



MELBOURNE TO SYDNEY

Coastal Explorer



11 DAY FULLY INCLUSIVE TOUR

18th May to 28th May, 2026

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MONDAY 18TH MAY TO THURSDAY 28TH MAY, 2026

Ready for the ultimate Aussie road trip? Come with us and experience the breathtaking journey from Melbourne to Sydney – not just a drive, but an unforgettable adventure along Australia's spectacular south-east coast. Get ready to fall in love with places like Lakes Entrance, Eden and Jervis Bay before arriving in the spectacular harbour city of Sydney.

Whether you're chasing adventure, relaxation, or a bit of both, this road trip will deliver memories at every turn. Travel in comfort, soak up the scenery and let the journey become the destination.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- The Stockyard Show
- Guided Tour of Lakes Entrance
- Operation Bunker, Mallacoota
- Seahorse Inn, Boydtown
- Killer Whale Museum, Eden
- Kameruka Estate
- Broadwater Oysters
- Cobargo Farm
- Guided Tour of Batemans Bay
- Jervis Bay Maritime Museum, Huskisson
- Kiama
- Australian Motorlife Museum
- Seacliff Bridge
- Tour Of Sydney
- The Q Station
- Sydney Tower

CRUISES

- Return ferry to Raymond Island
- Cat Balou, Eden
- Whale Watching Cruise, Jervis Bay
- Sydney Harbour Dinner Cruise
- Riverboat Postman Cruise

FLIGHT

- Sydney to Melbourne

MULTIPLE NIGHT STAYS

- 3 nights in Eden and Sydney
- 2 nights in Lakes Entrance and Nowra



COACH



FLIGHT



BOAT



NEW TOUR



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.
- **Flight.** Economy flight from Sydney to Melbourne.
- **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 and lunches most days, and two course restaurant dinners daily. Two lunches at your own expense as per itinerary.
- **No Hidden Extras.** O'Shannessy's Quality Tours are fully inclusive.

TOUR COSTS

Twin Share Room First Tour:	\$6,375 per person
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 2 - 10 Tours:	\$6,275 per person
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 11 - 20 Tours:	\$6,225 per person
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 21+ Tours:	\$6,175 per person
Single Room Supplement:	\$1,100 per person

DEPOSIT
\$500pp
UPON
BOOKING



DAY 1

Monday 18th May, 2026

MELBOURNE TO LAKES ENTRANCE

Welcome to the first sector of our Coastal Roadtrip, travelling from Melbourne to Sydney. With chauffeured pickup from home, we are transferred to meet our **O'Shannessy's Quality Tours** coach and crew. Our journey today has us driving through the Latrobe Valley and across Gippsland. After a morning tea break to stretch our legs and take in the scenery, we continue to **Sale** for **lunch**. Our destination today is beautiful **Lakes Entrance** and we have plenty of time for a stroll along the Esplanade to inspect the **WW1 Memorial Sculptures**, carved from the original Cypress trees planted as an Avenue of Honour for the servicemen that gave their life during World War 1. We check into our accommodation with a little time to freshen up before dinner.

OVERNIGHT: Bellevue on the Lakes, LAKES ENTRANCE ★★★★★

DAY 2

Tuesday 19th May, 2026

EXPLORING LAKES ENTRANCE

We'll be back this afternoon to explore Lakes Entrance, but this morning, we drive through Bairnsdale to Paynesville, where we join the ferry linking the mainland to the nature-based **Raymond Island**. Here we meet a very special horseman with many years' experience handling horses. Don't forget the camera and of course, in true outback hospitality, the billy will be on the boil for us along with a lovely **morning tea**. Wayne's passion is his horses and during the live **Stockyard Show** demonstration we'll be enchanted by the skills and talents as the entertainment unfolds. The show has whip cracking, music and singing, working dogs and much more. As Tommy Woodcock's

foreman of years gone by, we'll be regaled with stories of Phar Lap and see the large collection of Phar Lap memorabilia. Departing Raymond Island we retrace our steps to Paynesville for **lunch**. Back in **Lakes Entrance**, we meet our **local expert** for our town tour of the area. Boasting Australia's largest inland network of waterways, **Lakes Entrance** has long been a popular holiday designation, situated on the edge of Ninety Mile Beach where the Gippsland Lakes meets the Southern Ocean. If anyone is up for a walk, there is a footbridge which will lead you to the magnificent beach.

OVERNIGHT: Bellevue on the Lakes, LAKES ENTRANCE ★★★★★

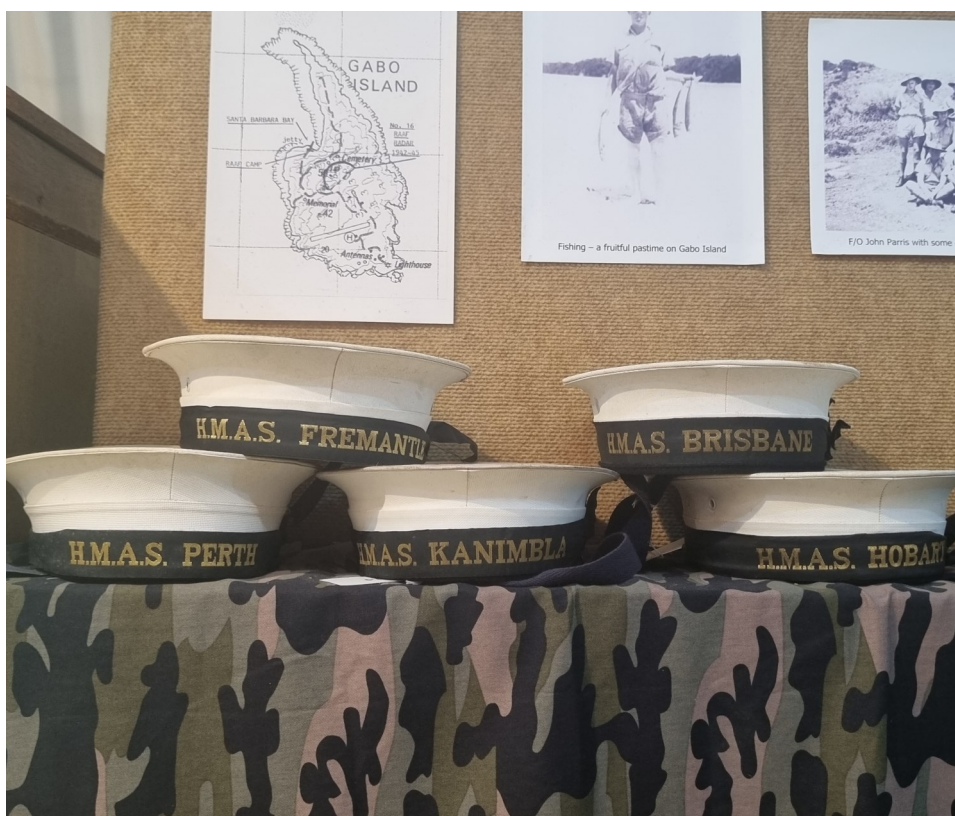
DAY 3

Wednesday 20th May, 2026

LAKES ENTRANCE TO EDEN

This morning, we head to the Mallacoota Inlet. The Mallacoota Inlet was formed by the drowning of the valley of the Genoa River when the sea level rose as the ice melted at the close of the last ice age. We will learn more about this inlet on a guided sightseeing tour before enjoying lunch. This afternoon, we will take time to visit the **Operation Bunker**, a World War II RAAF operations bunker that has been restored by the Mallacoota RSL. It is of considerable significance in Victoria's military history and was the headquarters of the RAAF coastal intelligence activity in the region as well as an important link in the chain of defence installations along the southeast of Australia. The last leg of today's journey will see us continuing to Eden where we'll settle in before dinner.

OVERNIGHT: Coachman's Eden, EDEN ★★★★★





DAY 4

Thursday 21st May, 2026

EDEN, TWOFOLD BAY AND BOYDTOWN

This morning we discover the natural paradise Eden happens to be while aboard the **Cat Balou**. Enjoy the magnificent scenery of the coastline and surrounding hinterland as the cruise takes us through the spectacular waters of **Twofold Bay**. Back on dry land we are met by a **local guide** who will join our coach and enlighten us to the tales and history behind this seaside town. Then with our guide still leading the way, we travel just outside of Eden and visit **Boydton**. Enjoying lunch at the stunning and historic **Seahorse Inn**, our tour then continues to **Boyd Tower** within the **Beowa National Park**. Here we can take a short walk down to the tower and enjoy commanding views across the bay. Returning to Eden, whose history is intertwined with the whales and the fishing industry, we visit the **Killer Whale Museum** with the skeleton of "Old Tom" the killer whale plus many other items of interest and history. Following a fascinating day, we head back to the motel for a rest before dinner.

OVERNIGHT: Coachman's Eden, EDEN ★★★★★

KAMERUKA AND MERIMBULA

We explore a little further out of Eden this morning and set off to **Kameruka**. Established in 1843, **Kameruka Estate** is one of Australia's more unique and beautiful properties. During the tour, we'll drive past the gatehouse and formal English gardens as we travel through the village Main Street on our way to the original shearing sheds and cricket oval. During our visit here we enjoy a sheep dog and shearing demonstration with morning tea. We then head to **Merimbula**, where we are warmly greeted by our hop on **guide**. Together we discover that Merimbula is an enchanting seaside town on the sparkling Sapphire Coast that offers rugged ocean beaches and tranquil coastal lakes. We now have some free time in the township to purchase lunch and have a retail fix. This afternoon as we head back to Eden, we stop at **Broadwater Oysters**, on the shoreline of Pambula Lake for a tour and a tasting. After a fantastic day we return to our hotel.

Lunch at own expense and arrangement

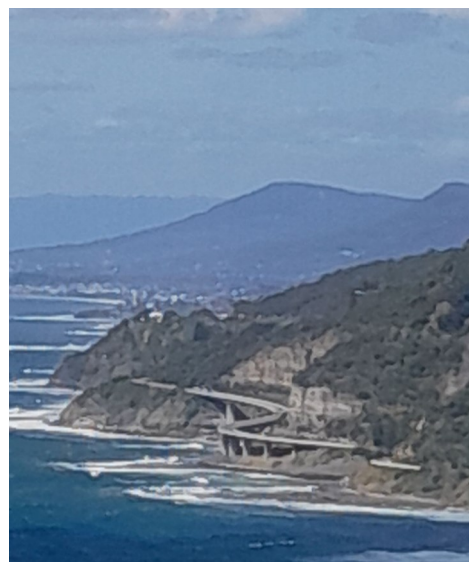
OVERNIGHT: Coachman's Eden, EDEN ★★★★★

EDEN TO NOWRA

Departing the sparkling Sapphire Coast we pop into the **Cobargo Farm**, on the outskirts of Central Tilba. Here we find this property to be a unique garden farm. Not only does it produce fresh fruit and vegetables, but also stocks a large variety of ferns, plants and seedlings to beautify your own garden. We'll spend time with the animals and exploring the beautiful gardens along with a most enjoyable morning tea. Continuing to wind our way up the coast, we stop at **Batemans Bay** to enjoy lunch, then meet a local guide who will uncover the stories behind this coastal town. From here, we travel to **Nowra**.

OVERNIGHT: Springs Shoalhaven, NOWRA ★★★★★





DAY 7

Sunday 24th May, 2026

JERVIS BAY AND MIGRATING WHALES

This morning we head to **Jervis Bay** where we join a **Whale Watching Cruise**. The Winter Whale Cruise gives you the rare opportunity to witness the majestic beauty of our migrating Humpback Whales. On the Northern migration we sight Whales within a few miles of the towering sea cliffs on Jervis Bay's peninsula which makes it one of the most exciting whale watching experiences on the east coast of Australia. Back on dry land we enjoy lunch before a visit to **Jervis Bay Maritime Museum**. Featuring a world-renowned collection of maritime artefacts and navigational and surveying instruments, the exhibits include models, photographs and objects relating to the history and heritage of the area. The museum is also home to the historic Lady Denman ferry and other historic vessels. After an interesting day we return to Nowra.

OVERNIGHT: Springs Shoalhaven, NOWRA ★★☆☆☆

DAY 8

Monday 25th May, 2026

NOWRA TO SYDNEY

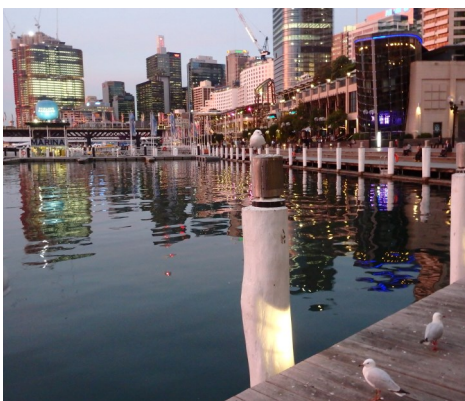
Today we head further up the coast. Take in the sights of **Kiama** including a visit to the famous "Blowhole" which can spurt water up to 60 metres high. Next stop is **Wollongong**. Here we visit the **Australian Motorlife Museum**. The museum's collection includes everything from motor vehicles and bikes to petrol pumps, radios and of course classic cars. After some time to explore the extensive and interesting displays, we enjoy a delicious lunch. This afternoon we uncover a most popular coastal tourist drive, **Sea Cliff Bridge**. Enjoy an amazing driving experience, witnessing the stunning views of the Illawarra Escarpment plunging into the South Pacific Ocean. Now arriving into **Sydney** we settle into our next three nights accommodation and freshen up before dinner .

OVERNIGHT: Park Royal Darling Harbour, SYDNEY ★★★★★

EXPLORING SYDNEY

Today we discover Sydney with a **local guide** on a **sightseeing tour** of the stunning city. Firstly, explore cobblestone lanes and colonial buildings in **The Rocks** before driving to **Mrs. Macquarie's Chair** on the harbour foreshore. The chair was carved out of sandstone by convicts for Governor Lachlan Macquarie's wife in order for her to watch the activity on the harbour and await the arrival of ships from England. The point provides us with wonderful views of the Sydney Opera House, the Harbour Bridge and Fort Denison. From here we head around to **North Head** for our tour of the **Q Station**. On arrival we enjoy a **light lunch** before we take a **guided tour** of the facility. The Quarantine Station was used from 1833 to 1984 for migrant ships carrying passengers with suspected contagious diseases. These passengers and crew were off-loaded into quarantine to protect residents. As we explore the history of the Quarantine Station, its historical buildings and stunning grounds we'll hear the personal stories of passengers quarantined and the dedicated staff who lived and worked on site. We can see how far we have come when it comes to quarantining people today. After an interesting historic day we return to our hotel to freshen up before a special dinner cruise where we enjoy incredible night views as we **cruise** around Sydney Harbour.

OVERNIGHT: Park Royal Darling Harbour, SYDNEY ★★★★★





DAY 10

Wednesday 27th May, 2026

THE RIVERBOAT POSTMAN

Our touring today takes us to the **Hawkesbury River**. Known as one of Australia's greatest scenic waterway's today we will join **The Riverboat Postman Cruise** and enjoy the magnificent scenery of the lower Hawkesbury River as we deliver the mail and other essentials. The first Riverboat Postman started the run in 1910 and the tradition continues today with Hawkesbury Cruises, the current custodian of this fabulous day trip. Our skippers are locals who have lived in the area their whole lives - be entertained by the stories of the river whilst cruising in comfort up this spectacular waterway. Tea, Coffee and traditional Australian ANZAC biscuits, along with a light Ploughman's style lunch are served during the cruise. This afternoon we return to Sydney to visit the iconic **Sydney Tower Eye**. Located 250 metres above the Sydney streets, we'll enjoy unrivalled 360-degree views of the city and beyond from the Observation Deck and spot the iconic landmarks and hidden gems of this beautiful harbour city. We may even see the Blue Mountains or Bondi Beach in the distance.

OVERNIGHT: Park Royal Darling Harbour, SYDNEY ★★★★★

DAY 11

Thursday 28th May, 2026

SYDNEY TO MELBOURNE

We can enjoy a leisurely morning—perhaps take a walk around **Darling Harbour**, it's just across the road! Later this morning, we check out and head to an early lunch before arriving at Sydney Airport to connect with our flight to Melbourne. What a great time away it's been! As always, our chauffeurs will be waiting to take us straight to our very door – a delightful way to finish our holiday and all part of the great **O'Shannessy's Quality Tours** service! *Lunch at own expense and arrangement.*

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No Refund

On or after tour date departure

No Refund

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UPCOMING TOURS *Available*

Savannah Discovery - July 2026

Murray Princess Hot August Night - August 2026

Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers - September 2026

Travelling with like-minded, mature aged travellers means you'll experience a casual and relaxed atmosphere, where fellow travellers become new found friends.



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