

Blue Mountains Jenolan Caves Tours: Imperial and Diamond Cave

1.5 hours

KEY FACTS



Guided tour of the Imperial Cave and the Diamond branch



1. Transport from/to hotels
2. Food & beverages not listed as Inclusions
3. Souvenirs
4. Travel Insurance

Departure point

- Departs: daily, all year round
Tour does not run on Christmas Day (25 December)
- Departure Point: Jenolan Caves (Address: 4655 Jenolan Caves Rd, Jenolan NSW 2790)
- Departure Time: 11:30 (approx.)
Times may vary without notice due to operational reasons or government restrictions.
- Arrives back at approximately 12:30

How to get there

- By Car
Jenolan Caves located approximately 186km west of Sydney Airport, takes about 2 hours 50 minutes; approximately 74km west of Katoomba, takes about 1 hour 20 minutes; approximately 158km west of Parramatta, takes about 2 hour 30 minutes.

If you are following a GPS or Google maps, their timings are often inaccurate. Allow an extra half an hour on top of its estimated arrival time.

Fuel is NOT available at Jenolan. The closest fuel is available at Oberon (30km) or Mt Victoria (55km). Please plan to buy fuel on your way to the caves.

- Free Onsite parking available

- By Public Transport
Unfortunately there is no direct public transport available. Most visitors drive or arrive on a coach tour. If you do not drive, please book one of the day tours that visits Jenolan Caves.

Operating hours

Daily (Feb 2020)	10:30
Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays	10:30, 14:00
Christmas Day (25 December)	Closed

Check-in requirements

Please ensure you arrive at the meeting point /departure point at least 30 minutes before your scheduled departure time to allow enough time to check in. On school holidays or long weekends/public holidays, you may need to arrive up to an hour early. Regrettably, failure to arrive before this time will most likely be classified as no-show and result in forfeiting the booking and it cannot be refunded or transferred.

If you are not familiar with the area or travelling on a weekend or local public holidays / school holidays, please make sure you've checked your timetable or driving route beforehand, and allow extra travelling time for unexpected delays to ensure you do not miss your check in

What to bring/wear

- Wear comfortable, non-slip walking shoes. High-heels and 'flip-flops' are unsuitable.
- Do not overdress. It is 15 degrees Celcius in the cave, all year.
- Water bottle, Snacks
- Money / credit card for optional purchases

Other info

- [Important Post-Covid Service Information]**
- If you feel unwell, please remain at home and get tested.
 - Please bring your own sanitation supplies, and practice good hygiene.

- Please wear a face mask.
- For contact tracing, the Service Provider will record your details, and retain them for 28 days.
- Please provide names and contact details of all members of your group, at Covid-19 check-in, either at reception or at Chisolm's restaurant upon arrival.

 【Imperial - Diamond Cave】

- Fitness level: average
- Stair steps: 386
- Length: 1270 metres

【General】

- When you book more than 1 cave tour, leave at least 30 minutes between, in case of delays.
- This cave tour is an all weather activity.
- Use the public toilets, before joining your cave tour, as there are no toilets inside any of the caves.

【Cave Rules】

- On any cave tour, please:
 - Listen carefully to your tour guide, and obey all instructions.
 - Do not stray from your tour group, even if you have your own light.
 - Do not touch any rock or crystal, as the invisible oil on your skin permanently damages the irreplaceable cave crystal.
 - Do not smoke, as fumes damage the cave crystal.
 - Do not eat or drink, as food particles attract life forms, such as animals, birds, bacteria and fungi, which are foreign to the caves and harm the fragile environment. You may take a bottle of water with you.
 - Do not litter. Please use the rubbish bins in the Grand Arch and near the Guides Office.
 - When you aim your camera flash in the dark, please consider other visitors' eyes.
 - Cameras are welcome. However, do not bring a camera tripod or a selfie stick into any cave, other than the Grand Arch or the Devil's Coach House cave.
 - Do not bring baby prams, camera tripods, monopods, selfie sticks.
 - Baby backpacks are not recommend - front carriers are safer.

- Above ground, to help protect the environment and for your own safety:
 - Do not feed native animals and birds, as they can become sick from food that is not part of their natural diet.
 - As Jenolan Caves is part of a huge nature reserve, birds and animals wander freely, in their natural habitat around the caves. They are wonderful to watch. However, the Service Provider does not 'own' them, and they are NOT TAME. If you approach, touch or feed them, no responsibility are accepted if you are bitten or otherwise injured.
 - Do not bring pets to Jenolan.
 - Put all your litter in rubbish bins, or take it away with you.
 - Do not climb on any rocks in or around the caves or the hotel.
 - When bush walking, stay on marked paths.

- To ensure that you enjoy your Jenolan visit:
 - Use the public toilets, before joining your cave tour, as there are no toilets inside any of the caves.
 - Park your vehicle in the designated car parks only.
 - Allow sufficient time to do your selected cave tour plus the complimentary self-guided tour of the Devil's Coach House Cave/Nettle Cave.
 - Check the signboard opposite the Guides Office, for special events and other announcements.

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Jenolan Caves are the largest, most spectacular and most famous caves in Australia and are one of the most outstanding cave systems in the world. Set in Blue Mountains World Heritage wilderness, Jenolan Caves are a national treasure, of awe-inspiring beauty and scale. Jenolan Caves are Australia's largest, most famous and most spectacular caves and the oldest caves in the world. All ages can experience award-winning tours, adventure caving and scenic bush walks.



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Diamond Cave

Pure Crystal

The Diamond Cave tour includes both the Imperial Cave (our easiest, most accessible cave), and the Diamond branch.

The Imperial follows an ancient river passage, and is mostly level. It is a wonderful, memorable experience for people of all ages, including children.

In the Diamond branch, the delicate passage is lined with pure white crystal formations, tinted with every shade of pink. The tour culminates at the 'Gem of the West', an astonishing crystal formation of helictites, stalactites, stalagmites, shawls and wave crystal.

This tour displays some of the most beautiful crystal you will ever see.

The Diamond Cave tour includes an optional visit to the northern 'Jenolan Underground River' via a 66 step spiral staircase. Less mobile visitors do not have to do this part of the tour. Instead, they can sit in the main passage while the rest of the tour does this more strenuous section.

Imperial cave

The Imperial Cave follows an ancient river passage. It is a wonderful, memorable experience for people of all ages, including children. As the path is mostly level, with short sets of stairs, it is the best cave for less mobile or elderly visitors.

Cave features include 'The Sinkhole', 'Ridleys Shortcut' (with a story on how it got its name), 'Lot's Wife', the 'Alabaster Column' and the dramatic 'Crystal Cities' which looks like an ancient fortress. And as its name suggests, the 'Shawl Cave' is filled with delightful cave shawls.

When the floor of the Imperial Cave was excavated in 1975, bones were discovered. The bones of a Tasmanian Devil (long extinct on the mainland) and a Wallaby are on display. As you walk through the cave, you can also see marine fossils embedded in the limestone roof and walls.

This tour includes an visit to the northern 'Jenolan Underground River', via a 66 step spiral staircase. This part of the tour is optional for less mobile visitors.

Quick Facts

- Length: 1,270 metres
- Stair steps: 386
- Fitness level: average

Cancellation Policy

All sales are final and incur 100% cancellation penalties.



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