



O'Shannessy's
QUALITY TOURS

VICTORIAN

Rail and Op Shop Tour



7 DAY FULLY INCLUSIVE TOUR

18th June to 24th June, 2027

VICTORIAN *Rail and Op Shop Tour*

FRIDAY 18TH JUNE TO THURSDAY 24TH JUNE, 2027

Come and explore the hidden charm of Victoria on a unique tour combining historic railway journeys with the thrill of op shop treasure hunting.

Travel through scenic regional towns, discover historic rail lines and browse quirky second-hand stores packed with vintage finds, collectibles and local character.

Uncover a bargain and experience Victoria off the beaten track.

Join us - there's something for everyone!

Tour Highlights

- Seymour Railway Heritage Centre
- Guided Tour of Bendigo
- Talking Tram
- Ravenswood Homestead
- Bendigo Op Shops
- Windarring Recycled Store
- Maryborough Railway Station
- Coach Factory Pickers Market
- Bishops Palace, Ballarat
- Ararat Op Shops
- Stawell Op Shops
- Horsham Op Shops
- Woods Farming & Heritage Museum
- Murtoa Stick Shed
- Murtoa Museum Precinct
- Treasure Hunters Hall, Lake Bolac
- Narrapumelap Historic Homestead
- Dimboola Op Shops

RAIL

- Victorian Goldfields Railway
- The Overland

Tour Prices

Twin share room first tour:	\$4,195
Twin share room repeat traveller 2 - 10 Tours:	\$4,145
Twin share room repeat traveller 11 - 20 Tours:	\$4,120
Twin share room repeat traveller 21+ Tours:	\$4,095
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 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 STAYS

2 nights in Bendigo

3 nights in Horsham

ACTIVITY LEVEL

Our Moderate Tours are for those comfortable with a bit more movement while still enjoying a relaxed pace.

Please refer to back cover.



COACH



TRAIN



Moderate



MEDIUM GRP



NEW TOUR

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.

Welcome to our brand new tour featuring **Trains and Op Shops**! With chauffeured pickup from home, we are transferred to meet our **O'Shannessy's Quality Tours** coach and crew. We'll make a stop for morning tea enroute to **Seymour**, known in history for its gold rush days, military presence and railway service. While here we are in for a truly special experience at the **Seymour Railway Heritage Centre**, home to an impressive collection of historic rollingstock spanning more than a century, including royal and vice-regal carriages. We start with a wonderful site tour and walk through the lovely old carriages, followed by a special lunch aboard the 1937 **Spirit of Progress** dining car. Although stationary, we can still appreciate the old-worldly charm. Thanking our hosts, we then head to Bendigo, where we settle in for the next two nights.

OVERNIGHT: Quality Lakeside Hotel, BENDIGO ★★★★★

Bendigo boasts one of the most impressive collections of Victorian-era architecture among Australia's inland cities. This morning, a local expert joins us on the coach for a **guided tour** of some of the city's architectural highlights, including the iconic Shamrock Hotel and the majestic Sacred Heart Cathedral. After thanking our guide, we enjoy morning tea at the **Tram Café** before boarding the **'Talking Tram'** for an interesting ride through the main areas of Bendigo to see some of the other stunning buildings and to learn a little about the history of the Goldfields. We stop to visit **Ravenswood Homestead** for lunch and a guided tour. Gold was first discovered on the property, which led to Bendigo becoming one of the richest towns in the world. Consequently, this property plays a big part in the history of Bendigo and is a most interesting visit. This afternoon, return to Bendigo for the afternoon to wander the beautiful township and discover the **local op shops** before returning to the hotel.

OVERNIGHT: Quality Lakeside Hotel, BENDIGO ★★★★★





DAY 3 - BENDIGO TO BALLARAT

Sunday 20th June, 2027

This morning we make our way to **Castlemaine**. On arrival, we have some time to explore the **Windarring Recycled Store** before heading to the **Victorian Goldfields Railway** to board our train for a ride in the beautifully restored, century-old timber carriages journeying from Castlemaine to Maldon. The historic village of Maldon was christened the "First Notable Town in Australia" by the National Trust because of its authenticity. Upon arrival, we reboard the coach and make our way to the historic town of **Maryborough**. We enjoy lunch at The Station by Whiskey June before a tour of the award winning, historic **Maryborough Railway Station** - dating back to the 1890s. After our tour, explore the treasure trove of used furniture and antiques and much more at the **Coach Factory Pickers Market**. After an interesting visit we then continue making our way to **Ballarat** for our overnight stay.

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

DAY 4 - BALLARAT TO HORSHAM

Monday 21st June, 2027

We begin today's touring with a tour of one of Ballarat's most imposing homes, **Bishops Palace**. Built in 1877 as the home for the first Bishop of Ballarat, now open to the public the Bishops Palace is an impressive example of 19th-century Gothic architecture with an unusual design and is particularly notable for its four acres of impressive heritage-listed gardens. After our tour, we have an enjoyable morning tea before travelling to **Ararat**. On arrival, we have time to hunt for some **local bargains** before lunch. This afternoon, we travel to our final shopping destination for today, **Stawell**, stopping to explore the range of local **op shops**. This afternoon, rejoin the coach and continue our way to Horsham, settling in for the next three nights.

OVERNIGHT: Best Westlander Motor Inn, HORSHAM ★★★★★

This morning, we'll browse some of the local **op shops** before making our way to **Woods Farming & Heritage Museum** in Rupanyup. Uncover local history as you wander by the many unique display of engines, tractors and much more. We will also enjoy lunch here before visiting the local painted Silo; the silos' original artwork faded, but 2025 saw renowned artist Smug breathe new life into the site. The new mural explodes with colour and detail, depicting local youth in tribute to rural sport and togetherness. Retracing our steps back to Murtoa, we visit the awe-inspiring **Murtoa Stick Shed**. Crafted from 560 natural mountain ash poles, it spans 270m, reaching 19m in height and 60m in width—an overwhelming testament to bush-style construction. Next, discover the **Murtoa Museum Precinct**, home to the Murtoa Railway Station, Water Tower and Concordia Cottage. Step back in time to a bygone era and discover the wide range of historical artefacts and memorabilia displayed throughout the precinct, as well. Here we will also find the breathtaking mural featuring a flock of brightly coloured birds. We now return to Horsham.

OVERNIGHT: Best Westlander Motor Inn, HORSHAM ★★★★★

Today, we discover some more of the region's **op shops**. First stop is Lake Bolac where we break for morning tea, famous for the 1460 hectare freshwater lake, popular for water sports. While here, we visit **The Treasure Hunters Hall**, full of pre-loved treasures to browse. Next, we step into a world of elegance, charm and serenity at **Narrapumelap Historic Homestead** where we enjoy lunch. The impressive French Gothic Mansion was built in 1873 and was originally owned by a successful pastoralist and philanthropist, John Dixon Wyselaskie. We now return to Horsham, travelling through Halls Gap in the Grampians.

OVERNIGHT: Best Westlander Motor Inn, HORSHAM ★★★★★

Before departing Horsham this morning, we'll take a look at Horsham's silos, titled "Yangga Dyata", which means "Walking on Country". Continuing our journey to **Dimboola** we'll uncover a bargain or two at the Dimboola Lutheran Bargain Centre before visiting Dimboola Vintage. Once we are all shopped out, we'll enjoy lunch before boarding the **Overland train** for our journey to Ararat where our coach will meet us to travel back 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!

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.

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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

Young Regional Art Trail - August 2027

Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers - September 2027

Lord Howe Island in Spring - October 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! **#oshannessys #friendstotravelwith**

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