



O'Shannessy's  
QUALITY TOURS

# TASMANIA

*West Coast Wilds*



**9 DAY FULLY INCLUSIVE TOUR**

9th March to 17th March, 2027

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**TUESDAY 9TH MARCH TO WEDNESDAY 17TH MARCH, 2027**

Tasmania's West Coast - brooding and utterly unforgiving. In the eyes of the early colonists it was a brutal inhospitable wilderness suited only to the Empire's most hardened criminals. But beneath its beautifully harsh exterior, they found a land of riches. Untouched rainforests of Huon pine, serpentine rivers with tannin stained banks of gold and burnt caramel and some of the world's best seafood, freshly plucked from the Indian Ocean. This tour is a continuation of the East Coast Escape Tassie tour.

If you wish to combine the two tours you will gain an in-depth look at Tasmania.

## *Tour Highlights*

- Hobart
  - Mount Nelson
  - Huon Valley
  - Crawleighwood Garden
  - Wooden Boat Centre, Franklin
  - New Norfolk
  - The Wall in the Wilderness
  - Nelson Falls
  - Queenstown
  - The Ship that Never Was, Strahan
  - Cradle Mountain
  - Wilderness Gallery
  - Smithton
  - Tarkine Wilderness
  - The Nut, Stanley
  - Wonders of Wynyard
  - Hellyers Road Distillery, Burnie
  - Sheffield
- RAIL**
- West Coast Wilderness Railway
- CRUISES**
- Gordon River
  - Spirit of Tasmania

## *Tour Prices*

Twin share room first tour:	<b>\$5,985</b>
Twin share room repeat traveller 2 - 10 Tours:	<b>\$5,885</b>
Twin share room repeat traveller 11 - 20 Tours:	<b>\$5,835</b>
Twin share room repeat traveller 21+ Tours:	<b>\$5,785</b>
Single room supplement:	<b>\$1,150</b>

Please note a deposit of \$500 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, you will need to pay the Single Room Supplement. 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 Strahan  
2 nights in Hobart  
and Smithton

## ACTIVITY LEVEL

Our moderate tours may include some air travel and a mix of touring styles. Please refer to back cover.



COACH



FLIGHT



BOAT



TRAIN



Moderate



SMALL GRP

## *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.

### 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 and private porthole cabin on the Spirit of Tasmania, ensuring a restful journey. All attractions, one economy flight and tours listed in the itinerary are included, as are fully cooked breakfasts, along with delicious two-course restaurant dinners daily and most morning teas and lunches. Please note: lunches on the first and last days are not included as outlined in the itinerary.

Let us show you the remote west coast with its **Wilderness World Heritage Area**, rugged mountains and ancient rain forests making Tasmania's west one of Australia's last true wilderness frontiers. With chauffeured pickup from home we travel to Melbourne Airport. Here we'll be greeted by an **O'Shannessy's Quality Tours** representative who will assist us with check-in before we join our direct flight to Hobart. On arrival we will discover the state's capital in a city sights tour. **Hobart** is the second oldest capital in Australia. Nestled amongst the foothills of Mt Wellington, Hobart combines heritage charm with a modern lifestyle in a setting of exceptional beauty. In the early 1800's Hobart was settled as a penal colony with many convict built sandstone buildings still being used today. The city has evolved to include beautiful gardens, art galleries and restaurants which showcase the best of Tasmanian produce. Later this afternoon we check in to our centrally located accommodation.

*Light refreshments on the flight. Lunch at own expense and arrangement*

**OVERNIGHT:** The Old Woolstore, HOBART ★★★★★

*“... Old meets new in the island's capital of Hobart.  
Get caught up in history, stroll around the waterfront  
and be dazzled by nature.  
This is the edge of the world...”*

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## DAY 2 - HUON VALLEY

Wednesday 10th March, 2027

We spend the day touring the beautiful **'Huon Trail'** which takes us through the **Huon Valley** and beside the D'Entrecasteaux Channel; a region of waterways and wilderness, art, craft and heritage, apple blossom and vineyards. First, we stop at **Mt Nelson** to take in the panoramic views of the city and estuary before visiting **Crawleighwood Garden**, a wonderful private garden set on two hectares which is nestled in the picturesque hills of Cygnet. The garden features lush woodland and rainforest with an eclectic variety of plants. After lunch at a local restaurant, continue to the **Wooden Boat Centre**. Here we will gain an understanding of the rich background of Australia's premier wooden boat training centre, as well as Franklin's maritime history. Returning to Hobart mid afternoon, we have some time to relax before dinner.

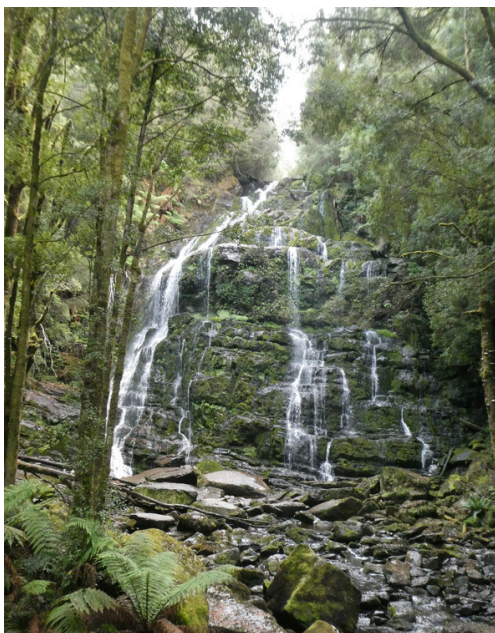
**OVERNIGHT:** The Old Woolstore, HOBART ★★★★★

Today we travel through the picturesque **Derwent Valley** to **New Norfolk** then climb the Central Plateau, following the Wild Way through trout lakes, mountains, gorges and the Wild Rivers National Park. We will pass through **Tarraleah Gorge**, site of early hydro-electric installations and take a tour of "**The Wall**", a work in progress depicting the history of the region beautifully carved in Tasmanian timbers. We take a lunch break at **Derwent Bridge** and further on, we can stretch our legs on a short walk into the delightful **Nelson Falls**. We cross Lake Burbury and descend through the ghost towns of Linda and Gormanston to the copper mining town of **Queenstown**. After a quick drive through town, we travel to **Strahan** where our accommodation at Strahan Village overlooks the vast Macquarie Harbour.

**OVERNIGHT:** Strahan Village, STRAHAN ★★★★★

This morning we cruise the incomparable **Gordon River** into the heart of Tasmania's wilderness and the edge of World Heritage. We will cross the vast **Macquarie Harbour** to **Hell's Gates**, the aptly named harbour entrance where many early ships were destroyed by ferocious ocean swells. Next, we stop at **Sarah Island**, which was the worst convict settlement of all and then follow the Gordon through stands of ancient Huon pine, sassafras and myrtle rainforest to step ashore for a wilderness board-walk at **Heritage Landing**. On our return to Strahan, there will be an opportunity to explore the village including the Visitor Centre and Huon pine saw mill. Later we can relax at our accommodation and enjoy the views over Strahan and Macquarie Harbour.

**OVERNIGHT:** Strahan Village, STRAHAN ★★★★★





## DAY 5 - WEST COAST WILDERNESS RAILWAY

Saturday 13th March, 2027

This morning, step onboard the **West Coast Wilderness Railway's** heritage diesel train at Regatta Point Station in Strahan and head deep into the rainforest, while onboard guides share stories of those that built the railway and called it their home. Journey over the Iron Bridge at Teepookana, once a thriving port town, before disembarking at Lower Landing Station on the King River. Enjoy a short, guided nature walk and taste honey, with its origins from local endemic species, before heading back to Strahan. As wilderness carriage passengers, you are invited to start your journey with a glass of Tasmanian sparkling wine and canapes on departure before indulging in a locally inspired light menu. This afternoon you are free to explore the village including the **Visitor Centre** before some relaxation time. Later in the afternoon you will enjoy the unique play titled "**The Ship That Never Was**". This is a live professional theatre production, performing in Strahan since January 1994, written by Richard Davey and produced by The Round Earth Company. The play tells the dramatic and hilarious true story of the Great Escape from Sarah Island! Be engaged (*and possibly involved*) as you watch this wonderful play.

**OVERNIGHT:** Strahan Village, STRAHAN ★★★★★



This morning we'll tour through the rugged west coast which is rich in mining history, and journey past **Tullah**, located on the shores of peaceful Lake Rosebery. We continue north through rainforest and mineral rich mountains, crossing the Vale of Belvoir and alpine cattle country to reach **Cradle Mountain National Park**. We board the shuttle bus to **Dove Lake** at the foot of the crags of Cradle Mountain and visit **Waldheim**, forest home of pioneer Gustav Weindorfer. We will enjoy lunch at Cradle Mountain Hotel and have the opportunity to visit the **Wilderness Gallery** before following the highway through mountains and button grass plains to the North West Coast.

**OVERNIGHT:** Tall Timbers Resort , SMITHTON ★★★★★

Today, we will discover the **Tarkine Wilderness Area**. Unlike many places in the world, the Tarkine remains as a hidden treasure and a forgotten wilderness. This expanse of uninterrupted 477,000 hectares of wilderness is the largest single track of temperate rainforest in Australia and holds ancient relics of both plants and animals dating back millennia, and unique habitats not found anywhere else. We discover this gem on Tasmania's west coast where a local guide will tell us captivating stories about this unique area.

**OVERNIGHT:** Tall Timbers Resort , SMITHTON ★★★★★





## DAY 8 - STANLEY - WYNYARD - BURNIE - SHEFFIELD

Tuesday 16th March, 2027

We enjoy the sights of Tasmania's north west as we follow the coast back to Devonport. This morning we travel to the historic village of **Stanley** nestling at the foot of an ancient volcanic core known as 'the Nut'. We'll tour past Highfield, historical headquarters of the early Van Diemens Land Co. and explore the quaint town with its terraces and chairlift access to the top of **the Nut** (chairlift is optional and at own expense). We then take a journey through time as we visit Australia's largest collection of locally restored veteran Ford vehicles including the equal oldest Ford in the world at **Wonders of Wynyard** before stopping at Burnie's **Hellyers Road Distillery**. This is home to Australia's largest single malt whisky distillery; we will take time to partake in a fully guided amble through the distillery and enjoy a delicious lunch. Follow the scenic coastal drive through Penguin and Ulverstone before visiting **Sheffield** where you can stroll through the streets that take you back in time with pioneer theme murals painted on the buildings throughout the town. We then travel to Devonport where we board the **Spirit of Tasmania** for our overnight cruise to Melbourne. We will have time to explore the many onboard facilities including bars, a cinema and lounges. Enjoy the cruise and settle into our comfortable porthole twin cabin with private facilities.

**OVERNIGHT:** Spirit of Tasmania

Early risers may witness the entry through The Heads into Port Phillip Bay and watch the Melbourne city skyline come into view during the cruise to Corio Quay, Geelong, which now houses the new state-of-the-art Spirit of Tasmania terminal. We disembark on arrival and enjoy breakfast at a local venue before travelling home. As usual our chauffeurs will be there to greet us and take us to our doors with lovely memories of our wonderful West Coast Wilds Tassie holiday.

*“... Our journey to the West Coast is through some of Tasmania’s most rugged and untouched landscapes. The West Coast is known for its wild rainforests, rich mining history around Queenstown, and the scenic harbour town of Strahan on Macquarie Harbour. Further north, the picturesque seaside village of Stanley sits beneath the striking volcanic formation known as The Nut, before the landscape opens into the rich farmland of Tasmania’s northwest...”*

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## 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 **91 days** prior to departure date. Balance due on invoice.

Cancellation within **90 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](http://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

**Mystery Tour - April 2027**

**Longreach and Outback Queensland - May 2027**

**Singapore Splendour - June 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](http://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!

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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](mailto:enquiries@oshannessys.com.au) or call us:



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