O'Shannessy's
QUALITY TOURS

TROPIC RAMBLER

featuring the Tweed Valley



7 DAY FULLY INCLUSIVE TOUR

27th August to 2nd September, 2027

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FRIDAY 27TH AUGUST TO THURSDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER, 2027

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

Tour Prices

Twin share room first tour:	**$4,695**
Twin share room repeat traveller 2 - 10 Tours:	**$4,645**
Twin share room repeat traveller 11 - 20 Tours:	**$4,620**
Twin share room repeat traveller 21+ Tours:	**$4,595**
Single room supplement:	**$ 570**

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 Southport

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: two lunches are at your own expense as outlined in the itinerary.

DAY 1 - MELBOURNE TO SOUTHPORT — Friday 27th August, 2027

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 expense and arrangement / Refreshments inflight

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

DAY 2 - CARRARA MARKETS AND TROPICAL FRUIT WORLD — Saturday 28th August, 2027

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 **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 ★★★★☆













DAY 3 - EXPLORING THE TWEED — Sunday 29th August, 2027

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 4 - THE GOLD COAST — Monday 30th August, 2027

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 ★★★★☆

DAY 5 - DISCOVERING THE HINTERLAND — Tuesday 31st August, 2027

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 an 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. 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 ★★★★☆

DAY 6 - MORE OF THE TWEED — Wednesday 1st September, 2027

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, whist enjoying local morning tea and grazing board lunch. We'll enjoy historical commentary from our captain as we uncover the regions 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 - HOMEWARD BOUND — Thursday 2nd September, 2027

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** superior service.

Lunch at own arrangements and cost / Refreshments inflight

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

NSW Silo and Water Tank Tour - 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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