



O'Shannessy's  
QUALITY TOURS

# TRANQUIL GARDENS

*and Seaside Adventures*



**6 DAY FULLY INCLUSIVE TOUR**

4th November to 9th November, 2026

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**WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER TO MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER, 2026**

Victoria's Western District and its magnificent regional cities boast a wealth of historic architecture. Many of these grand homes and gardens were established during the pastoralist era when much of the best farmland was set aside for agriculture. These magnificent gardens are typical of the region with many offering large areas of picturesque parklands with both formal and informal areas, sweeping paths and large trees framing distant landscape views. Escape to this beautiful region and enjoy strolling through these glorious gardens and grounds with us.

## **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Stokes Collection, Forest Glade Gardens
- Maldon
- Buda Historic Home and Gardens
- Convent Gallery, Daylesford
- Overwrought Sculpture Garden and Gallery
- Lambley Nursery and Gardens
- Narrapumelap Historic House
- Warrnambool Botanic Gardens
- Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village
- Tarndwarncourt Homestead
- Coragulac House
- Hastings Ostrich Farm
- The Hive Ocean Grove
- Jack Rabbit Vineyard

## **CRUISE**

- Searoad Ferry - Queenscliff to Sorrento

## **MULTIPLE NIGHT STAYS**

- 2 nights in Creswick and Warrnambool



**COACH**



**BOAT**



**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.
- **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 most days, all lunches and two course restaurant dinners daily.
- **No Hidden Extras.** O'Shannessy's Quality Tours are fully inclusive.

## TOUR COSTS

Twin Share Room First Tour:	<b>\$4,045 per person</b>
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 2 - 10 Tours:	<b>\$3,995 per person</b>
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 11 - 20 Tours:	<b>\$3,970 per person</b>
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 21+ Tours:	<b>\$3,945 per person</b>
Single Room Supplement:	<b>\$ 665 per person</b>





DAY 1

Wednesday 4th November, 2026

### **MELBOURNE TO CRESWICK**

Welcome to our delightful **Tranquil Gardens and Seaside Adventures** tour. With chauffeured pickup from home, we are transferred to meet our **O'Shannessy's Quality Tours** coach and crew. We begin our journey to **Mount Macedon**, enjoying our morning break along the way. While in the Ranges we explore the renowned **Stokes Collection**, located in the heart of the stunning **Forest Glade Gardens**. This remarkable collection is a testament to the life-long passion of Cyril Stokes and his love of beautiful decorative arts. Each piece reflects years of research and travels to art auctions and estate sales around the world. After a memorable visit, we enjoy lunch before continuing to Creswick where we settle in for the next two nights.

**OVERNIGHT:** RACV Goldfields Resort, CRESWICK ★★☆☆☆

“...A visit to historic Maldon  
and you can imagine what life was like  
during the gold rush era.  
Wander past old weatherboard homes,  
solid stone buildings and  
decorative shop fronts in this lovingly  
reserved Australian gold mining town...”

**DAYLESFORD AND SURROUNDS**

Following breakfast, we embark on our journey to **Buda Historic Home and Gardens**. We indulge in **morning tea** and a **guided exploration** of the home and its gardens. Here we are taken on a journey through the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. One of the great heritage assets of the goldfield's region, the home was originally built by a retired Baptist Missionary, in 1861 and originally named Delhi Villa. This superb example of Victorian-era colonial architecture was later named after Budapest by its Hungarian owner Ernest Leviny. Browse the **Buda Plant Nursery** featuring specially propagated plants from the garden before continuing our sojourn to **Daylesford**. Here we are offered lunch at the **Convent Gallery**. This historic country boarding school for girls has now transformed into a haven for art, history and culture. The Gallery beckons with its gallery spaces, museum and chapel, all enveloped by meticulously groomed gardens. As the day further unfolds, our final destination awaits not far from Daylesford – the mesmerizing **Overwrought Sculpture Garden and Gallery**. Welcomed warmly, we are guided through the inner workings, gaining insight into the design process behind the exquisite garden sculptures. We have the opportunity to explore the gardens or wander the gallery, perhaps discovering a cherished piece of our own to take home.

**OVERNIGHT:** RACV Goldfields Resort, CRESWICK ★★★★★





**DAY 3**

**Friday 6th November, 2026**

### ***CRESWICK TO WARRNAMBOOL***

Fondly farewelling our hosts, we drive to **Lambley Nursery and Gardens**. Here, amidst the lush surroundings, we are awed by the rare and unusual perennial flowers blooming under the dedicated care of the team of experts. The gardens boast a blend of vegetable and flower cutting gardens alongside ornamental landscapes. Our next stop takes us to the quaint village of Wickliffe, where we are greeted at **Narrapumelap Historic House** for **lunch**. This remarkable French Gothic Mansion was once owned by pastoralist and philanthropist John Dixon Wyselaskie (1818-1883). We'll enjoy lunch then embark on a **guided tour** of the garden and homestead, immersing ourselves in the world of timeless charm and tranquillity. Heading toward the coast, we arrive in **Warrnambool**, home for the next two nights.

**OVERNIGHT:** Deep Blue Hotel & Hot Springs, WARRNAMBOOL ★★☆☆★

**DAY 4**

**Saturday 7th November, 2026**

### ***EXPLORING WARRNAMBOOL***

Warrnambool, recently voted as one of the best places in Australia to reside, invites us to explore its charms starting with a visit to the **Warrnambool Botanic Gardens**. The gardens were conceived by William Guilfoyle, who later became a director of the Royal Botanic Gardens in Melbourne. In 1877 he designed an appropriate layout of sweeping lawns, meandering paths that will beckon us to explore further. We'll enjoy our morning tea break here amidst this tranquil setting before venturing to **Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village**. Discover the captivating story of the local Little Penguin colony and the innovative use of Maremma dogs as guardians. Today we will have the chance to meet the Maremma dogs and to learn why **Middle Island Maremmas** are needed and their success at the role of penguin guardians. Relish a leisurely **lunch** before further exploring the Maritime Village, immersing ourselves in the authentic ambiance and activities of a late 1800s coastal port. Our final stop today is the **Fletcher Jones Factory Gardens**. Designed in 1948 by Sir Fletcher Jones' brother-in-law, these gardens envelop the former clothing factory, once a quarry site.

**OVERNIGHT:** Deep Blue Hotel & Hot Springs, WARRNAMBOOL ★★☆☆★

**WARRNAMBOOL TO GEELONG**

Venturing eastward, our first stop is at **Tarndwarncourt Homestead**, a testament to Victoria's enduring heritage. Established in 1840, this revered estate stands as one of Australia's oldest family farms, renowned as the birthplace of Australia's esteemed Polwarth sheep breed. Crossing Saxon Merino sheep from Tasmania with Victorian Lincoln sheep, it sparked a legacy cherished by generations. Our visit promises intrigue, accompanied by **morning tea**. Making our way around Lake Colac, we arrive at the doorstep of **Coragulac House**, also our lunch stop. Nestled beneath the Red Rock scenic lookout, this house stands as proof to pioneering pastoralists retaining its allure through generations of private ownership. Following lunch we take a tour of the house, commencing with the grandeur of the 6 metre cedar-panelled Entrance Hall. Our journey then leads us to Winchelsea and **Hastings Ostrich Farm**, where we encounter majestic, flightless ostriches weighing up to 180kg and laying eggs over 1.5kg. Our knowledgeable tour guide will address any inquiries we may have about these wonderfully prehistoric and unique birds. We will also learn how farming saved them from extinction. From here we make our way to **Geelong**.

**OVERNIGHT:** Rydges Geelong, GEELONG ★★☆☆☆

**BELLARINE PENINSULA TO HOME**

Regrettably, our tour draws to a close. Our morning begins with a stroll along the **Geelong Bollard Trail Walk**. The bollards, taken out of the old harbour, have been carved into colourful and interesting characters of various themes. There are more than 100 of these huge painted icons guiding visitors along the foreshore walking/cycling track. They represent a fascinating and fun chronicle of the city's past. Next, we visit the **Hive Gallery** to see the home of Victorian garden sculptor, Wil Wilson. Discover the intricate process behind his remarkable bronze pieces showcased annually at the prestigious Chelsea Flower Show and admire works by other talented local artists. We now indulge in a farewell lunch at the idyllic **Jack Rabbit Vineyard**. Later, with cherished memories, we return homeward via the **Searoad Ferry**. Our chauffeurs will be ready to drop us to our very door – all part of the great **O'Shannessy's Quality Tours** service!



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**Cancellation within 45 days** of tour departure date  
**On or after** tour date departure

**No Refund**  
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