O'Shannessy's
QUALITY TOURS

TRANQUIL GARDENS
and Seaside Adventures



6 DAY FULLY INCLUSIVE TOUR

19th November to 24th November, 2027

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FRIDAY 19TH NOVEMBER TO WEDNESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER, 2027

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
- Woop Woop Sculpture Garden
- Convent Gallery, Daylesford
- Overwrought Sculpture Garden and Gallery
- Lambley Nursery and Gardens
- Eurambeen Historic Homestead
- Warrnambool Botanic Gardens
- Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village
- Tarndwarncoort Homestead
- Coragulac House
- Hastings Ostrich Farm
- The Hive Ocean Grove
- Jack Rabbit Vineyard

CRUISE

- Searoad Ferry - Queenscliff to Sorrento

Tour Prices

Twin share room first tour:	**$4,095**
Twin share room repeat traveller 2 - 10 Tours:	**$4,045**
Twin share room repeat traveller 11 - 20 Tours:	**$4,020**
Twin share room repeat traveller 21+ Tours:	**$3,995**
Single room supplement:	**$545**

Please note a deposit of $300 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 acccommodation 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 STAYS

2 nights in Ballarat and Warrnambool

ACTIVITY LEVEL

Our Moderate Tours are for those comfortable with a bit more movement while still enjoying a relaxed pace, these tours may include 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 and tours listed in the itinerary are included, as are fully cooked breakfasts, all lunches along with delicious two-course restaurant dinners daily and most morning teas.

DAY 1 - MELBOURNE TO BALLARAT — Friday 19th November, 2027

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 travelling to **Ballarat** where we settle in for the next two nights.

OVERNIGHT: Sovereign Park Motor Inn, BALLARAT ★★★★☆

DAY 2 - DAYLESFORD AND SURROUNDS — Saturday 20th November, 2027

Following breakfast, we embark on our journey to **Harcourt**, where we have an appointment at the unusual **Woop Woop Sculpture Garden** — a beautiful garden with a laugh around every corner! Featuring eclectic sculptures depicting slang, sayings, and just about anything guaranteed to raise a smile. We continue 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.

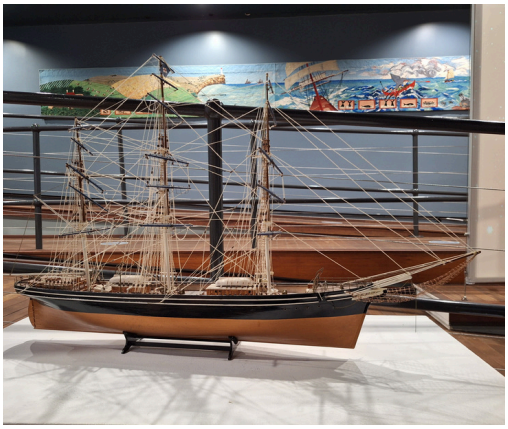
OVERNIGHT: Sovereign Park Motor Inn, BALLARAT ★★★★☆











DAY 3 - BALLARAT TO WARRNAMBOOL — Sunday 21st November, 2027

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 is **Eurambeen Historic Homestead and Gardens**, a beautiful heritage property with a fascinating history and stunning gardens designed by renowned landscape designer Edna Walling. Here, we'll enjoy a lovely lunch surrounded by the charm and tranquillity of this special country estate. Heading toward the coast, we arrive in Warrnambool, home for the next two nights.

OVERNIGHT: Deep Blue Hotel, WARRNAMBOOL ★★★★☆

DAY 4 - EXPLORING WARRNAMBOOL — Monday 22nd November, 2027

Warrnambool, recently voted as one of the best places in Australia to reside, invites us to explore its charms starting with a visit **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, WARRNAMBOOL ★★★★☆

DAY 5 - WARRNAMBOOL TO GEELONG — Tuesday 23rd November, 2027

Venturing eastward, our first stop is at **Tarndwarncoort 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 venue. 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 ★★★★☆

DAY 6 - BELLARINE PENINSULA - HOME — Wednesday 24th November, 2027

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 **O'Shannessy's Quality Tours** superior service!







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

Cancellation within **45 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, these tours may include 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
- 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
- Occasionally stay above ground floor (no guarantee of ground floor rooms)

Upcoming Tours

Carnival of Cherries - December 2027

Tamworth Country Music Festival - January 2028

Discover Tasmania in Autumn - March 2028

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

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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.

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