O'Shannessy's
QUALITY TOURS

ESSENCE
of the Kimberley



15 DAY FULLY INCLUSIVE TOUR

1st August to 15th August, 2027

ESSENCE *of the Kimberley*

SUNDAY 1ST AUGUST TO SUNDAY 15TH AUGUST, 2027

Spread over Australia's entire north-western corner,
the Kimberley is one of the world's last wilderness frontiers.
There is prolific wildlife, majestic canyons and some fantastic cruises.
Even though this is a remote region,
there is still great food, luxury accommodations and friendly locals.

Tour Highlights

- Guided Tour of Darwin
- Royal Flying Doctors Service Facility
- Adelaide River War Cemetery
- Litchfield National Park
- Kakadu National Park
- Katherine - Katherine Gorge
- Mirima National Park, Kununurra
- The Hoochery Distillery
- Halls Creek
- Fitzroy Crossing
- Mowanjum Aboriginal Art Centre
- Boab Prison Tree
- Broome
- Pearl Luggers Museum
- Matso's Brewery
- Willie Creek Pearl Farm
- Cable Beach

CRUISES

- Darwin Harbour Dinner Cruise
- Jumping Croc Cruise
- Yellow Water Sunset Cruise
- Nitmiluk (Katherine Gorge) Cruise
- Ord River Cruise
- Willie Creek Pearl Farm Cruise

FLIGHTS

- Melbourne to Darwin
- Broome to Melbourne

Tour Prices

Twin share room first tour:	**$11,995**
Twin share room repeat traveller 2 - 10 Tours:	**$11,895**
Twin share room repeat traveller 11 - 20 Tours:	**$11,845**
Twin share room repeat traveller 21+ Tours:	**$11,795**
Single room supplement:	**$ 2,180**

Please note a deposit of $800 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

3 nights in Darwin, Kununurra and Broome
2 nights in Katherine

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: five lunches are at your own expense as outlined in the itinerary.

DAY 1 - MELBOURNE TO DARWIN — Sunday 1st August, 2027

Welcome to our fabulous 15 day tour of the **Kimberley**! With chauffeured pickup from home, we travel to Melbourne Airport. At the airport we will be greeted by an **O'Shannessy's Quality Tours** representative, who will assist us with check-in and see us onto the plane for our flight to Darwin. Arriving at Darwin Airport, we will be welcomed by our O'Shannessy's coach crew who will help us with our luggage before we board the coach for our transfer to the hotel.

Lunch at own expense and arrangement / Refreshments on flight
OVERNIGHT: Double Tree by Hilton Esplanade, DARWIN ★★★★☆

DAY 2 - EXPLORING DARWIN — Monday 2nd August, 2027

Many people aren't aware of the importance of Darwin during World War II so we look at the city as it is today and also learn from a **local expert** of the involvement and history of the bombings of Darwin. We conclude the tour at **Stokes Hill Wharf** where we can purchase lunch before our visit to the **Royal Flying Doctors Service Tourist Facility**. This unique facility highlights the magnificent service provided to Outback Australia by the RFDS and also showcases the Bombing of Darwin through Virtual Reality headsets – an amazing experience! This evening we transfer back to Stokes Hill Wharf for our fantastic **dinner cruise** on Darwin Harbour. What a wonderful way to start our tour as we see the Darwin skyline at sunset.

Lunch at own expense and arrangement
OVERNIGHT: Double Tree by Hilton Esplanade, DARWIN ★★★★☆

















DAY 3 - LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK — Tuesday 3rd August, 2027

This morning, we travel south to the small township of **Adelaide River** - about 110kms from Darwin. We make a brief stop at **Adelaide River War Cemetery**, where 432 servicemen and 63 civilians, all of whom died as a result of Japanese bombing raids, are buried. From here we enter **Litchfield National Park**. The 65,000-ha National Park with its untouched rainforests, hot springs, magnificent waterfalls and stunning scenery has gained a reputation as the jewel of the Northern Territory's crown. We stop to see the **Magnetic Termite Mounds** and the magnificent **Florence Falls** from the lookout platform. We enjoy lunch and visit nearby **Wangi Falls** where there is time for a refreshing dip - so bring your togs! This evening we watch another sunset as we enjoy dinner at Cullen Bay. It won't be a late night as we begin our road journey tomorrow.

OVERNIGHT: Double Tree by Hilton Esplanade, DARWIN ★★★★☆

DAY 4 - DARWIN TO KAKADU — Wednesday 4th August, 2027

With an early start, we say farewell to Darwin. Our first stop on our way to Kakadu is the **Jumping Croc Cruise** - don't forget to bring your camera! Continuing our journey, we enter the wonderland of Kakadu National Park. This afternoon we visit the **Warradjan Aboriginal Cultural Centre** before joining our magical 2-hour **Yellow Water Sunset Cruise**. Nowhere else will you see such a concentration of so many species of diverse wildlife than here, including Brolgas, Egrets, Jabiru, and hopefully some crocs! After the cruise, we return to our accommodation for dinner.

OVERNIGHT: Cooinda Lodge Kakadu, KAKADU ★★★½☆

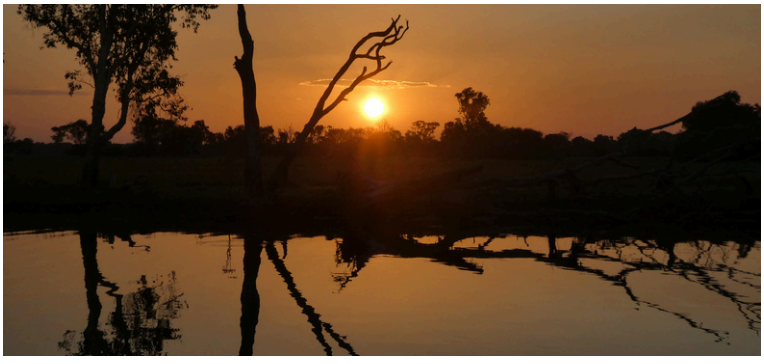




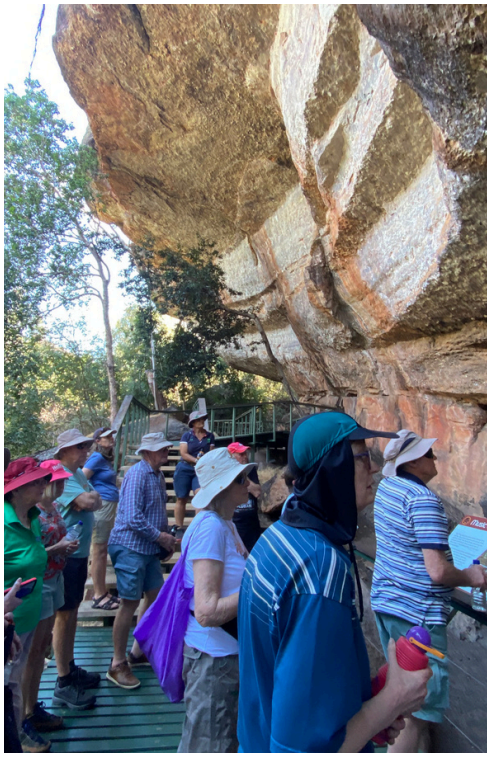














"...Burrungkuy (Nourlangie) is one reason why Kakadu is World Heritage-listed for outstanding cultural values. This famous site, with its stunning rock paintings, documents life in the region from 20,000 years ago to the first contact with European explorers..."

kakadu.gov.au/burrungkuy-nourlangie-walk

DAY 5 - KAKADU TO KATHERINE — Thursday 5th August, 2027

We have a leisurely morning but for anyone wishing to take an optional scenic flight over the stunning wetlands of Kakadu National Park, here is your opportunity. *(These flights can be booked with your Tour Director who will have further details. Optional flights are subject to availability and at your own expense.)* Mid morning, we visit **Nourlangie Rock** and its ancient Aboriginal rock art. After lunch, we leave the National Park and travel to **Pine Creek** before our journey south to **Katherine**.

OVERNIGHT: Knotts Crossing Resort, KATHERINE ★★★½☆

DAY 6 - KATHERINE GORGE — Friday 6th August, 2027

A visit to Katherine would not be complete without a cruise through **Katherine Gorge**. This morning, we take the two-hour, two gorge cruise through the southern edge of **Nitmiluk National Park**. Sheer walls of sandstone dotted with ancient Aboriginal rock art surround the crystal waters of the Katherine River where freshwater crocodiles can be seen along the banks. After our cruise, we stop at the **Visitors Centre** where we have time to look at their displays. Back in Katherine, there's time to purchase lunch and take a look at the township. This afternoon we have a choice - relax at the resort or come with us to unwind in the therapeutic crystal clear waters of the **Katherine Hot Springs** (25°C).

Lunch own expense and arrangement

OVERNIGHT: Knotts Crossing Resort, KATHERINE ★★★½☆

DAY 7 - KATHERINE TO KUNUNURRA — Saturday 7th August, 2027

Today we travel west calling at Victoria River and Timber Creek, crossing into Western Australia to arrive at **Kununurra**. The town was established as the residential and administrative centre of the Ord River Scheme - a huge irrigation scheme that was developed in the 1970s. We take a look at the town centre, the **Diversion Dam** and **Ivanhoe Crossing**. We then check into our next three night's accommodation.

OVERNIGHT: Kimberley Grande Resort, KUNUNURRA ★★★★☆



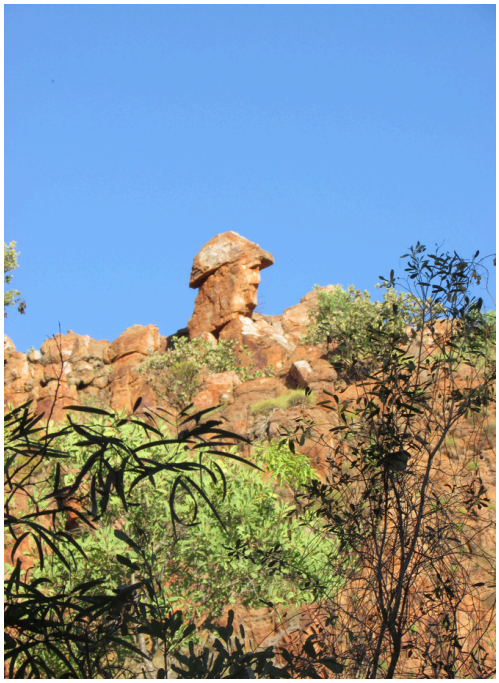


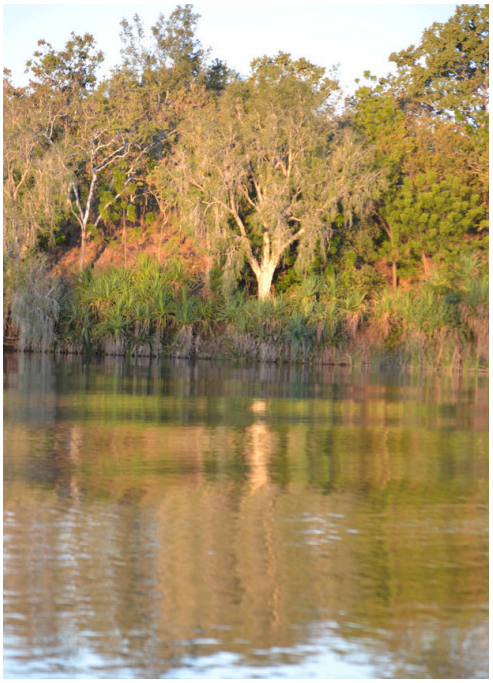














"...The expansive, wildlife-rich waters of Lake Argyle, was created by the Ord River Dam; it's classified as an inland sea and at its peak in the green season Lake Argyle holds a staggering 32 million cubic metres of water..."

www.westernaustralia.com/lake-argyle

DAY 8 - ORD RIVER CRUISE — Sunday 8th August, 2027

We make our way to **Lake Argyle**, the largest man-made lake in the Southern Hemisphere. We stop at the historic **Argyle Homestead Museum**, constructed as a replica of the original family homestead including the original stone. We then continue to Lake Argyle Resort for lunch before one of the highlights of the region – a cruise from **Lake Argyle to Kununurra**. Marvel at the spectacular scenery and abundance of Australian native wildlife in their natural habitat. Take in the untamed landscape of the lesser-known but equally incredible Carr Boyd Ranges before enjoying an East Kimberley sunset as we arrive back in Kununurra.

OVERNIGHT: Kimberley Grande Resort, KUNUNURRA ★★★★☆

DAY 9 - EXPLORING KUNUNURRA — Monday 9th August, 2027

For those of us who have booked an optional flight over the Purnululu National Park (the Bungle Bungles), we will be collected early morning. For those of us not wanting to fly, this is the perfect opportunity for a sleep-in! After a slightly later breakfast, we take a tour of **Kununurra**. Our morning includes a visit to **Kimberley Ornamental Stonecraft**, it's here we can see stone art and jewellery skilfully handcrafted from gemstones and unique Kimberley rock including the fine banded Zebra stone. We'll have plenty of time to look through the gallery before lunch. This afternoon, we visit **The Hoochery Distillery**, Western Australia's oldest continually operating legal still. Discover the secrets behind how the rum is made, hear stories collected over the years, and enjoy a slice of their famous Ord River Rum Cake. What a perfect way to end our day.

OVERNIGHT: Kimberley Grande Resort, KUNUNURRA ★★★★☆

DAY 10 - KUNUNURRA TO HALLS CREEK — Tuesday 10th August, 2027

Before leaving Kununurra this morning, we visit **Mirima National Park**, often called Hidden Valley. The sandstone formations here resemble the domes of the famous Bungle Bungles (Purnululu National Park), which is why they are sometimes called Mini Bungle Bungles – it's a perfect opportunity to get an "on-ground" experience! We're on the road again now as we travel to **Halls Creek**, on the edge of the Great Sandy Desert. The town is full of stories and relics as it was the site of Western Australia's first gold rush. One of the more famous stories is of Russian Jack, a man who carried his injured mate in a wheelbarrow for over 300 kilometres to get medical attention. A statue is dedicated to his amazing feat here in town.

OVERNIGHT: Kimberley Hotel, HALLS CREEK ★★★½☆

















DAY 11 - HALLS CREEK TO DERBY — Wednesday 11th August, 2027

Just outside of Halls Creek is the **China Wall**. The amazing natural white stone formations rise high out of the ground and then disappear back into the earth again, making it look like a miniature Great Wall of China. We make a brief stop here before continuing through dramatic landscapes of boab trees, red earth and open plains, heading to our lunch venue at **Fitzroy Crossing**. This afternoon, we travel through remote cattle country and pause at the historic **Prison Boab Tree** near Derby. Said to be 1500 years old, it has an entrance about one metre wide and two metres high and apparently used as an overnight lock up for prisoners. We will have to make up our own minds however, if this is true or not! Derby is the main base for the Royal Flying Doctor Service in the Kimberley and from her long wharf Australia's highest tides, up to 12 metres, can be visualised.

OVERNIGHT: Spinifex Lodge, DERBY ★★★½☆

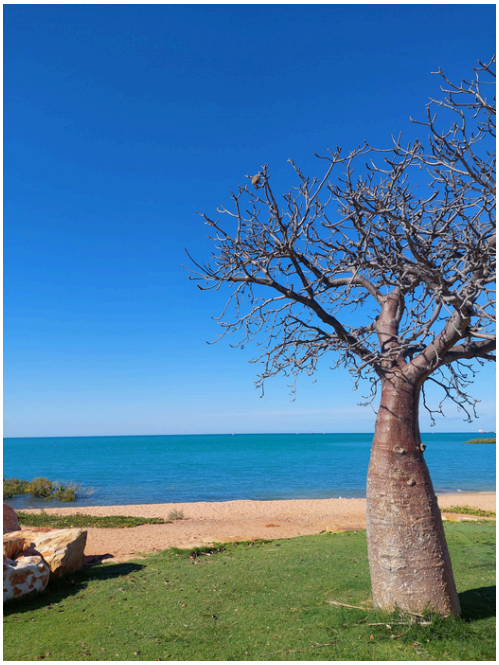
DAY 12 - DERBY TO BROOME — Thursday 12th August, 2027

This morning, we begin with a visit to the **Mowanjum Aboriginal Art & Cultural Centre**, where the traditions of the Worrorra, Ngarinyin and Wunambal peoples come to life through vibrant art and storytelling. We stop for an early lunch break at **Willare Bridge** before continuing our journey west. Excitement builds as we near the coast and catch our first glimpse of the Indian Ocean. Arriving in **Broome**, a coastal town at the southern edge of the Kimberley, we're greeted by sweeping beaches, turquoise waters and warm sunshine. Once a booming pearling centre, Broome's unique charm still captivates. We check into our accommodation for the next three nights.

Lunch own expense and arrangement

OVERNIGHT: Oaks Broome Hotel, BROOME ★★★★☆

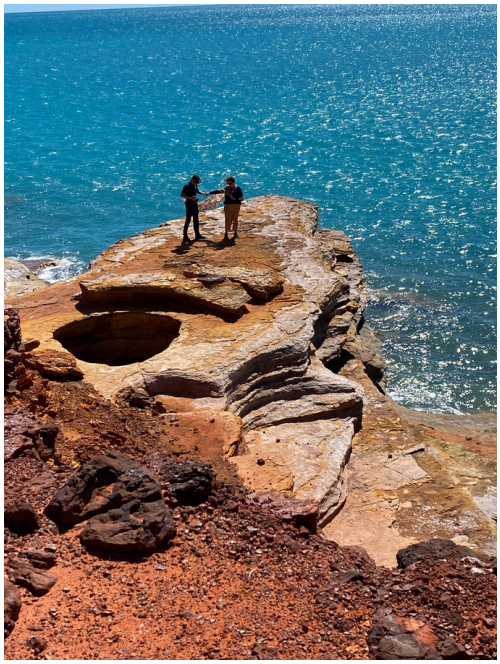
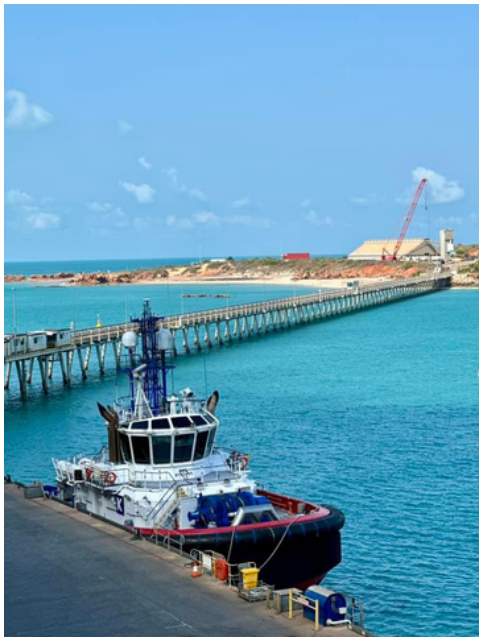













DAY 13 - BROOME SIGHTSEEING — Friday 13th August, 2027

We visit the **Pearl Luggers Museum** this morning where we learn the history of pearl diving dating back 140 years, followed by a tour of this fascinating town. We'll see historic **Gantheume Point**, the **Broome Wharf** and of course **Chinatown**. Chinatown has been the multicultural heart and soul of Broome since the pearling crews set up their first camps and corrugated tin sheds in the 1880s. Today Broome has developed into an iconic Western Australian tourism town and Chinatown is its heart and soul. After an interesting morning, we stop at **Matso's Brewery**, the Kimberley's award-winning microbrewery and a true Broome treasure. After lunch, we have some time to relax, swim or venture out before making our way to **Cable Beach** to watch the sun set over the Indian Ocean. For anyone wishing to ride a camel, this will be your opportunity *(own expense)*. Enjoy the sunset and a unique photo opportunity before returning to the hotel for dinner.

OVERNIGHT: Oaks Broome Hotel, BROOME ★★★★☆

DAY 14 - WILLIE CREEK PEARL FARM — Saturday 14th August, 2027

We're off to visit the **Willie Creek Pearl Farm** to learn about pearling techniques and view the pearl panels suspended in the creek. We can gain a comprehensive insight into how the world's finest pearls are produced with the process of cultured pearling, including the seeding of a live oyster shell. Lunch is included and we also enjoy a cruise aboard the **Willie Wanderer**. There'll be more time to relax back at the hotel before dinner inhouse this evening.

OVERNIGHT: Oaks Broome Hotel, BROOME ★★★★☆







DAY 15 - BROOME TO MELBOURNE — Sunday 15th August, 2027

Completing our memorable tour of the naturally beautiful **Kimberley**, we are transferred to Broome Airport for our return flight to **Melbourne**. Upon arrival, our chauffeurs will be waiting to transport us safely home with many interesting stories to tell of our **Kimberley Adventure**.

Lunch at own expense and arrangement / Refreshments on flight

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.

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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
- Embark and disembark watercraft and other vehicles via stairs
- 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

Norfolk Island in Spring - October 2027

Discover Tasmania in Spring - 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.

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