O'Shannessy's
QUALITY TOURS

NEW YEAR



5 DAY FULLY INCLUSIVE TOUR

30th December, 2026 to 3rd January, 2027

WEDNESDAY 30TH DECEMBER 2026 TO SUNDAY 3RD JANUARY, 2027

Join us for our New Year journey through the heart of Victoria's historic Goldfields, centred around the beautiful city of Ballarat and its surrounding villages.
This region is steeped in gold rush history, creativity and country charm. In the 1850s, Ballarat became one of the richest goldfields in the world, and today it still reflects that remarkable heritage through its grand streetscapes, historic towns and thriving arts scene. As the year draws to a close, we celebrate New Year's Eve in Ballarat with a spectacular fireworks display. Set against the historic backdrop of this gold rush city, famous for its grand boulevards and heritage buildings,
it's a magical way to welcome the New Year. From soaring gliders to steam trains, sculpture gardens to gold rush streets, it's a journey through time and culture.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Australian Gliding Museum, Melton
- Locally guided tour, Ballarat
- Overwrought Sculpture Garden and Gallery
- The Convent Gallery, Daylesford
- The Amazing Mill Market
- Fireworks Spectacular, Ballarat
- Lindsay Art Trail, Creswick
- Creswick Woollen Mill
- Talbot Arts and Communications Museum
- Locally guided tour, Maryborough
- Locally guided tour, Maldon

RAIL

- Victorian Goldfields Railway

MULTIPLE NIGHT STAY

- 4 nights in Ballarat



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:	**$3,265 per person**
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 2 - 10 Tours:	**$3,215 per person**
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 11 - 20 Tours:	**$3,190 per person**
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 21+ Tours:	**$3,165 per person**
Single Room Supplement:	**$ 460 per person**







DAY 1 — Wednesday 30th December, 2026

MELBOURNE TO BALLARAT

Welcome to our holiday to the **Goldfields of Victoria** to bring in the **New Year**! With chauffeured pickup from home, we are transferred to meet our O'Shannessy's quality Tours coach and crew. We'll make the short trip to **Melton** where we visit the **Australian Gliding Museum** for a tour of the facility. Brought about by a number of kindred spirits interested in preserving older and historic gliders, the Museum includes over 50 historic gliders. After an interesting visit we then continue making our way to **Ballarat** where we enjoy lunch. This afternoon, we meet a local guide who will enlighten us to the charms of this goldrush town. Later this afternoon, we settle into our hotel for the next four nights.

OVERNIGHT: Sovereign Park Motor Inn, BALLARAT ★★★★½

DAY 2 — Thursday 31st December, 2026

EXPLORING DAYLESFORD

Today we travel further afield to explore the Spa region of Daylesford. Along the way we visit the **Overwrought Sculpture Garden and Gallery.** Welcomed warmly, we are guided through the inner workings, gaining insight into the design process behind the exquisite garden sculptures. We then enjoy morning tea, with time to explore the gardens or wander the gallery, perhaps discovering a cherished piece of our own to take home. In **Daylesford** now, **The Convent Gallery** is nestled on the crest of Wombat Hill Botanical Gardens boasting views of the countryside and township below. This historic country boarding school for girls has now transformed into a haven for art, history and culture. The Gallery beckons with its gallery spaces, museum and chapel, all enveloped by meticulously groomed gardens, we will also enjoy lunch here before spending time exploring the many stalls at the **Amazing Mill Market**, featuring vintage furniture, collectables, antiques, memorabilia, home decor, jewellery, books and records to name a few. Afterwards we return to our hotel and relax before the final dinner of 2026. For those who would like to welcome in the new year, we can view the early fireworks display. Delight in the annual **Fireworks Spectacular** that lights up the night skies, transforming Lake Wendouree into a dazzling array of colour.

OVERNIGHT: Sovereign Park Motor Inn, BALLARAT ★★★★½

DAY 3 **Friday 1st January, 2027**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We enjoy a relaxed morning before taking a general sightseeing drive through **Creswick**. The town has a rich heritage and has produced some of Australia's most influential bureaucrats, politicians and businesspeople. In 1885 the country's 14th Prime Minister, John Curtin, was born in the town and called it home for some years. So did the multi-talented Lindsay family, with artist Norman Lindsay perhaps the most famous of Creswick's artistic sons. We will also take time to uncover some of the **Lindsay Art Trail** before visiting the **Creswick Woollen Mill**. "A Very Fine Yarn" is the mill's interactive experience showcasing the journey of fibre all the way from its source on the animal, through the manufacturing process and how it finishes up on the shop shelf. After lunch, we then head to **Kingston** to follow the **Avenue of Honour,** an avenue of 286 trees originally planted to commemorate those from the district who served in World War One. The avenue was planted in 1918 by the families of the men and women from the Shire of Creswick. In **Clunes,** the site of Victoria's first gold strike in 1851, we discover that many of the original buildings have been preserved from those gold rush days, perfectly illustrated with a visit to the wide and elegant Fraser Street.

OVERNIGHT: Sovereign Park Motor Inn, BALLARAT ★★★★☆









DAY 4 **Saturday 2nd January, 2027**

TALBOT AND MARYBOROUGH

This morning, we head off to explore of what this area has to offer. Stopping in Talbot, a historic gold-mining town in Victoria, we take a unique journey through Australia's past with a self–guided visit at the **Talbot Arts & Communications Museum**. Once a Primitive Methodist Church, today it houses the Edwards Collection – photographs, documents and trade and lifestyle material from an early settler, watchmaker and jeweller, JB Edwards. Next, we find ourselves in the historic town on **Maryborough.** A testament to a rich past that shows in the Central Goldfield's grand buildings, historic cottages and gracious homes. Today, with a local guide leading the way we "walk" in the footsteps of those who created this town. No visit to **Maryborough** would be complete without seeing the award winning, historic **Maryborough Railway Station** - dating back to the 1890s. Spend time admiring the highly polished timber ceiling and beautiful tessellated floor in the main entrance and discover the stories behind the magnificent building. After a spending day of discovery, we return to Ballarat.

OVERNIGHT: Sovereign Park Motor Inn, BALLARAT ★★★★½

DAY 5 **Sunday 3rd January, 2027**

HEADING HOME

Today marks our last day, however we will make the most of it and visit to the historic village of **Maldon**, christened the "First Notable Town in Australia." Today cottage gardens, pavements overhung by verandahs, tailing dumps and old mining structures are the essence of Maldon**.** We uncover more to its past and present day as a **local guide** will be joining us this morning. Afterwards we have time to take a stroll through the historic streetscape before boarding the **Victorian Goldfields Railway** for a ride on an original steam train from **Maldon** to **Muckleford** where we disembark to meet our coach and head to **Castlemaine.** Upon arrival we will enjoy a later than usual lunch before making our way back to Melbourne and as always, we will be met and chauffeured home to our very door, all part of the O'Shannessy's Quality Tours superior service.

"… Step aboard Victoria's longest broad gauge heritage railway, running between the historic gold mining towns of Castlemaine and Maldon — just as it has since 1884…"

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