on the coach by a local expert for a tour of the city's famous street art. Artists from around the world were brought together to paint murals on bare walls, some over three stories high.

**OVERNIGHT:** Nagambie Waterfront Motel, NAGAMBIE ★★★★













DAY 4

Saturday 27th December, 2025

## **MORE LARGE ARTS!!**

This morning we off to discover the history and beautiful imagery of the region. Making our way to Tatura, we stop to visit the Tatura Irrigation & Wartime Camps Museum. The Museum houses a unique collection based on 3 main themes: the History of Irrigation in Victoria's Goulburn Valley, the Local and Family History of Tatura and District since white settlement, and the history of the seven World War 2 Prisoner of War and Internment Camps and the Garrison and Hospital which were established in this area. The collection and reference library are a valuable source of research material for academics, school children, relatives and former residents. There's also a wonderful mural on the side of the museum. Afterwards we head to the small town of Rochester, where we have a chance to take in some of the amazing Silo art. Making a stop at the **GrainCorp silos** is a pleasant surprise as we view the artwork. Features a brightly painted Squirrel Glider and an Azure Kingfisher. We then explore the Rochester Historical and Pioneer Society Museum followed by lunch. Our next stop for the day is **Kyabram**, to view The Kyabram Water Tank, painted by Jimmy DVate and completed in March 2025. The water tank mural highlights the wetlands at the Kyabram Fauna Park, it is a crucial tourism and environmental feature of Kyabram. This afternoon we head to Shepparton. Paying homage to the strength of the dairy industry in Greater Shepparton, Moooving art is an ever-changing public art exhibition of life-sized 3D cows. These bovines are scattered throughout Shepparton and surrounding towns in public gardens, playgrounds and businesses and are full of colour, spunk and personality. With over 90 in the herd, we'll be bound to spot more than a couple today. We now make our way back to Nagambie and return to our hotel.

**OVERNIGHT:** Nagambie Waterfront Motel, NAGAMBIE ★★★★

DAY 5

Sunday 28th December, 2025

# **NAGAMBIE TO MELBOURNE**

Time to head home now, to catch up with family and friends to talk about our wonderful adventure in the Large Arts! We stop for lunch in **Marysville** then continue home where, 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.

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