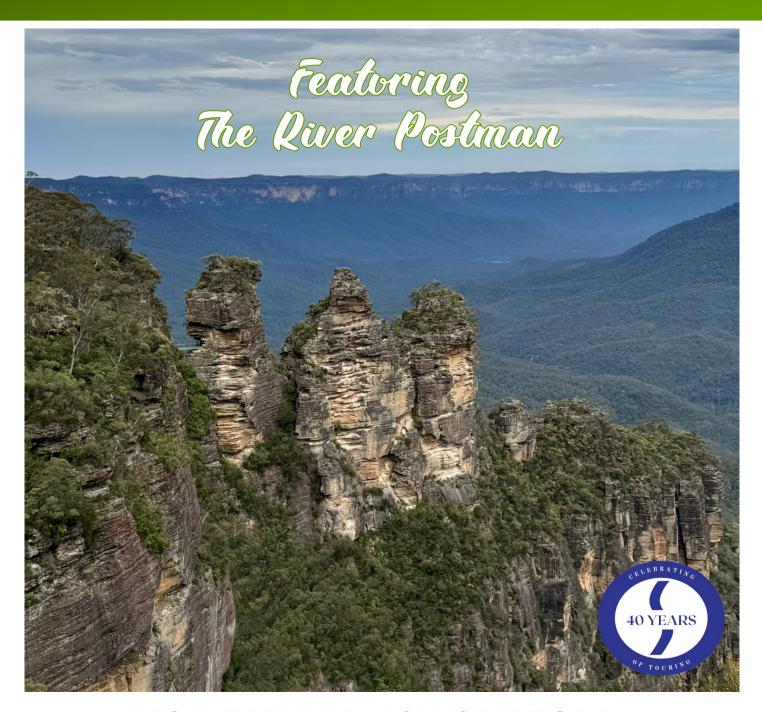


# SYDNEY BLUE MOUNTAINS



10 DAY FULLY INCLUSIVE TOUR

29th October to 7th November, 2025

# SYDNEY BLUE MOUNTAINS & River Postman

#### WEDNESDAY 29TH OCTOBER TO FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER, 2025

Opera House and cruise the magnificent harbour viewing the iconic Sydney Harbour Bridge. A visit to Sydney never disappoints.

Then be captivated by the one million hectares of tall forests, sandstone cliffs and the blue horizon of eucalyptus trees that appear to stretch on forever. You will be enchanted by the natural beauty of the Blue Mountains.

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Weary Dunlop Memorial, Benalla
- Mural Art, Benalla
- Humes Cooma Cottage, Yass
- Old Government House
- Guided tour of Sydney
- Auburn Botanic Gardens
- Govetts Leap Lookout
- Bygone Beautys Treasured Teapot Museum
- **CRUISES**
- o The River Postman, Hawkesbury River
- Sydney Harbour Cruise
- o Nepean Belle Paddlewheeler

- The Three Sisters
- Cableway & Skyway, Scenic World
- o Abercrombie House, Bathurst
- Guided tour of Bathurst
- Mt Panorama Race Circuit
- Hartley Historic Village
- Tour of Lithgow
- Portland Silos
- Japanese Garden & Cultural Centre, Cowra

#### **MULTIPLE NIGHT STAYS**

- 3 nights in Sydney
- 4 nights in Wallerawang









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.
- o **Tour Directors.** Dedicated O'Shannessy's Quality Tours coach crew (tour directors) on board to ensure your travel experience is memorable.
- o Best Available Quality Accommodation. Ensuite motel accommodation each night.
- o **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.

o No Hidden Extras. O'Shannessy's Quality Tours are fully inclusive.

#### **TOUR COSTS**

Twin Share Room First Tour: \$5,395 per person

Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 2 - 10 Tours: \$5,345 per person

Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 11 - 20 Tours: \$5,320 per person

Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 21+ Tours: \$5,295 per person

Single Room Supplement: \$ 770 per person









DAY 1

Wednesday 29th October, 2025

#### **MELBOURNE TO ALBURY**

Welcome to our holiday to stunning **Sydney** and the beautiful **Blue Mountains**. 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 enroute to **Benalla**. After our lunch stop, we visit the **Weary Dunlop Memorial** which marks the achievements of this amazing soldier, surgeon and war hero. Benalla is also becoming known as the regional street art capital of Australia and is home to approximately 65 street art murals and hosts the annual Wall to Wall Festival. Our afternoon journey takes us to **Albury** for our first night stay. We have plenty of time to relax and freshen up before dinner.

**OVERNIGHT:** Siesta Quality Resort, ALBURY ★ ★ ★ ★

DAY 2

Thursday 30th October, 2025

#### **ALBURY TO SYDNEY**

This morning we make our way further north through to Gundagai for morning tea and then to Yass, to take a stroll around at **Humes Cooma Cottage**. Cooma Cottage is a heritage-listed former farm and tuberculosis sanatorium and now a house museum and historic site. After lunch we continue north onto our accommodation at the **Sydney Olympic Park**, our home for the next three nights.

**OVERNIGHT:** Pullman at Sydney Olympic Park, SYDNEY ★★★★

#### HAWKESBURY RIVER CRUISE

Today we travel north of the city to Brooklyn where we take a cruise on the Hawkesbury River. We enjoy morning tea and lunch aboard as we explore the Hawkesbury on the "The Riverboat Postman" cruise. Enjoy the magnificent scenery of the lower Hawkesbury River as the mail is delivered, along with other essentials to the river-access only settlements upriver from Brooklyn. Before we return to our accommodation, we will visit Old Government House, situated on the traditional lands of the Burramatta Dharug, the convict-built house and Barracks buildings were built between 1799 and 1818, making them the oldest surviving public buildings in Australia. The Georgian house was the country residence for the first ten governors of New South Wales.

**OVERNIGHT:** Pullman at Sydney Olympic Park, SYDNEY ★★★★

DAY 4

Saturday 1st November, 2025

#### **EXPLORING SYDNEY**

Sydney is renowned for its stunning harbour, iconic landmarks like the Sydney Opera House and the Sydney Harbour Bridge, and its beautiful beaches. Today we will enjoy a guided tour in the comfort of the coach, taking in some of these famous landmarks of Sydney, including Bondi Beach. After time for lunch, we will continue our sightseeing with a one-hour cruise on Sydney Harbour departing from Circular Quay. Enjoy the commentary and take in the breathtaking views of the Sydney Opera House, The Rocks, Circular Quay, Mrs Macquarie's Chair, Fort Denison, Kirribilli House, Luna Park and the famous Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Lunch at own expense and arrangement

**OVERNIGHT:** Pullman at Sydney Olympic Park, SYDNEY ★★★★











DAY 5

**Sunday 2nd November, 2025** 

#### **SYDNEY TO THE BLUE MOUNTAINS**

This morning we visit the **Auburn Botanic Gardens**. The Gardens have aesthetic significance for the range of environments presented such as riverside ecosystem, Australian rainforest and native garden, rose garden, fauna reserve and the Ryoan-ji style Japanese Garden. For lunch today, you can relax and unwind on the **Nepean Belle Paddlewheeler** as we meander through the spectacular Nepean Gorge. There's nothing quite like the stunning ascending rock formations carved out by the Nepean River - one of Australia's beautiful and largely unknown, natural archaeological splendours at the base of the Heritage Listed, Blue Mountains National Park. We then drive over the Blue Mountains range, past Katoomba and Lithgow, to arrive at our accommodation for the next four nights stay. The property has an interesting history, once being the old Wallerawang School.

**OVERNIGHT:** Black Gold Motel, WALLERAWANG ★★★★









#### KATOOMBA AND THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

We depart for our day's touring, stopping to enjoy the view from **Govetts Leap Lookout**. We then head to beautiful Leura where we visit **Bygone Beautys Treasured Teapot Museum**, home of the world's largest private collection of tea-wares, including more than 5,500 teapots from all over the world and spanning five centuries. We'll have plenty of time to explore the displays and relax with a Devonshire Tea in the Tearoom. There's now some free time to enjoy in the picturesque town of **Leura**. This afternoon, we take the scenic Cliff Drive to the famous **Three Sisters** for a photo opportunity before arriving at **Scenic World**. Go from the clifftop to the treetop on the **Scenic Cableway** and take in sweeping views along the way. Enjoy a walk in the bottom of the valley before ascending back to the Scenic World Top Station. You can also ride the **Skyway** across the Valley and return, providing you with spectacular views of Jamison Valley. What a lovely day!

Lunch at own expense and arrangement

**OVERNIGHT:** Black Gold Motel, WALLERAWANG ★★★★

DAY 7

**Tuesday 4th November, 2025** 

#### **BATHURST AND MOUNT PANORAMA**

Today we visit the historic town of **Bathurst**; founded in 1815 it is the oldest inland settlement in Australia. Our first stop today is the amazing **Abercrombie House**, an Australian heritage treasure built in 1870's. Relax with some morning tea and then enjoy time exploring this magnificent house and its outside grounds. Back in town, we'll enjoy lunch then we embark on a guided tour of **Bathurst** where you will learn of the history and highlights of the town and its rich architectural heritage. A visit to Bathurst is not complete without a drive around the famous Bathurst **Mount Panorama Race Circuit**. This 6.2km circuit features 23 turns. It is the king of motorsport tracks and is named #5 best track around the world!

**OVERNIGHT:** Black Gold Motel, WALLERAWANG ★★★★













DAY 8

Wednesday 5th November, 2025

#### HARTLEY VILLAGE, LITHGOW AND PORTLAND

This morning we will explore the Hartley Historic Village. This small village consists of several colonial buildings that seem to be frozen in time somewhere in the middle of the 19th century. It includes an historic inn, a courthouse, a church and a post office, all of which provide a fascinating look into colonial architecture. Hartley was a thriving community in the gold rush of 1856 and saw the town double in size. Now you can see a remarkable remnant of the original town, hardly changed since the 19th century. This afternoon we will take a tour of Lithgow, its Main Street and residential streets to see a range of heritage buildings, including Hoskins Church. The tour will take us to the Blast Furnace Park - a monument to Lithgow's industrial history. It was here that the first iron and the first steel in Australia were cast. To finish our day, we will drive to **Portland** to see "The Silos of The Foundations". Portland was the site of Australia's first cement works, which supplied cement to some of Sydney's most iconic buildings. The town is known as "the town that built Sydney". The Portland Cement Works opened in 1902 and closed in 1991. The silos were painted in April and May 2018 by artist Guido Van Helten. The six individuals represented in the artwork are all former employees who shared their recollections of working at the Portland Cement Works and how their lives have been impacted by the industry in their town.

**OVERNIGHT:** Black Gold Motel, WALLERAWANG ★★★★





#### **BLUE MOUNTAINS TO WAGGA WAGGA**

We leave the Blue Mountains area today, driving through to Bathurst, Blayney and onto Cowra. Here we can see the ruins of the Prisoner of War Campsite that are still visible to this day with well-placed interpretive signage which will help you visualize what once stood in this picturesque part. We now visit the lovely Japanese Garden and Cultural Centre where we can immerse ourselves in the beauty of Japanese culture. The garden is 12.5 acres of peace and beauty and is the largest Japanese garden in the southern hemisphere! We have plenty of time to explore the garden and enjoy our lunch. Our afternoon drive takes us through the gold country towns of Young, Cootamundra and Junee, before arriving at our last nights accommodation in Wagga Wagga.

**OVERNIGHT:** Mercure Wagga Wagga, WAGGA WAGGA ★★★★















**DAY 10** 

Friday 7th November, 2025

#### WAGGA WAGGA TO MELBOURNE

With all the memories of the past week, we begin our journey home, with a stop in **Albury** for morning tea in the **Botanical Gardens**. We then cross the Murray River and enter Victoria where we enjoy our last lunch together. From here we make our way 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.

"...The Three Sisters rock formations in Katoomba are famous in Australia and the world over. But the Blue Mountains are so much more than that.

With 26 villages surrounded by UNESCO World Heritage-listed national park, the Blue Mountains has a diversity of experiences to offer..."

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Cancellation within 30 days of tour departure date

On or after tour date departure

Cancellation within 30 days of tour departure date

No Refund

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