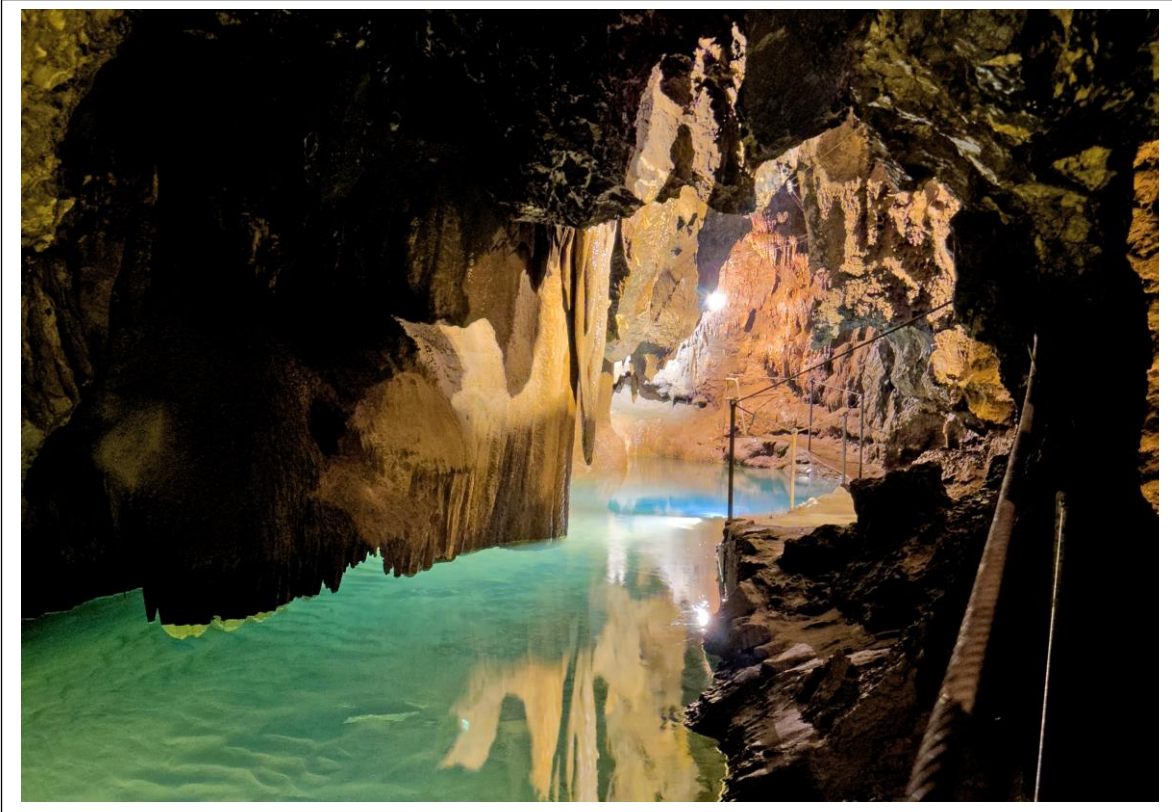


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Main Points

- Jenolan visitors no longer need to present a ticket before being allowed to drive into the Jenolan valley.
- Jenolan's handy Caves Café is open longer hours – 8:30am to 4:30pm.
- Participants on the Imperial Cave tour can descend to the underground river.
- Caves House has also reopened for dinner, bed and breakfast, with restaurant, bar and night cave tours.



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Four New Changes Will Delight Cave Visitors

To delight visitors, there have been new four developments at the recently reopened Jenolan Caves. Visitors no longer need to present a pre-booked ticket before being allowed into the Jenolan valley; the handy Caves Café is open longer hours; visitors on the Imperial Cave tour can experience the underground river; and Caves House has also reopened with restaurant, bar and night cave tours.

Ticket Rule Overturned

On January 20, after a 100-day closure, Jenolan Caves reopened. Some customers were heard to say they had been checking Jenolan's website daily, poised to book tickets online the moment a reopening date was announced, knowing they would not be allowed into the Jenolan valley without a ticket. But now, that rule has been overturned. Jenolan has announced that cave tour tickets can now be purchased at Caves House. This is good news for those who like more options and who, without a ticket, prefer to drive down to Jenolan to look around, browse the gift shop, relax at the café, explore bush tracks and maybe buy a cave tour ticket after arrival.

Café Extended Trading

Bush-lovers can explore the Six Foot Track and the Carlotta Arch Walk, keeping their eyes open for lyrebirds and rare Brush-tailed rock-wallabies. On reaching Caves House, the second delightful news is that the licensed Caves Café has changed its trading hours to a

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more convenient **8:30am to 4:30pm**, daily, with drinks, snacks and light meals, such as burgers made from Oberon-grown Angus beef. From the café, visitors can explore the public rooms on the ground floor of historic Caves House hotel and feel like they are stepping back to 1897.

Access to Subterranean River

Online pre-booking is still recommended for all cave tours, but if a tour is not full, tickets can be purchased at Caves House. Five spectacular caves are open for guided tours, including the Imperial. Here is the third delightful news. The Imperial tour now includes a descent to the underground river, which has been out of bounds for three years. Visitors to the Imperial can descend spiral stairs to stand at the edge of the pure, blue subterranean river – an experience to remember.

Hotel Reopened

Finally, the fourth delightful news is that Historic Caves House hotel has reopened for dinner, bed and breakfast on Fridays and Saturdays, with the option to add an evening tour.

See www.jenolancaves.org.au, to book online and to get full information about everything there is to do and see at Jenolan Caves.

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Other information

Jenolan Caves is open daily. Access is via EDITH ROAD ONLY. On Jenolan Caves Rd, there is a 30-minute DETOUR to Edith Rd via Duckmaloi Rd. On Edith Rd, 3 kms before Jenolan, at the top of the steep valley descent, stop at the gate. As the descent is one-way, drivers must follow the escort vehicle (running every 20 minutes) 3km down to the Jenolan carpark. In the carpark, wait to catch the free shuttle bus, or walk the last 500m downhill to caves and hotel. To be on time for your tour, visitors are advised to arrive at the gate at least 1 hour before their first booked activity.

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