O'Shannessy's
QUALITY TOURS

TOOWOOMBA

Carnival of Flowers



7 DAY FULLY INCLUSIVE TOUR

14th September to 20th September, 2027

TOOWOOMBA *Carnival of Flowers*

TUESDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER TO MONDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER, 2027

The Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers
is a breathtaking celebration of flowers, scents, flavours and sounds.
It completely takes over the Southern Queensland City of Toowoomba
in the most spectacular way, every September.
There are stunning private gardens, a street parade
and the best food and wine Queensland has to offer.

Tour Highlights

- Queens Park
- Laurel Bank Park
- Ju Raku En Japanese Garden
- Toowoomba Empire Theatre
- Downs Steam Heritage Rail Museum
- Cobb & Co Museum
- Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers Local Gardens
- Summer Land Camel Farm
- Warwick Historical Society Museum
- Grand Central Floral Parade
- Picnic Point Lookout
- Spring Bluff Railway Station
- Peacehaven Botanic Park

RAIL

- Diesel-hauled train ride to Spring Bluff Railway Station

FLIGHTS

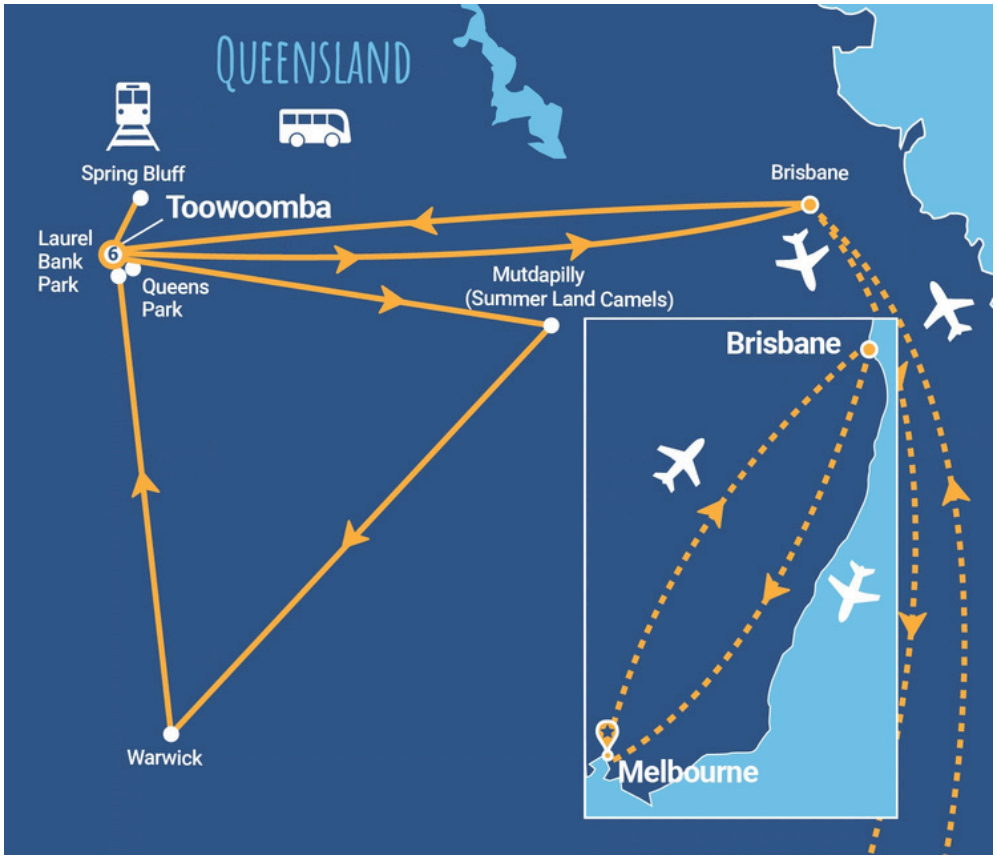
- Melbourne to Brisbane
- Brisbane to Melbourne

Tour Prices

Twin share room first tour:	**$4,895**
Twin share room repeat traveller 2 - 10 Tours:	**$4,845**
Twin share room repeat traveller 11 - 20 Tours:	**$4,820**
Twin share room repeat traveller 21+ Tours:	**$4,795**
Single room supplement:	**$ 785**

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, 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 STAY

6 nights in Toowoomba

ACTIVITY LEVEL

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



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, flights 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: three lunches are at your own expense as outlined in the itinerary.

DAY 1 - MELBOURNE TO TOOWOOMBA — Tuesday 14th September, 2027

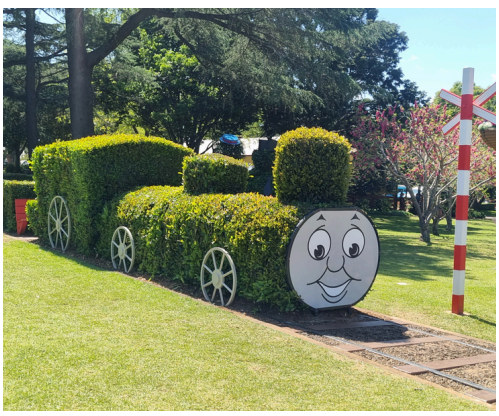
Welcome to our holiday to the fantastic **Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers**. With chauffeured pickup from home, we travel to Melbourne Airport. Here we'll be greeted by an **O'Shannessy's Quality Tours** representative who will assist us with check in and see us onto the plane for our direct flight to **Brisbane**. Arriving at Brisbane Airport, we will be welcomed by our coach crew, then drive to **Toowoomba**. We'll be staying here for the next six nights, so there's only need to unpack once!

Lunch at own expense and arrangement / Refreshments inflight
OVERNIGHT: Potters Toowoomba Hotel, TOOWOOMBA ★★★★☆

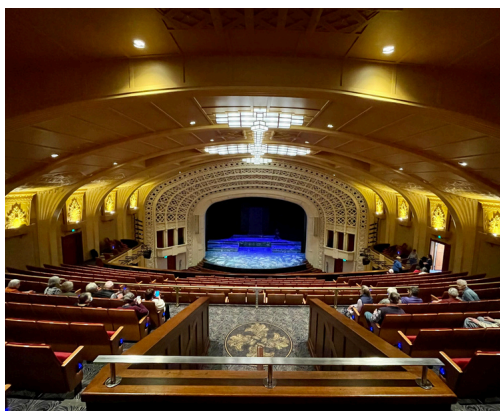
DAY 2 - EXPLORING TOOWOOMBA PARKS — Wednesday 15th September, 2027

This morning we get into the spirit of the **Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers** with a visit to the **Botanic Gardens** in **Queens Park** where we can explore the beautiful displays. From here we make our way to the **Toowoomba Visitor Information Centre**, a beautiful "Queenslander" building based on a late 1800s style Toowoomba house. It features stained-glass motifs of the "Toowoomba" violet; which you can best enjoy by going inside. Next, we head to the spectacular **Laurel Bank Park** which provides a majestic oasis with manicured gardens, topiary and many other points of interest. Early afternoon, we take in one of the most beautiful and peaceful parks in Toowoomba, the University of Southern Queensland's Japanese Garden, **Ju Raku En**. Roughly translated, means 'to enjoy peace and longevity in a public place'. Embarking on a self-guided tour we can take a look at the many species of Japanese and Australian native trees and plants combined in a seamless and restful harmony. Our final visit for the day is the **Toowoomba Empire Theatre**. The theatre is a magnificent building that has been carefully restored to its 1933 origin. We enjoy a historical tour of the Theatre including some amusing and interesting stories of the early years. After a full and interesting day, we return to our hotel to freshen up for dinner.

OVERNIGHT: Potters Toowoomba Hotel, TOOWOOMBA ★★★★☆













DAY 3 - MORE OF TOOWOOMBA — Thursday 16th September, 2027

This morning we visit the **Downs Steam Heritage Rail** for a tour of the facility including a look at the spectacular Dreamtime Journey coach, representing the traverse of a day, painted by an indigenous inmate of the Westbrook Correctional Centre as part of his prison rehabilitation program. We now make our way to Toowoomba's most notable tourist attraction, the **Cobb & Co Museum**, which is part of the Queensland Museum. It is more comprehensive than its name suggests and traces the history of horse drawn transportation in Australia from old timber wagons, spring wagons and bullock drays through to the Cobb & Co coaches and a landau used by the Duke of Edinburgh when he visited the colony in 1876. We have plenty of time to explore the displays while we are here as well as our light lunch. This afternoon we explore some of **Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers local gardens** that are open during the festival. We'll be accompanied by a **local expert** who will give us an insider's rundown of these spectacular garden displays!

OVERNIGHT: Potters Toowoomba Hotel, TOOWOOMBA ★★★★☆

DAY 4 - SCENIC RIM AND WARWICK — Friday 17th September, 2027

Our touring today takes us into the Scenic Rim, set in the foothills of the Great Dividing Range and surrounded by World Heritage-listed national parks. Our first stop is **Summer Land Camel Farm** where we will enjoy morning tea, an informative talk learning about the history of camels in Australia and the chance to meet the camels! Leaving here we travel to **Warwick** where we enjoy lunch before visiting the **Warwick Historical Society Museum**. While here we'll have time to explore the collection of buildings which feature furniture and household items representing more than 130 years of family life in the region. Afterwards we then make our way back to Toowoomba and our motel for dinner.

OVERNIGHT: Potters Toowoomba Hotel, TOOWOOMBA ★★★★☆

DAY 5 - THE GRAND CENTRAL FLORAL PARADE — Saturday 18th September, 2027

Today is Grand Parade Day! We'll arrive early and make our way to our seats for Australia's most unique Street Parade - the **Grand Central Floral Parade**. Spectacular floats decorated with live flowers, fitting the chosen theme for the year, plus Bands, Marching Groups and Carnival Characters. The Parade winds through the city and we'll enjoy it from a prime viewing location on reserved tiered seating. We then make our way to the famous **Picnic Point Lookout**. Perched on the edge of the Great Dividing Range, it provides an amazing view of the Lockyer Valley and Tabletop Mountain. Later this afternoon, we head back to our motel to relax.

OVERNIGHT: Potters Toowoomba Hotel, TOOWOOMBA ★★★★☆

DAY 6 - SPRINGTIME IN TOOWOOMBA — Sunday 19th September, 2027

This morning we take a diesel-hauled train ride out to **Spring Bluff Railway Station** and have some time to look through the magnificent gardens of poppies, ranunculus, stock, snapdragons, petunias and many other annuals bursting into colour under the warm sunshine. Next, **Peacehaven Botanic Park**, set in the leafy suburb of Highfields and home to more than 400 different species of native plants and scores of birds and wildlife. We now head back into town where we can have some free time to wander and purchase lunch. Later this afternoon before returning to our hotel, we visit the **Clivia Show and Australian Native Plant Show**. Here the Toowoomba Clivia Society holds an annual Clivia Show which displays the myriad of colours and species which confirm Toowoomba as the Clivia capital of Australia.

Lunch at own expense and arrangement
OVERNIGHT: Potters Toowoomba Hotel, TOOWOOMBA ★★★★☆

DAY 7 - TOOWOOMBA TO MELBOURNE — Monday 20th September, 2027

Sadly, our holiday is coming to an end. After breakfast we make our way back to Brisbane Airport for our flight to Melbourne. Upon arrival, our chauffeurs will be waiting to transport us home with many interesting stories to tell of our **Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers** adventure.

Lunch at own expense and arrangement / Refreshments on flight

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 **61 days** prior to departure date. Balance due on invoice.

Cancellation within **60 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

Norfolk Island in Spring - October 2027

Sydney and the Blue Mountains - November 2027

Christmas Lights of Loxton - December 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!
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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** or call us:

1800 354 352

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