



O'Shannessy's
QUALITY TOURS

SAPPHIRE COAST

Autumn



7 DAY FULLY INCLUSIVE TOUR

5th April to 11th April, 2027

SAPPHIRE COAST *in Autumn*

MONDAY 5TH APRIL TO SUNDAY 11TH APRIL, 2027

There's a special kind of magic in the air on the Sapphire Coast in Autumn.

It's not too hot. It's not too cold. And it's not too crowded.

Blue skies, fresh breezes and crisp days are the perfect weather recipe for getting outside and getting back to nature.

Relax for three nights in Eden and visit the Killer Whale Museum and the Seahorse Inn, Boydtown.

Further north we visit the charming village of Central Tilba with time to wander by the lovely shops and Bega, famous for its cheese. We enjoy local seafood at Wheelers Oyster Barn in Merimbula. We travel home via Mallacoota, back to Lakes Entrance for our final two nights together.

Tour Highlights

- Sale
- Orbost Exhibition Centre
- Eden
- Killer Whale Museum
- The Seahorse Inn, Boydtown
- Wheelers Oyster Barn

- Bega Cheese Heritage Centre
- Foxglove Spired Open Gardens
- Operation Bunker, Mallacoota
- Guided Tour of Lakes Entrance

CRUISE

- Lakes Entrance Waterways Cruise

Tour Prices

Twin share room first tour:	\$4,245
Twin share room repeat traveller 2 - 10 Tours:	\$4,195
Twin share room repeat traveller 11 - 20 Tours:	\$4,170
Twin share room repeat traveller 21+ Tours:	\$4,145
Single room supplement:	\$560

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, 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.



MULTIPLE NIGHT STAYS

3 nights in Edén
2 nights in Lakes Entrance

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.



COACH



BOAT



SMALL GRP



Moderate

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 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 and tours listed in the itinerary are included, as are fully cooked breakfasts, along with all lunches and delicious two-course restaurant dinners daily and most morning teas.

Welcome to our wonderful tour to the **Sapphire Coast**. With chauffeured pickup from home, we are transferred to meet our **O'Shannessy's Quality Tours** coach and crew. Sit back and relax as we head across Victoria, stopping for our morning break and lunch enroute. This afternoon, we continue on to **Lakes Entrance** for the night.

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

Following breakfast, we make our way through the tiny town of Nowa Nowa before reaching **Orbost**. Here, we stop for morning tea and a visit to the **Orbost Exhibition Centre**. Located on the Snowy River, the exhibition is all about timbers and includes the **National Collection of Wood Design**, permanently on display here. Designed on several levels, we have time to enjoy a retail showroom, gallery for professional artists and a top level for views over Forest Park. Lunch has been arranged for us by the friendly folk at the **Marlo Hotel**. This afternoon, we venture on through Cann River before our travels take us through to **Eden** – our base for the next three nights.

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



Eden's history is intertwined with the whales and the fishing industry. Our first visit today is the **Killer Whale Museum** containing the skeleton of "Old Tom" the killer whale plus many other items of interest and history. We then head to **Boydton**. Benjamin Boyd, the son of a London Banker established Boydton at Twofold Bay in the mid 1800's as his headquarters from where he ran his whaling and grazing exploits. Boyd had grandiose ideas of developing Boydton to a stage not only to rival nearby Eden but Sydney itself. His grand plans never eventuated and the only buildings erected were Boyd's Church, the Lookout Tower and the Seahorse Inn. Here we'll enjoy a light lunch in the Brasserie of the **Seahorse Inn**. After our lunch we visit **Wheeler's Oyster Barn** in Pambula. Since the settlement of the Sapphire Coast, oyster farming has played an important role in the area's economy. We return to the motel in time to freshen up for dinner.

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



Today we head north for the day as we make our way to **Bega**. We stop at the **Bega Cheese Heritage Centre** for a chance to purchase their famed cheese. We then head to historic **Tilba Tilba**, a National Trust village. We'll enjoy a morning tea break in the village centre with time to explore the many shops of yesteryear and take a look at the former ABC Cheese Factory, home of **South Coast Cheese**. A short drive follows to our lunch venue at the **Foxglove Spires Open Gardens**. This enchanting property has been featured on TV shows such as Burke's Backyard, Better Homes and Gardens and even celebrated in the book "Velvet Pears". After lunch you'll have time to take a stroll, finding the essence of the gardens is one of romance, fairy tale-like charm and quaint English-style elegance. Afterwards, we head 'home' via the pretty town of Bermagui, known as a fisherman's paradise. The continental shelf is at its closest point to the mainland here and where warm southern currents flow, big game fish are in tow! At the wharf, we may see some boats returning with their catch. We continue along the scenic coast returning to our accommodation in Eden.

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

DAY 5 - EDEN TO LAKES ENTRANCE

Friday 9th April, 2027

Leaving Eden behind us, just across the Victorian border **Mallacoota** beckons. The pretty coastal town sits on the Mallacoota inlet surrounded by the magnificent wilderness of the Croajingolong National Park. Following morning tea we visit the interesting **Bunker Museum**. Restored by the local RSL, this World War II RAAF operations bunker was where anti-submarine operations were conducted and is of considerable significance in Victoria's military history. Following lunch, we retrace our steps somewhat, travelling via Cann River and Orbost back to **Lakes Entrance** and have time to freshen up for dinner.

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

DAY 6 - EXPLORING THE AREA

Saturday 10th April, 2027

This morning, we are joined by a local guide who will help us explore the town. We then board our vessel for a **cruise of the Gippsland Lakes** to Metung. Upon arrival we enjoy lunch at the **Metung Hotel** before returning to Lakes Entrance. This afternoon, we have some free time to explore the main street, perhaps investigate the six remaining wooden sculptures made to those servicemen and women from the district who lost their lives during the First World War. Five sculptures depict scenes of service: a soldier, a wounded soldier with a donkey, a nurse in uniform, Simpson helping two wounded soldiers, and a family waiting for the return of a husband and father. The sixth carving is of a sea captain, commemorating the loss of ships and lives at Lakes Entrance.

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

DAY 7 - LAKES ENTRANCE TO MELBOURNE

Sunday 11th April, 2027

Our last day on tour! Departing Lakes Entrance, we meander back to Melbourne, stopping for a hearty lunch along the way. As usual, our chauffeurs will be on hand to take us straight to our door – all part of the O'Shannessy's Quality Tours superior service.



PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION POLICY

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**

If a tour is cancelled for any reason by O'Shannessy's Quality Tours before the departure date, all passengers will be offered the option of transferring to another tour of their choice, hold the funds in trust for a future tour or a full refund. There is no time limit as to when this must be used. If a lockdown is implemented while a tour is in progress, our first priority is the safety and wellbeing of our passengers and ensuring that we get each and every one of them home safely, and therefore we treat every situation individually. The Australian Government (see www.smarttraveller.gov.au) recommends all travellers no matter where you are going, obtain comprehensive travel insurance from a reputable provider. It may enable you to claim back the cost of your tour if you are unable to travel or have to cancel at late notice. Always read the PDS provided, to ensure the cover meets all of your needs. We are able to provide travel insurance through Nib Insurance.

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

CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL

These terms and conditions form the basis of the contract between You and O'Shannessy's Quality Tours (O'Shannessy's Quality Tours "We", "Us", or "Our" contract). It is important that You read the complete list of terms and conditions provided to you upon invoice carefully and that you understand your rights and obligations. A complete list will be provided upon invoice, alternatively they are available upon request via phone, mail, email or on our website. By agreeing to participate in a tour arranged by Us, You are deemed to have accepted these terms and conditions in full. Any special requests, dietary/personal must be notified to Our office at the time of booking. All efforts will be made to accommodate any special requests. It is your responsibility to advise O'Shannessy's Quality Tours of any pre-existing medical conditions that may affect your ability to participate on the tour. No passenger will be permitted to embark on or continue the tour while their physical or mental condition is, in the opinion of any representative of O'Shannessy's Quality Tours, such as to render them incapable of caring for themselves, or whereby they become objectionable to other passengers or they become a hazard to themselves or other passengers. Passengers rotate seats in the coach daily to ensure fairness to all passengers. No exceptions will be made. The information presented in any printed publications, itineraries, brochures or touring programs is to the best of our knowledge correct at the time of publication. The itinerary may be subject to change without notice. Whilst every effort is made to adhere to the itinerary provided, O'Shannessy's Quality Tours reserves the right to alter the touring and attractions as dictated by circumstances and conditions outside the company's control. Alterations may be made to ensure the smooth running of the tour. O'Shannessy's Quality Tours cannot be held responsible for printing or typographical errors arising from unforeseen circumstances. O'Shannessy's Quality Tours representatives/crew or any associated carrier, reserves the right at its discretion to exclude from a tour or to terminate the travel arrangements of any person during the course of the tour, without refund, of anyone who: Presents on the day of the tour departure as ill or unwell in any way, including but not limited to: cough, runny nose, sneezing, vomiting or temperature above 37.5 deg C, Is incapable of caring for themselves without a minder/carer, Is unable to cope with the requirements of the tour or who may need or require services or facilities that are not available, Fails to comply with the reasonable instructions of O'Shannessy's Quality Tours crew, Engages in undesirable behaviour or interferes with the enjoyment of other passengers, Is a hazard to themselves or other passengers and/or is likely to become objectionable to other passengers, O'Shannessy's Quality Tours staff and or third party suppliers. Anyone so excluded will be required to disembark at a safe public location, transport from which will be wholly their responsibility. However, if and where possible, O'Shannessy's Quality Tours staff may assist in obtaining transport. You agree that O'Shannessy's Quality Tours is released from all liability for You and You agree not to hold O'Shannessy's Quality Tours responsible for termination of Your travel arrangements.

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 air travel and a mix of touring styles. You should be prepared to:

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

Upcoming Tours

Blue Water Paradise - May 2027

Fiji Escape - June 2027

Outback Queensland: Meet the Locals - July 2027

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

Keep in Touch

Be sure to visit our website **oshannessys.com.au** where you'll be able to stay up to date with information, tour inspiration or simply enjoy sharing your travel experiences with us.

You can subscribe to our **eNewsletter** so you'll be the first to find out about our additional tours that pop up throughout the year.

You can also find us on **Facebook** at *O'Shannessy's Quality Tours* and stay up to date with our posts by liking the page. We would also love to see your pictures exploring Australia or travelling the world with O'Shannessy's Quality Tours so be sure to tag us in your travels! **#oshannessys #friendstotravelwith**

Feel free to call into our office for a chat with our friendly team at **2121 Point Nepean Road, Rye Vic 3943**. You can also email us at **enquiries@oshannessys.com.au** or call us:



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