



Shannessys
QUALITY TOURS

HIGH COUNTRY

in Spring Tour 1



5 DAY FULLY INCLUSIVE TOUR

3rd September to 7th September, 2026

HIGH COUNTRY *in Spring*

THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER TO MONDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER, 2026

Be enraptured by the beauty of Victoria's High Country in Spring.

Take in the fresh green leaves, bulbs bursting into life in spectacular colour and buds and blooms which will enchant the eyes.

Add to this some gourmet tastings and some magnificent scenery and we'll have a tour to remember!

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- o Alowyn Gardens
- o Yarrawonga
- o Lake Mulwala
- o Buller Wines
- o Federation Museum, Corowa
- o The Phoenix Tree, Myrtleford
- o Local guide, Bright
- o Local guide, Beechworth
- o Beechworth Historic Courthouse
- o Red Stag Deer and Emu Farm
- o Milawa Cheese Co
- o Milawa Mustards
- o Mansfield

CRUISE

- o Paradise Queen

MULTIPLE NIGHT STAY

- o 4 nights in Wangaratta



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 and two course restaurant dinners daily.
- **No Hidden Extras.** O'Shannessy's Quality Tours are fully inclusive.

TOUR COSTS

Twin Share Room First Tour:	\$2,795 per person
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 2 - 10 Tours:	\$2,770 per person
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 11 - 20 Tours:	\$2,745 per person
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 21+ Tours:	\$2,720 per person
Single Room Supplement:	\$ 480 per person

DEPOSIT
\$300pp
UPON
BOOKING



DAY 1

Thursday 3rd September, 2026

MELBOURNE TO WANGARATTA

Welcome to our tour through the beautiful **Victorian High Country**. With chauffeured pickup from home, we are transferred to meet our **O'Shannessy's Quality Tours** coach and crew. Heading off, we travel to the **Alowyn Gardens** which started life as a blackberry infested paddock. Designed with shade and comfort in mind, it's been developed into six distinct areas and for those who love a beautiful garden, it will bring enjoyment as well as an educational experience. We will wander through the gardens before enjoying lunch. Afterwards we make our way to Wangaratta and settle into our hotel for the next four nights.

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

DAY 2

Friday 4th September, 2026

SUN COUNTRY

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 cross over to NSW and drive east along the north side of the river towards Rutherglen. Near here is **Buller Wines**. Here we'll enjoy a delicious lunch and a glass of wine at the Pavilion Restaurant set within the beautiful grounds. This afternoon we visit the **Federation Museum** to see the collection of material relating to the Federation of Australia and the part Corowa played in its development. Following our tour, we return to Wangaratta with some time to freshen up before dinner.

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

EXPLORING BRIGHT

Following breakfast, we travel along the Great Alpine Road to **Bright**. Greeting our local guide here, we learn that Bright has managed to retain its character and charm, thanks to its old-fashioned guesthouses and historical buildings. After our tour you'll have time at leisure to wander the beautiful township. Meeting up again we bid farewell to Bright and head to Whorouly, stopping along the way to see the **Phoenix Tree** in Myrtleford – this sculpture was carved out of the trunk and roots of a huge river red gum tree by Hans Knorr. In **Whorouly**, we have a delicious lunch planned at **Remel 185**. The 'tobacco shed' which once stored dried tobacco piled to the ceiling and bales ready for 'sale day' has been transformed into a Dining Area. The 'grading shed' where many hours were once spent sorting those golden coloured leaves, is now the Kitchen, where again many hours are spent, but now to produce an array of wonderful foods, and the 'kilns' have remained in their original form and are well used as storage space. After an enjoyable day, we meander back to our hotel to relax before dinner.

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

“...Spring is the time of year
when the grand avenues of trees
begin to awaken from hibernation.
The streets of our towns fill with blooms
and birdsong fills the air...”

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GOURMET DELIGHTS

Our touring today takes us to **Beechworth** where 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. Next up is 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. 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". Our first stop this afternoon is **Milawa Cheese Company** which is located in the historic Murray Goulburn Butter Factory, for a talk and sit-down tasting. Keeping with the fabulous food theme of the region next up is **Milawa Mustards**. Housed in the beautiful "Old Butcher Shop" in Milawa, it produces a range of 12 seeded mustards ranging from Mild Honey mustard to Hot Chilli mustard. All of Milawa Mustards products are handmade on the premises, thus preserving the quality of this authentic cottage industry. Returning to Wangaratta, we have time to freshen up and relax before dinner at the property.

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

WANGARATTA TO MELBOURNE

Unfortunately, our holiday is coming to an end. We say farewell to our hosts this morning 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. Just to the south-west of Whitfield is **Powers Lookout**. This vantage point on the Wabonga Plateau was used by bushranger Harry Powers in the 1860s to keep an eye out for potential prey and predators. It offers fabulous views across some truly scenic 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 at the **Hotel Delatite**. After lunch, we pass by **Bonnie Doon** on the edge of **Lake Eildon**. We continue, travelling via Yea to join the Melba Highway past the outskirts of Melbourne to home where our chauffeur service will drop us to our very door – all part of the great **O'Shannessy's Quality Tours** service!

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20% Refund of Tour Cost

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No Refund

On or after tour date departure

No Refund

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UPCOMING TOURS *Available*

Griffith Spring Festival - October 2026

Lord Howe Island in Spring - November 2026

Carnival of Cherries - December 2026

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