



O'Shannessy's
QUALITY TOURS

TRANQUIL GARDENS

and Seaside Adventures



5 DAY FULLY INCLUSIVE TOUR

12th November to 16th November, 2025

TRANQUIL *Gardens & Seaside Adventures*

WEDNESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER TO SUNDAY 16TH NOVEMBER, 2025

Head to Ballarat and explore the region's rich tapestry of history and stunning gardens.

Spend your time surrounded by nature's splendour, indulging in wonderful produce and discovering the captivating fusion of history, art and architecture.

Then perched on the rugged southwest coast of Victoria, the seaside gem of Warrnambool is calling us!

Here where wild beauty meets rich history, we explore tranquil gardens and uncover maritime tales. This getaway invites you to slow down, explore and soak in nature's beauty and coastal charms.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Ballarat Botanical Gardens
- The Lake Wendouree Museum
- Overwrought Sculpture Garden
- Amazing Mill Market
- The Convent Gallery
- Terra Australis Distillery
- Narrapumelap Historic House
- Tower Hill Wildlife Reserve
- Middle Island Maremma Dogs
- Port Fairy Guided Tour
- Museum and Archives Centre
- Warrnambool Botanic Gardens
- Schulz Organic Dairy Farm

CRUISE

- Golden City Paddle Boat

MULTIPLE NIGHT STAYS

- 2 nights in Ballarat 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:	\$2,895 per person
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 2 - 10 Tours:	\$2,870 per person
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 11 - 20 Tours:	\$2,845 per person
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 21+ Tours:	\$2,820 per person
Single Room Supplement:	\$ 395 per person





DAY 1

Wednesday 12th November, 2025

MELBOURNE TO BALLARAT

Welcome to our delightful **Tranquil Gardens & Seaside Ventures** tour. With chauffeured pickup from home, we are transferred to meet our **O'Shannessy's Quality Tours** coach and crew. Today we head to the **Ballarat Botanical Gardens**, one of Victoria's oldest Botanical Gardens and home to an extensive array of flowering plants, exotic trees and floral bedding displays. After a pleasant morning, we enjoy lunch before visiting **The Lake Wendouree Museum**. Here we uncover numerous historical photographs, artifacts and paddle boat records dating back to the late nineteenth century. The Museum's prized possession is **The Golden City Paddle Boat**, a working replica of its namesake which operated on the lake from as early as the mid 1880's. And today we are in for a treat, as we get to board this historic replica and see Lake Wendouree from a different point of view! Peacefully cruising along, we note that this Lake provides the perfect habitat for numerous species of birds and a vast range of flora and fauna. After a wonderful start to our getaway, we head to our hotel and settle in for the next two nights.

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

**“... The Ballarat region
offers a dynamic blend of culture,
diversity, creative expression
and stunning gardens...”**

TREASURES, HISTORY AND REGIONAL PRODUCE

Today we travel further afield to explore the Spa region of Daylesford. Along the way we visit the **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 then enjoy morning tea, with time to explore the gardens or wander the gallery, perhaps discovering a cherished piece of our own to take home. In Daylesford now, we visit the **Amazing Mill Market** ; spend time exploring the many stalls featuring vintage furniture, collectables, antiques, memorabilia, home decor, jewellery, books and records to name a few. We then continue to **The Convent Gallery**, nestled on the crest of Wombat Hill Botanical Gardens boasting views of the countryside and township below. 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. Before returning to Ballarat we pop into the **Terra Australis Distillery** located in the Old Butter Factory. Specialising in herbal liqueurs and spirits we experience a unique tasting and the magic of Herbal Lore!

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





DAY 3

Friday 14th November, 2025

BALLARAT TO WARRNAMBOOL

This morning, we farewell our hosts and travel to the quaint village of Wickliffe, where we are greeted at **Narrapumelap Historic House**. This remarkable French Gothic Mansion was once owned by pastoralist and philanthropist John Dixon Wyselaskie (1818-1883). We'll embark on a **guided tour** of the garden and homestead, immersing ourselves in the world of timeless charm and tranquillity before sitting down for a pleasant lunch. Heading towards the coast now, we visit the **Tower Hill Wildlife Reserve**. Here the Volcanic cone-shaped hills rise from the lakes, making it one of Victoria's most fascinating and significant geological formations. Afterwards we arrive in **Warrnambool**, home for the next two nights.

OVERNIGHT: Best Western Olde Maritime Motor Inn, WARRNAMBOOL ★★★★★

DAY 4

Saturday 15th November, 2025

EXPLORING WARRNAMBOOL AND PORT FAIRY

Warrnambool was recently voted as one of the best places in Australia to reside. We take a look around this beautiful city with its gardens, art installations and local pubs. Our first stop today is a visit to the **Maremma dogs**. Discover the captivating story of the local Little Penguin colony and the innovative use of these 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—a truly amazing story! Next, we head to the charming seaside village of **Port Fairy** where our **local guide** will meet us at the **Visitor Information Centre**. Rich in maritime history and colonial character, our passionate guide will lead us through the township highlighting bluestone cottages, fine antique shops and original Victorian buildings. Discover more about this town at the **Museum and Archives Centre** before enjoying **lunch** overlooking the water at **Charlie's on East**. We now have some free time to enjoy the village before returning to Warrnambool. Our last stop today is a stroll around 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.

OVERNIGHT: Best Western Olde Maritime Motor Inn, WARRNAMBOOL ★★★★★

WARRNAMBOOL TO MELBOURNE

Making the most of our last day together we visit the **Schulz Organic Dairy Farm**, where we are exclusively invited for a **behind-the-scenes tour**. Meet the famous happy cows and discover the farm's innovative and organic practices and their philosophy on regenerative farming. Accompanied by our knowledgeable guide, we also learn the ins and outs of cheese-making in the creamery. During our visit our hosts will also join us for morning tea in the Creamery. Afterwards we then begin the journey home via Winchelsea where we enjoy lunch before heading to Melbourne. What a great time away it's been! As always, our chauffeurs will be waiting to take us straight to our very door – a delightful way to finish our time away and all part of the great **O'Shannessy's Quality Tours** service!

“...Located on the south-western
coast of Victoria,
Warrnambool is a charming seaside city
that offers visitors a wealth of things
to see and do.
With its stunning natural beauty,
rich history and friendly locals,
Warrnambool is a top destination
for a few days away...”

exploreVictoriaAustralia.com/things-to-do-in-warrnambool/



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20% Refund of Tour Cost

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No Refund

On or after tour date departure

No Refund

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