



O'Shannessy's
QUALITY TOURS

SYDNEY TO BRISBANE

Coastal Explorer



11 DAY FULLY INCLUSIVE TOUR

31st May to 10th June, 2026

SYDNEY TO BRISBANE *Coastal Explorer*

SUNDAY 31ST MAY TO WEDNESDAY 10TH JUNE, 2026

Join us to drive Australia's East Coast playground from Sydney to Brisbane.

We hug the Pacific Coast, where every stop is postcard-worthy and the vibe is pure coastal magic.

This road trip is the perfect blend of adventure, nature and relaxation so there's something for everyone.

Why rush the journey—we want to make every moment count!

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Fort Scratchley, Newcastle
- Fighter World, RAAF Williamtown
- Twenty 3 Twenty Chocolates
- Hunter Valley Cheese Company
- Peterson Champagne House
- The Hunter Olive Centre
- National Motorcycle Museum, Nabyac
- Bago Maze and Winery
- Sea Acres Rainforest Centre
- Koala Conservation Australia
- Port Macquarie Museum
- Slim Dusty Centre, Kempsey
- Trial Bay Gaol, South West Rocks
- The Clog Barn and Model Village
- National Cartoon Gallery
- The Big Banana, Coffs Harbour
- Ballina Maritime Museum
- Crawford House Museum
- Cape Byron Lighthouse
- Tropical Fruit World
- Mt Coot-tha Lookout
- South Bank Promenade, Brisbane

CRUISE

- Luncheon Cruise, Brisbane River

FLIGHTS

- Melbourne to Sydney
- Brisbane to Melbourne

MULTIPLE NIGHT STAYS

- 3 nights in Newcastle
- 2 nights in Port Macquarie, Ballina and Brisbane



COACH



FLIGHT



BOAT



NEW TOUR



SMALL GRP

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.
- **Flights.** Economy flights from Melbourne to Sydney and Brisbane to Melbourne.
- **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 and lunches most days, and two course restaurant dinners daily. Two lunches at your own expense as per itinerary.
- **No Hidden Extras.** O'Shannessy's Quality Tours are fully inclusive.

TOUR COSTS

Twin Share Room First Tour:	\$5,995 per person
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 2 - 10 Tours:	\$5,895 per person
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 11 - 20 Tours:	\$5,845 per person
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 21+ Tours:	\$5,795 per person
Single Room Supplement:	\$ 900 per person

DEPOSIT
\$500pp
UPON
BOOKING



DAY 1

Sunday 31st May, 2026

MELBOURNE - SYDNEY - NEWCASTLE

Welcome to the second sector of our fantastic **Coastal Road Trip** as we travel from **Sydney to Brisbane**. With chauffeured pickup from home, we transfer to Melbourne Airport. Here we'll be greeted by an **O'Shannessy's Quality Tours** representative who will assist us with check in and see us onto the plane for our flight to Sydney. Here we will be welcomed by our coach crew who will assist us with our luggage, before we board the coach. We'll stop for a lunch break, then take the drive north to Newcastle, our base for the first three nights of our tour.

Inflight refreshments / Lunch own arrangements and expense

OVERNIGHT: Apollo International Hotel, NEWCASTLE ★★★★★

DAY 2

Monday 1st June, 2026

GETTING TO KNOW NEWCASTLE

After breakfast, we get to know **Newcastle**. First, we take the **Anzac Memorial Walk** right at the ocean near Bar Beach. This impressive structure was built to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the ANZAC landing at Gallipoli and the commencement of steelmaking in Newcastle. The walk is highlighted by a 160m cliff-top bridge which is adorned with striking steel silhouettes of soldiers and inscribed with close to 4,000 family names of men and women who enlisted during World War 1. Newcastle is surrounded by beautiful beaches and as we drive around the foreshore, we make our next stop at **Fort Scratchley**, built on the headland of Newcastle East in 1882 to defend Newcastle against possible Russian attack. It is now a museum where they give

you a map to explore the Fort on your own. For those more agile, we include a guided tunnel tour with a volunteer providing unique insight into the history of the site. *(Unfortunately, due to the narrow stairs and hallways, the tour is unsuitable for wheelchairs or walkers.)* After a lunch stop, we head to **RAAF Williamtown** for our visit to **Fighter World**, the world's first fighter aircraft display centre. It's here we see the history of the Australian Air Force close up. After a wonderful day, we now head back to our hotel to relax before dinner.

OVERNIGHT: Apollo International Hotel, NEWCASTLE ★★★★★

DAY 3

Tuesday 2nd June, 2026

HUNTER VALLEY PRODUCE

We spend the day exploring Australia's oldest wine growing region, the **Hunter Valley**. Known for its charming vineyards, beautiful landscapes and gourmet treats, we are sure to have a wonderful day. A warm welcome awaits us at **Twenty 3 Twenty**. On arrival we are met by a friendly staff member for a talk and sample of their famous chocolate and fudges. We may even see some being made through the windows. From here we visit **Hunter Valley Cheese Company** for some delicious tasters. Their cheese range is preservative free and manufactured on site to traditional cheese making recipes. Following our cheese sampling we relax in the beautiful sandstone walls and exposed antique timber rafters of **Peterson Champagne House**. We enjoy a delicious lunch overlooking the spectacular vineyards. Our final visit is to **The Hunter Olive Centre** showcasing some of the finest gourmet foods produced in the Hunter Valley. The Olive Centre has grown to be one of the largest specialty food outlets in the Hunter Valley, displaying a range of over 400 locally made products of which up to 60 are on tasting at one time. Onsite is also the **Pokolbin Estate Vineyard** where we can finish our day with a wine tasting. After a glorious day sampling all the Hunter Valley has to offer, we return to Newcastle.

OVERNIGHT: Apollo International Hotel, NEWCASTLE ★★★★★





DAY 4

Wednesday 3rd June, 2026

NEWCASTLE TO PORT MACQUARIE

We now leave Newcastle and continue northward to **Nabiac** to visit the **National Motorcycle Museum** of Australia. This purpose-built complex houses 800 motorcycles and a motorcycle orientated gift shop. Among the favourite machines on display are a Kenilworth scooter (1919), a twin-cylinder water-cooled 2-stroke Scott, and a Vincent Black Knight. There is an excellent range of vintage bikes from the early nineteen hundreds and many interesting later machines. This will bring back some good memories for some of you. Our lunch break will be in the town of Nabiac before continuing on to our next stop, **Bago Maze and Winery**. With one of the world's largest hedge mazes, you can wander this stunningly designed Lilly Pilly hedge maze or enjoy a glass of mulled wine whilst you take in the vineyard view. We now have a short drive to Port Macquarie where we stay for the next two nights.

OVERNIGHT: Mercure Centro, PORT MACQUARIE ★★★★★

DAY 5

Thursday 4th June, 2026

EXPLORING PORT MACQUARIE

We spend the day exploring the township of beautiful **Port Macquarie**. The **Sea Acres Rainforest Centre** is a waterfront park that offers an elevated rainforest walkway with a local guide. One of Port Macquarie's landmarks is the **Tacking Point Lighthouse**, originally built in 1879 and restored to its natural glory. The reserve surrounding the lighthouse offers 180-degree views of the ocean and coastline of the area. From this lookout you can see as far south as the Dooragan mountains in Camden Haven and as far north as Point Plomer National Park. An upgraded accessible walkway enables people of all abilities to enjoy the breathtaking vistas. Did you know - Wild koalas are in crisis, and they could go extinct by 2050. We will visit the **Koala Conservation Australia**, a small

rehabilitation centre for injured and sick koalas. Meet adorable koalas and learn about their care and preservation. Enjoy some time in walking along the **Port Macquarie break-wall**, where over the decades many have painted the rocks, turning it into a sort of outdoor gallery. We finish the day with a visit to **Port Macquarie Museum** to learn a little of the history of the area.

OVERNIGHT: Mercure Centro, PORT MACQUARIE ★★★★★

DAY 6

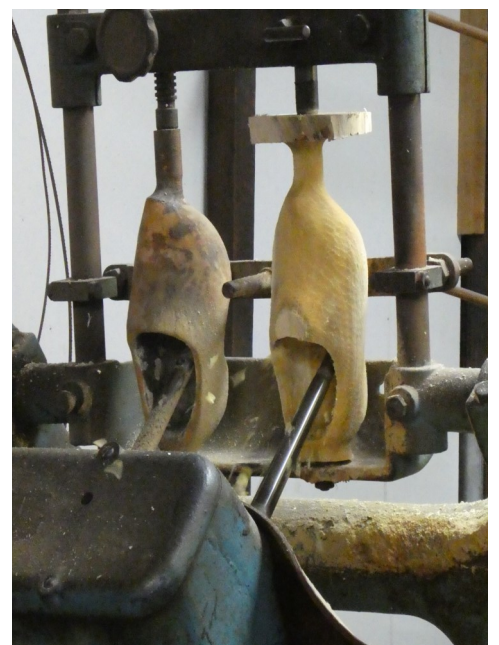
Friday 5th June, 2026

PORT MACQUARIE TO COFFS HARBOUR

G'day, G'day and welcome to the **Slim Dusty Centre** in Kempsey. The Slim Dusty Centre is home to the famous Slim Dusty Museum and inspiring Nulla Nulla Regional Gallery. We continue on via **South West Rocks** to visit the **Trial Bay Gaol**. Step back in time on a guided tour, soaking up the history and the amazing coastal views of the Arakoon National Park. The gaol opened in 1886, after 13 years of construction. It must have been a strange feeling building a prison in such a beautiful setting. The prison labourers were there to construct a breakwater to make Trial Bay a safe harbour. Unfortunately the scheme failed, however you'll still be able to see the remains of the breakwater from the guard tower lookout. During World War I the gaol became an internment camp for people of German descent who were feared to be enemy sympathisers. We then continue our drive north to **Coffs Harbour** for our overnight stay.

OVERNIGHT: Opal Cove Resort, COFFS HARBOUR ★★★★★





DAY 7

Saturday 6th June, 2026

COFFS HARBOUR TO BALLINA

We start the day with a visit to the iconic **Big Banana**. Known as one of Australia's first and most loved "Big Things", it's the perfect place to capture a photo and perhaps indulge in one of their famous chocolate-coated bananas. From here, we visit the **National Cartoon Gallery**, Australia's only dedicated gallery of its kind, showcasing clever, humorous and thought-provoking works from cartoonists across the country. Our last stop is the quirky **Clog Barn and Dutch Model Village**. Explore charming Dutch craftsmanship and wander through the working miniature model village. After lunch, we make our way to **Ballina**, the home of the **Big Prawn**.

OVERNIGHT: The Islander Resort, BALLINA ★★★★★

DAY 8

Sunday 7th June, 2026

EXPLORING THE AREA

We begin our day with a scenic drive to **Alstonville**, where we step back in time at the **Crawford House Museum**. This beautifully restored Federation-era home offers a fascinating glimpse into life on the Alstonville Plateau in the early 1900s, complete with period furnishings, photographs and stories of the district's past. We then return to Ballina and visit the **Ballina Naval and Maritime Museum**. Here you'll uncover the region's rich seafaring heritage, from model ships and naval memorabilia to the remarkable story of the **Las Balsas Expedition** — an epic voyage in 1973 when three rafts sailed across the Pacific Ocean from Ecuador, making landfall right here in Ballina. After lunch, we return to our accommodation for a leisurely afternoon. Take a refreshing swim in the pool, enjoy the resort's facilities, or simply unwind and relax in your own way.

OVERNIGHT: The Islander Resort, BALLINA ★★★★★

BALLINA TO BRISBANE

This morning we drive the coastal road from Ballina to the popular tourist township of Byron Bay, with its beautiful beaches and “alternative” style shops. Upon arrival we visit the **Byron Bay Lighthouse**, where you can take a walk to the Cape Byron Headland Reserve – Australia’s most easterly point. Enjoy the breathtaking views from here before heading into the town for some free time. Next stop is at **Tropical Fruit World** where we enjoy a guided tractor tour around the farm and enjoy a fruit tasting show and Lunch. This afternoon we cross over the border into Queensland and the big smoke of Brisbane.

OVERNIGHT: Hotel Grand Chancellor, BRISBANE ★★★★★

“...Byron Bay is a coastal town located on the far-north coast of NSW. The region is known for its spectacular beaches, unique shopping, world-class festivals, and vibrant community spirit...”

byronbay.com





DAY 10

Tuesday 9th June, 2026

DISCOVERING BRISBANE

This morning we take a drive to the **Mt. Coot-tha Lookout**, for a breathtaking panorama of Brisbane City and its surrounds from the observation deck. The lookout has been a favorite destination for both residents and visitors to Brisbane since before the turn of the century. Brisbane and Mt Coot-tha have both undergone great changes since then. In 1880, One Tree Hill, as Mt Coot-tha was then known, together with the surrounding area of 1500 acres, was declared a reserve for public recreation. From here we enjoy a **River Cruise** with live commentary and morning tea, taking in iconic landmarks like the Story Bridge, Kangaroo Point and the city's riverside precincts. After the cruise we will make our way to the **Plough Inn Tavern** to enjoy lunch, followed by a gondola ride on the **Wheel of Brisbane**. To finish our day, enjoy some free time wandering the **South Bank Parklands** before returning back to our accommodation for our last night together.

OVERNIGHT: Hotel Grand Chancellor, BRISBANE ★★★★★

DAY 11

Wednesday 10th June, 2026

BRISBANE TO MELBOURNE

With all the memories of the past week, we pack our bags for our direct flight home to Melbourne. Our chauffeurs will be on hand to take us straight to our door—all part of the **O'Shannessy's Quality Tours** superior service.

Lunch at own expense and arrangement / Refreshments inflight

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No Refund

On or after tour date departure

No Refund

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UPCOMING TOURS *Available*

Idyllic Cook Islands - August 2026

Canberra Floriade - September 2026

Griffith Spring Festival - October 2026

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



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