O'Shannessy's
QUALITY TOURS

MURRAY RIVER VALLEY

and The Trail of Lights

6 DAY FULLY INCLUSIVE TOUR

7th March to 12th March, 2027

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SUNDAY 7TH MARCH TO FRIDAY 12TH MARCH, 2027

Discover the beauty of the River Murray on this unforgettable journey.
Begin in Mildura, where the Trail of Lights transforms the night with stunning illuminations.
Travel through the Riverland,
exploring the charming towns of Renmark and Berri.
Experience the Silo Art Trail, starting in Horsham, then Murtoa and finally the newly repainted Rupanyup silo, each mural showcasing the heart of regional Australia.
This tour blends art, history, and breathtaking landscapes,
offering a truly immersive and memorable adventure!

Tour Highlights

- Tour of Mildura
- Rio Vista Historical Museum
- Mildura Trail of Lights
- Paringa Silo Art
- Renmark
- Olivewood Homestead
- Angoves Wines
- Loxton Historical Village
- Bella Lavender Estate
- Wonambi Fossil Centre, Naracoorte
- Alexandra Cave
- Horsham Silo Art
- Murtoa Silo Art
- Rupanyup Silo Art

CRUISE

- PV Rothbury, Mildura

Tour Prices

Twin share room first tour:	**$3,195**
Twin share room repeat traveller 2 - 10 Tours:	**$3,145**
Twin share room repeat traveller 11 - 20 Tours:	**$3,120**
Twin share room repeat traveller 21+ Tours:	**$3,095**
Single room supplement:	**$ 390**

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, 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

2 nights in Mildura and Berri

ACTIVITY LEVEL

Our Moderate Tours are for those comfortable with a bit more movement while still enjoying a relaxed pace, our moderate tours may include a mix of touring styles. 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, 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.

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: one lunch is at your own expense as outlined in the itinerary.

DAY 1 - MELBOURNE TO MILDURA — Sunday 7th March, 2027

Welcome to our holiday to the beautiful **Murray 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 before heading to Donald for lunch. We continue across the Wimmera Plains and through the Victorian Mallee to **Mildura** for our two nights away.

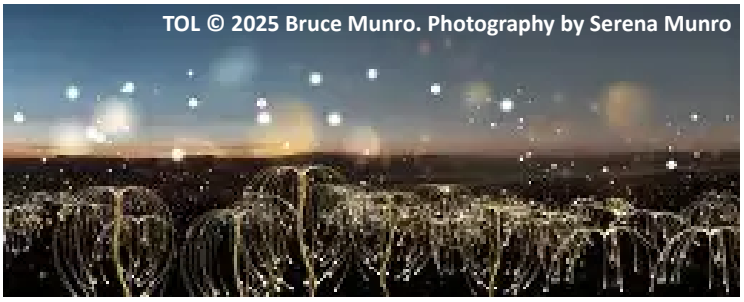
OVERNIGHT: Best Western Chaffey Motor Inn, MILDURA ★★★★☆

DAY 2 - DISCOVERING MILDURA AND THE TRAIL OF LIGHTS — Monday 8th March, 2027

After breakfast, we will be met by our locally based guide for a morning of sightseeing and to learn about the **Canadian Chaffey Brothers** who arrived in Mildura in 1886. Their goal was to establish the first irrigation scheme in Australia. The brothers had been approached by the Victorian Premier Alfred Deakin who was under pressure to open up more land for farming and settlement. Following the success of early irrigation development work William Chaffey began construction of **Rio Vista** in 1889 – our next stop. The Spanish name Rio Vista (River View) reflects the Californian influences found in the house. Now the home of the **Mildura Arts Centre and Historical Museum** the home features antique filled rooms of the 1890s, beautifully restored woodwork, exquisite hand painted stained glass windows and door panelling. While we are in this part of town we will take a look at **Lock 11.** Back in the centre of town, we now have some free time to explore the shopping area and purchase lunch. This afternoon, we will be taking a river cruise on the **Paddle Vessel Rothbury.** Built in 1891, the PS Rothbury is one of the last "working" Paddlesteamers on the Murray. Our cruise takes us downstream, through Lock 11. A comprehensive commentary is provided giving us further insight on the Murray Darling River system and the history of the paddleboats. This evening we're in for a 'light' treat! We make our way to Loch Island to witness the **Mildura Trail of Lights**, a transcendent experience, allowing connection with both the artwork and the natural environment. Through the interplay of 12,500 firefly lights, Gone Fishing sculptures and the natural landscape, Munro invites contemplation and reflection, creating a space for introspection and wonder. As night falls, this spectacle will turn Lock Island into a must visit destination.

Lunch at own expense and arrangement

OVERNIGHT: Best Western Chaffey Motor Inn, MILDURA ★★★★☆



DAY 3 - MILDURA & THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN RIVERLAND — Tuesday 9th March, 2027

Today we continue west along the Sturt Highway towards the South Australian border. It's 140kms from **Mildura** to **Renmark** - and just a little closer is the tiny village of Paringa (Paringa is from an Aboriginal word meaning "big bend in the river"). It's here we have our morning stop and take a look at the **Silo Art**. In Renmark, we visit **Olivewood Homestead,** a homestead and museum containing relics from 1887 and traces the story of the Chaffey Brothers. We now visit **Angoves Wines** for a wine tasting and history talk. Angoves Wines is the largest privately owned winery in Australia. Established in 1886 and commencing operation in 1910, it is noted for a large variety of premium wines and brandy. From Renmark we now head to Berri for our accommodation overlooking the Murray River.

OVERNIGHT: Berri Hotel, BERRI ★★★★☆

DAY 4 - HISTORIC RIVERLAND — Wednesday 10th March, 2027

Loxton was first settled by people of (predominantly) German origin, who were escaping religious persecution. This proud German heritage is still evident today. Our first stop is a photo opportunity at the Big Pelican. Then on to the Tree of Knowledge. View at a glance how severely a high river can affect this region. By studying the high river levels on the trunk of this magnificent old river red gum, you can begin to understand the cycles and impact of the Murray River system. William Loxton was a stockman on the Station who lived, with his wife Mary, in a slab hut on the riverbank. A replica of this hut was built in 1970 on its original site and this was the beginnings of the **Loxton Historical Village**. Much of the town's fascinating history is on display at the Historical Village and we spend the morning here looking through the collection. After lunch, we head to Barmera, a popular holiday resort town situated on the shores of Lake Bonney. We will see the monument dedicated to Sir Donald Campbell who attempted to break the Australian water speed record on Lake Bonney in the 1960's. We then head to nearby Glossop and visit the **Bella Lavender Estate**. We have arranged afternoon tea with time to take a walk in the garden and check out their range of products for sale such as homemade soap, shampoo, lip balm and arthritis cream.

OVERNIGHT: Berri Hotel, BERRI ★★★★☆

DAY 5 - BERRI TO NARACOORTE — Thursday 11th March, 2027

We head south today to **Naracoorte** with our lunch stop at **Bordertown** before arriving at the **Naracoorte Caves**. Here, we visit the Wonambi Fossil Centre, stepping back in time to discover what Naracoorte was like over 200,000 years ago! The Wonambi Fossil Centre shows how the caves acted as pitfall traps, dens and roosts for more than 500,000 years, leading to a vast accumulation of skeletal remains of reptiles, birds and mammals. It recreates a time when megafauna roamed the landscape and the local animal community was more diverse than today. Next, we meet our guide for a tour of the Alexandra Cave*. This spectacular cave is one of the Naracoorte Caves' special treasures. Discovered in 1908, Alexandra Cave is full of speleothems – stalactites, stalagmites, and columns. Be amazed by the contrast between delicate needle-like stalactites and massive twisting columns. We check in to our accommodation and rest up before enjoying dinner.

**Note: As there are some steps to negotiate, reasonable mobility is required. Alternatively, the Roof Top Loop Walk linking the Wonambi Fossil Centre with the Bat Observation Centre, Bat Cave and Blanche Cave, has plenty of interpretive signage and the use of cave markers indicate when over a cave.*

OVERNIGHT: William MacIntosh Motor Lodge, NARACOORTE ★★★½☆

DAY 6 - NARACOORTE TO MELBOURNE — Friday 12th March, 2027

Leaving Naracoorte this morning, we cross over the border back into Victoria, watching rolling farmland stretch into the horizon. We arrive in Horsham, where the towering **Horsham Silo Art**, painted by renowned artist Smug, awaits. The intricate mural captures the essence of the local community, making for a perfect first stop. A short drive brings us to **Murtoa**, home to another striking silo artwork that celebrates the area's agricultural heritage. We take time to admire the craftsmanship before continuing to **Rupanyup**, where the recently repainted silos stand as a striking new addition to the Silo Art Trail. The fresh design, created by street artist Smug, breathes new life into the town's artistic landscape. From here we make our way to Ararat where we stop for lunch. We now head for home – 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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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**

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If you would like a quote for travel insurance, please call our office on 1800 354 352.

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Activity Level - Moderate

Our Moderate Tours are for those comfortable with a bit more movement while still enjoying a relaxed pace, our moderate tours may include a mix of touring styles. You should be prepared to:

- Embark and disembark the coach unassisted
- Negotiate some steps and gentle, undulating paths and a flight of stairs
- Embark and disembark watercraft and other vehicles via stairs
- Walk or stand for up to an hour at a time, including through domestic airports
- Travel for up to 2 hours in various vehicles for guided tours
- Manage uneven ground such as sand, pebbles or gravel
- Occasionally stay above ground floor (no guarantee of ground floor rooms)

Upcoming Tours

Lightning Ridge - May 2027

Fraser Island and Gympie Getaway - June 2027

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