O'Shannessy's
QUALITY TOURS

NEW YEAR



5 DAY FULLY INCLUSIVE TOUR

29th December 2026 to 2nd January 2027

NEW YEAR *in Mount Gambier*

TUESDAY 29TH DECEMBER 2026 TO SATURDAY 2ND JANUARY 2027

Celebrate the arrival of the New Year with us in Mount Gambier,
home to volcanic landscapes and crystal-clear lakes.
Discover the vivid blue waters of the iconic Blue Lake,
stroll through the beautifully lush Umpherston Sinkhole
and soak up the charm of the surrounding townships
as we welcome the year ahead.
Surrounded by natural beauty and local highlights,
Mount Gambier provides the perfect setting for a memorable New Year escape.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Blue Lake Pumping Station
- Guided tour of Mount Gambier
- District Maritime Museum, Port Macdonnell
- Tantanoola Cave
- Guided tour of Penola
- St Mary MacKillop Interpretive Centre, Penola
- Caroline Hills Winery
- Umpherston Sinkhole
- Lady Nelson Visitor & Discovery Centre

MULTIPLE NIGHT STAY

- 4 nights in Mount Gambier







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.







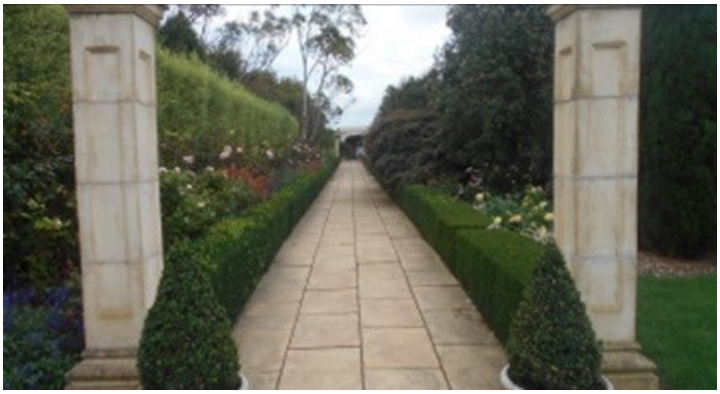
TOUR INCLUSIONS

- **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.

DEPOSIT $300pp UPON BOOKING

TOUR COSTS

Twin Share Room First Tour:	**$3,595 per person**
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 2 - 10 Tours:	**$3,545 per person**
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 11 - 20 Tours:	**$3,520 per person**
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 21+ Tours:	**$3,495 per person**
Single Room Supplement:	**$ 605 per person**






DAY 1 — Tuesday 29th December, 2026

MELBOURNE TO MOUNT GAMBIER

Welcome to our **New Year's** getaway to explore the stunning region of **Mount Gambier**. With chauffeured pickup from home, we are transferred to meet our **O'Shannessy's Quality Tours** coach and crew. Following our morning tea break, we continue to **Warrnambool** for lunch. This afternoon, our journey takes us across the border into South Australia to **Mount Gambier** home for the next four nights.

OVERNIGHT: The Barn Accommodation & Steakhouse, MOUNT GAMBIER ★★★★★

DAY 2 — Wednesday 30th December, 2026

MOUNT GAMBIER AND PORT MACDONNELL

Our day begins at the **Blue Lake Welcome Centre** with a guided tour of the **Blue Lake Pumping Station**. Discover the fascinating story of this extraordinary volcanic lake, from ancient folklore and legends to its mysterious annual colour change, unique wildlife, and the vital role it plays in supplying water to Mt Gambier. After a morning break, we are joined by a **local guide** for an insightful tour of the town before heading south to **Port Macdonnell**, South Australia's southernmost point, set against a dramatic rugged coastline. At the **District Maritime Museum**, uncover the rich maritime history of the port with a guided sightseeing tour, followed by time to explore the museum. We will then return to Mount Gambier to unwind and enjoy a relaxed evening.

OVERNIGHT: The Barn Accommodation & Steakhouse, MOUNT GAMBIER ★★★★★

DAY 3 **Thursday 31st December, 2026**

NATURAL WONDERS AND AUSTRALIA'S FIRST SAINT

Get ready for a captivating journey today as we drive through the magnificent pine forests of Mount Burr on our way to Tantanoola, a region famed for its abundance of caves. Here we explore the stunning **Tantanoola Cave**, a rare gem that is fully accessible. Formed within an ancient coastal cliff, the cave dazzles with exquisite columns, delicate shawls, and intricate helictites. Discovered in 1930 by Boyce Lane, it is both a natural wonder and a site of historical significance. Next, we continue to the picturesque country town of **Penola**, renowned for its rich heritage. We uncover stories behind this heritage at the **Saint Mary MacKillop Interpretive Centre**, where welcoming volunteers reveal the inspiring story of Australia's first saint. Adjacent to the centre, **Petticoat Lane** offers a glimpse into pioneer life in the 1890s, including the story of Christopher Sharam, his wife, and their 15 children. Enjoying lunch in town we then explore one of Penola's most visited gardens, **St Mary's Garden** is meticulously crafted and maintained by Glenys Mulligan and today we tour the garden that includes dry stone walls, paths, artworks and a kaleidoscope of colour produced by hundreds of roses, flowers, shrubs and trees. Nestled among the vines is St Mary's Homestead and Cellar Door, here we will also enjoy a tasting before we return to, we return to **Mount Gambier** before welcoming the New Year. Following dinner, we'll find the perfect vantage point to enjoy the **New Year's Eve fireworks*** — so have your cameras ready for this spectacular display!

**Please note: Fireworks are based on 2025/2026 New Years and have not been advised for 2026/2027. Therefore, these are subject to change.*

OVERNIGHT: The Barn Accommodation & Steakhouse, MOUNT GAMBIER ★★★★☆





DAY 4 — Friday 1st January, 2027

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Happy New Year! Enjoy a leisurely morning before visiting **Caroline Hills Winery**, where you'll hear the story behind the winery and have morning tea. While here, we will also enjoy a tour through the peaceful surrounding gardens and a tasting. After thanking our hosts, we continue on to **Umpherston Sinkhole**, a large limestone sinkhole transformed into a stunning garden by Scottish settler James Umpherston in the late 1800s. A staircase leads to the bottom of this natural wonder, where visitors can admire the lush garden and look up through the opening to the sky above — a truly mesmerising experience. Following lunch, we visit the **Lady Nelson Visitor and Discovery Centre**. Here, we uncover the voyage of discovery undertaken by Lieutenant James Grant aboard His Majesty's Armed Survey Vessel Lady Nelson, commissioned in 1799 to survey the coast of Australia and the first ship to sail along the coastline of South Australia. As we explore a series of well-presented display rooms, we'll discover much more, including an engaging hologram featuring the 'ghost' of Christina Smith, an early European settler. After a wonderful start to the year, we return to our hotel to relax before dinner .

OVERNIGHT: The Barn Accommodation & Steakhouse, MOUNT GAMBIER ★★★★★

DAY 5 — Saturday 2nd January, 2027

HEADING HOME

This morning, we journey back into Victoria, through the picturesque Western District, a volcanic plain dotted with crater lakes and volcanic cones. Along the way, we'll marvel at miles of **dry-stone walls**, known as the stony rises, skilfully built in the 1860s by Irish and Scottish wallers. Later this afternoon, our holiday concludes in **Melbourne**, where our chauffeurs will whisk us straight to our door - all part of **O'Shannessy's Quality Tours** signature service.

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On or after tour date departure	**No Refund**

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Portland Summer Gem - February 2027

Beechworth Golden Horseshoe Easter Festival - March 2027

Bundanoon is Brigadoon - April 2027

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