



*Shannessy's*  
**QUALITY TOURS**

# **YARRA VALLEY**

*in Autumn*



**4 DAY FULLY INCLUSIVE TOUR**

**27th April to 30th April, 2027**

# YARRA VALLEY *in Autumn*

**TUESDAY 27TH APRIL TO FRIDAY 30TH APRIL, 2027**

When Autumn leaves turn, it brings a new beauty to this glorious region.

Indulge in a tantalizing wine tasting.

Take a stroll, take a photo or just take it all in.

Enjoy a relaxing journey on Australia's favourite steam train – "The Puffing Billy" as you travel through the lush rainforest of the Dandenong Ranges.

Visit a number of gardens.

All of this among the Autumnal Splendour of the Yarra Valley.

## *Tour Highlights*

- Rayner's Orchard, Tractor Tour
- MIRA, Marysville
- District and Historical Society
- Bruno's Art & Sculpture Garden
- Alowyn Gardens
- Yarra Valley Chocolaterie
- Rochford Wines
- Coombe—The Melba Estate
- Mont De Lancey Historic Homestead

### **RAIL**

- Puffing Billy Steam Train

## *Tour Prices*

Twin share room first tour:	<b>\$2,925</b>
Twin share room repeat traveller 2 - 10 Tours:	<b>\$2,900</b>
Twin share room repeat traveller 11 - 20 Tours:	<b>\$2,875</b>
Twin share room repeat traveller 21+ Tours:	<b>\$2,850</b>
Single room supplement:	<b>\$320</b>

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 STAY

3 nights in Marysville

## ACTIVITY LEVEL

Our Leisurely Tours are perfect for those who enjoy a slower pace; our leisurely tours are domestic and mostly “stay put,” with minimal physical activity required. Please refer to back cover.



COACH



TRAIN



Leisurely



SMALL GRP



STAY PUT

## 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.

### 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 aboard our splendid **Yarra Valley in Autumn** tour! We'll be collected from home and taken to meet our **O'Shannessy's Quality Tours** coach and crew. We then head to the lush ranges of the Dandenong, with beautiful views, picturesque reserves and a relaxing atmosphere. Travel through the striking mountainside from Belgrave on the historic "**Puffing Billy**" steam train. Disembarking at the Lakeside Station, we'll find our coach ready to take us to **Rayner's Orchard**, an unique boutique orchard located in the beautiful Yarra Valley. Lunch will be served first before taking a Fruit Tasting Tractor Tour. They grow around 450 varieties of fruit and have at least eight varieties of fruit every day of the year! Thanking our hosts we then make our way to **Marysville** and settle into our hotel for the next three nights.

**OVERNIGHT:** Peppers Marysville, MARYSVILLE ★★★★★

Following breakfast, we head out to discover the town. We'll have some free time to explore the charming tree lined main street of Marysville before stopping in to meet the friendly team of volunteers who help run **MIRA (Marysville Information + Regional Artspace)**. Much more than just a Visitor Centre, the space offers an exciting gallery, as well as a retail space stocking locally made artisan wares and produce. With Mira meaning "Look" the space is the perfect connection between Tourism and the Arts. Not far away is the **District and Historical Society**, home to a unique collection of items based around four main themes: Pioneers, Timber, Tourism and the RSL. The museum ONLY contains items that have a direct connection to the Marysville Triangle region. It's time for lunch so we'll make our way to **the Duck Inn** for a bite to eat and some warm hospitality. Our final visit today will be **Bruno's Art & Sculpture Garden**, filled with terracotta sculptures inspired by his intrepid journeys to faraway places. Since the fires, Bruno has been steadily rebuilding his handcrafted collection of clay characters. With our day complete, we make the short drive back to the motel and relax prior to dinner.

**OVERNIGHT:** Peppers Marysville, MARYSVILLE ★★★★★





# I do... I do love chocolate

DAY 3 - YARRA VALLEY SIGHTS AND DELIGHTS

Thursday 29th April, 2027

This morning we head towards Healesville; on the way we visit **Alwyn Gardens** which started life as a blackberry infested paddock. Designed with shade and comfort in mind, it's been developed into six distinct areas and for those who love a beautiful garden. We will enjoy morning tea amongst the Autumn Blaze Maple trees before plenty of time to explore the gardens. Then we're off to **Rochford Wines** featuring breathtaking panoramic views of the Great Dividing Ranges. We'll indulge in a wine tasting, relax over lunch and maybe take a wander around the grounds. Before heading back, we will pop into **Yarra Valley Chocolaterie and Ice Creamery** just around the corner for a tasting and a chance to stock up on some goodies! After our wonderful day we return to our hotel for a relaxed afternoon at leisure.

**OVERNIGHT:** Peppers Marysville, Marysville ★★★★★

This morning marks the last day on tour; however the fun is not over yet! Today we visit **Coombe – The Melba Estate**, one of the largest and oldest family estates in the Yarra Valley. Established in the late 1800's and once the home of famous opera singer Dame Nellie Melba, it is still owned and operated by her descendants, the Vestey family. The history, elegance, beauty and romance of Coombe – The Melba Estate makes it a unique place to visit. The Coombe Cottage property includes seven acres of historic, landscaped gardens and today we enjoy a lovely morning tea followed by a **tour of the gardens**. From here we head to Wandin North to experience the history, elegance and beauty of **Mont De Lancey Historic Homestead** where pioneer Henry Sebire, a stonemason, migrated from Guernsey in the Channel Islands, arriving in Melbourne in 1850. In 1867 Henry, together with wife Martha and their four children settled in Wandin Yallock, where Henry leased 80 acres of newly surveyed Crown Land. They cleared the bush to grow food for the growing Melbourne population. We'll be treated to a delightful lunch followed by a tour of the stunning gardens. What a lovely way to finish our fabulous tour! Later this afternoon, we meander our way back to Melbourne where our chauffeurs will be waiting to take us to our very doors!



## 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](http://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 - Leisurely

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- Embark and disembark the coach unassisted
- Negotiate some steps and gentle, undulating paths
- Walk or stand for up to 45 minutes at a time during local tours
- Travel seated comfortably for up to 2 hours at a stretch

## Upcoming Tours

**Christmas in July - July 2027**

**High Country in Spring - September 2027**

**Griffith Spring Fest - 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

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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.

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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