



# TROPIC RAMBLER

*featuring  
The Tweed Valley*



**7 DAY FULLY INCLUSIVE TOUR**

4th September to 10th September, 2026

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**FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER TO THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER, 2026**

We all know the Gold Coast for its beaches and glamour but there's plenty more to discover. Beyond the beaches, we explore the Tweed, which has long been overshadowed by its more famous neighbour, Coolangatta. Take a river cruise, explore a World Heritage Rainforest and delight in a high tea at Imperial Hotel Gold Coast.

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Southport
- Carrara Markets
- Tropical Fruit World
- Australian Outback Spectacular
- Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary
- High Tea at Imperial Hotel Gold Coast
- Tweed Regional Gallery
- Margaret Olley Art Centre
- Byron Bay Lighthouse Precinct
- Tambourine Mountain
- Gallery Walk
- Tamborine Rainforest Skywalk
- Glow Worm Tour

## CRUISE

- River and Rainforest Cruise, Tweed River

## FLIGHTS

- Melbourne to Gold Coast
- Gold Coast to Melbourne

## MULTIPLE NIGHT STAY

- 6 nights in Southport



COACH



FLIGHT



BOAT



STAY PUT



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.
- **Return Flights.** Economy flights from Melbourne to Gold Coast and return.
- **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 and lunches most days, and two course restaurant dinners daily. Two lunches at your own expense as per itinerary.
- **No Hidden Extras.** O'Shannessy's Quality Tours are fully inclusive.

## TOUR COSTS

|                                                 |                           |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Twin Share Room First Tour:                     | <b>\$4,445 per person</b> |
| Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 2 - 10 Tours:  | <b>\$4,395 per person</b> |
| Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 11 - 20 Tours: | <b>\$4,370 per person</b> |
| Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 21+ Tours:     | <b>\$4,345 per person</b> |
| Single Room Supplement:                         | <b>\$ 625 per person</b>  |





**DAY 1**

**Friday 4th September, 2026**

### **MELBOURNE TO SOUTHPORT**

Welcome to our 7 day **Tropic Rambler** tour. 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 **The Gold Coast**. Arriving at Coolangatta, we will be welcomed by our coach crew who will assist us with our luggage before we board the coach, making our way to **Southport** on the Gold Coast, Queensland's holiday playground. We're here for six nights so unpack and settle in!

*Lunch at own arrangements and cost / Refreshments on flight*

**OVERNIGHT:** Mantra at Sharks, SOUTHPORT ★★☆☆☆

**DAY 2**

**Saturday 5th September, 2026**

### **CARRARA MARKETS AND TROPICAL FRUIT WORLD**

We're lucky enough to be here on a Saturday so this morning, we head to the **Carrara Markets**, the biggest permanent marketplace in Australia with over 400 market stalls and today we're going to spend some time to explore – it's a treasure trove of the curious and unusual and a bargain hunter's stamping ground! Our next stop is at **Tropical Fruit World** where after lunch, we are introduced to the home of the largest range of tropical and rare fruit in the world! The plantation is situated on the rim of the largest extinct volcano in the Southern Hemisphere and offers breathtaking views over the Tweed Valley and McPherson Ranges. Travelling by tractor train throughout the orchards, we learn and taste the exotic, unusual and delicious fruit varieties grown on the family farm. This evening we are in for a treat! There is no place on earth like the Australian outback... and no show on earth like the show at the **Australian Outback Spectacular - Heartland**. Enjoy the story with true Australian characters, Reg and Marge, who are battling a severe five year drought on their farm. Prepare to embark on a vivid, spectacular and emotional ride into the heart of the Australian bush under the iconic red roof with a delicious three course dinner. Australia's favourite dinner and show is more than a night out – it's an experience steeped in courage, tradition and daring Australian spirit. What a fabulous night!

**OVERNIGHT:** Mantra at Sharks, SOUTHPORT ★★☆☆☆

**THE GOLD COAST**

Our breakfast this morning is a little unusual as we head out for an early breakfast at the **Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary**. We have the morning to immerse ourselves in the sanctuary experience, feeding the wild lorikeets or perhaps riding the miniature vintage steam train stopping at stations to feed kangaroos, hold a koala and enjoy the free-flight bird show. Late morning, we wander back up the coast to Main Beach for a very special **High Tea at The Imperial Hotel Gold Coast**. Set in an exclusive waterfront locale, every aspect of architecture, furnishings and ornamentation reflects an ambience of pure glamour. We now have some free time on the famous “Surfers Paradise strip” before returning to the hotel.

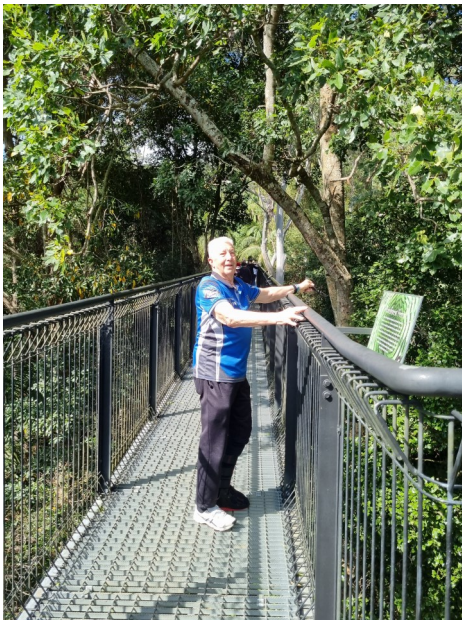
**OVERNIGHT:** Mantra at Sharks, SOUTHPORT ★★★★★

**EXPLORING THE TWEED**

We're off to Murwillumbah this morning to visit the **Tweed Regional Gallery and Margaret Olley Arts Centre**. Surrounded by beautiful gardens and lawns and offering panoramic views of the Tweed River, the gallery's world class collection of portraits represents Australians from all walks of life. The Centre celebrates the career, life and legacy of its namesake, Margaret Olley – Australia's most celebrated painter of still life and interiors. Next, we are off to gorgeous **Byron Bay** for lunch. Nearby is **Cape Byron** which is Australia's most easterly point. We park the coach and take a look at the **lighthouse precinct** and take a short walk towards the point (*A lighthouse tour is NOT included due to the large number of steps involved*). Keep an eye out for whales which are often sighted along the coastline. We then meander back up the coast to the hotel with time to relax before dinner.

**OVERNIGHT:** Mantra at Sharks, SOUTHPORT ★★★★★





DAY 5

Tuesday 8th September, 2026

### *DISCOVERING THE HINTERLAND*

Today we make our way up **Tamborine Mountain**, which sits on the edge of the escarpment behind the Gold Coast. Tamborine Mountain is really a collective term for a number of small villages and settlements stretching along the ridge of the mountain range. We enjoy the beautiful views which exist on both sides of the ranges. A great way to experience the rainforest is by strolling along the boardwalk of the **Tamborine Rainforest Skywalk** so that is our first visit this morning. The walk, which we will do at a leisurely pace, is a unique and thrilling way to explore the rainforest canopies. A short distance from here is our next attraction at **The Cedar Creek Estate**. Our guide welcomes us and takes us on a tour of **The Glow Worm Caves**. The caves consist of two large chambers interlinked by tunnels. The first chamber is the "presentation cave", where we will be shown an audio-visual display on the glow-worms. This chamber is complete with very realistic formations (speleothems), such as stalagmites and stalactites, water features and flow stone. From this stunning cave, we will be guided through the magical "glow worm cave", filled with thousands of glowing glow-worms! After lunch at the **Cedar Creek Estate Restaurant**, we will have some free time to wander along **Gallery Walk** and browse the shops and galleries, before making our way back to the coast and our hotel.

**OVERNIGHT:** Mantra at Sharks, SOUTHPORT ★★★★★

“...Tamborine Mountain is known as  
‘The Green behind the Gold’...”

DAY 6

Wednesday 9th September, 2026

### ***MORE OF THE TWEED***

We have an easy morning before making our way to **Tweed Heads** where we board **Tweed Eco Cruises** and journey along the magnificent Tweed River for our **River and Rainforest Cruise**. Take in the beauty of the landscape as we journey along the Tweed River to the rainforest at Stott's Island. Relish in the opportunity to relax while taking in the abundant nature that the region's river and mangrove system hold, whilst enjoying local morning tea and grazing board lunch. We'll enjoy historical commentary from our captain as we uncover the region's history, indigenous culture and world class eco system that forms part of the UNESCO World Heritage Gondwana Subtropical Rainforest.

**OVERNIGHT:** Mantra at Sharks, SOUTHPORT ★★☆☆☆

DAY 7

Thursday 10th September, 2026

### ***HOMEWARD BOUND***

Completing our memorable tour of the wonderful Tropical Tweed, we are transferred to **Coolangatta** Airport for our return flight to Melbourne. Upon arrival, our chauffeurs will be waiting to safely take us home with some wonderful new memories of our great getaway! All part of the **O'Shannessy's Quality Tours** service.

*Lunch at own arrangements and cost / 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 60 to 46 days before** tour departure date

**20% Refund of Tour Cost**

**Cancellation within 45 days** of tour departure date

**No Refund**

**On or after** tour date departure

**No Refund**

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