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Discover Non-Stop Adventure in April at Jenolan Caves.

Jenolan is opening daily in April, for fun and adventure, with a refreshed Lucas Cave tour, a reimagined Stones and Bones tour, all the old favourites, and they accept Dine & Discover.



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- Jenolan Caves will be open every day from April 1 to 25 (ANZAC Day).
- Jenolan Caves accepts Dine & Discover for guided cave tours, lunch and high tea.
- Five spectacular caves will be open for fascinating tours, with friendly guides.
- Unforgettable underground experiences include 'Plughole Adventure Caving', the extended Lucas Cave tour and a whole bunch of fun for little adventurers in the school holidays.

Enough to See and Do for 2 whole days or even 3.

Jenolan Caves has announced plans to open **every day** from April 1 to 25, before returning to weekend trading. Online bookings are now available. Prebooked tickets are essential and expected to sell out quickly. With underground adventures, bushwalking, towering high tea, meals and accommodation in the historic charm of caves house, there is enough to see and do at Jenolan, to keep visitors busy for 2, even 3, whole days. Conveniently, NSW Dine and Discover vouchers are accepted at Jenolan, for cave tours, high teas and lunch.

During the tranquil days before the school holidays, people escape the city and immerse themselves in warm Autumn days and crisp cosy nights at Jenolan Caves. Challenge-seekers can satisfy their thirst for adventure on Jenolan's Plughole Adventure Experience. Jenolan Caves offers 5 spectacular show caves, included an extended Lucas Cave tour – a new way to experience an old favourite. For



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those making family plans for the school holidays, Jenolan Caves is jam-packed with activities for little adventurers. And with great value family tickets, visitors can give their whole gang a great opportunity to reconnect.

Visitors can Spend Longer in a Cave they Love, This April

The old favourite Lucas Cave tour has branched out - literally. It now runs for 2 fascinating hours, and includes the colourful Mafeking Branch, which is festooned with crystal stalactites and shawls. Starting with a 300-stair step ascent underground, the Lucas journey takes guests into Jenolan's highest and widest chamber, the 'Cathedral', where music and lighting showcase jaw-dropping formations.

The Plughole Adventure Continues

Recently, due to popular demand, Jenolan Caves reintroduced the exhilarating Plughole Adventure Caving Experience. Adventure guide, Alison, said, "We love taking people on this experience. One of the best things about it is that when participants finish, you can see a sense of achievement on their faces. Their own amazement at what they've done even shows in the way they walk out of the cave. The more nervous they were at first, the greater the positive impact at the end, and it's very satisfying to see."

Highly experienced guides take challenge-seekers abseiling, sliding, squeezing and crawling into the heart of the mountain, speleologist-style. Participants are kitted out in overalls and helmet, with only a headlamp lighting the way. No caving experience is necessary, but participants need a general level of fitness and a thirst for authentic adventure.

April Charm

Jenolan Caves House was built between 1897 and 1926. As guests stroll down its vintage corridors, they can almost feel the vibes from 125 years of guests. In this heritage-listed grand hotel, no two guestrooms are alike. It needs to be mentioned that Caves House doesn't have TVs or phones, enabling guests to totally switch off while on their holiday. Jenolan's Hotel & Hospitality Manager, Mukul Sharma, said, "We have mobile reception and wi-fi, but it is surprising how many guests say they love the absence of 'technology'. People today use TV as a substitute for conversation, and without a TV they can feel more like they stepped back in time and truly reconnect. It has so much history, maybe their great-grandparents stayed in the room!"

Upstairs in Cave House, guests can find the historic Chisolm's Restaurant. Those who can't resist the lure of the spirit world, should note that Chisolm's Restaurant is rumoured to be haunted. Set spirits high, with an extensive list of locally sourced gin and other tipples at Jeremiah's Bar, right next to Chisolm's.

Dine with Us & Support Local Farmers

At Jenolan Caves, Chisolm's Restaurant, is one of the last remaining grand dining rooms from the Edwardian era. It has so much history, and has even hosted royalty, back in 1927. In April, guests can immerse themselves in the historical ambience, for breakfast, traditional roast lunch, kitchen-crafted high tea and a-la-carte dinner, with dishes highlighting local produce.

Chisolm's head chef, Mark Livingstone, is meticulous about buying local, and it is good to know that when diners eat at Chisolm's they are helping to support local farmers. Savour local lamb with '*Lamb rump tagine, lemon and almond cous cous, sauce soubise*' or local beef with '*Slow braised Black*



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Angus scotch fillet (240g) Bourguignon of red wine, thyme, mushrooms and onions, served with mashed potatoes and broccolini’.

Bushwalks

For bushwalking enthusiasts, Jenolan’s McKeown’s Valley Track will be a treat. This historic walk takes visitors along a shady valley floor, where birds, brush-tailed rock wallabies, echidnas and lyrebirds might be spotted. As long as visitors book and prepay a ticket for cave tour or dining, they will be admitted to the Jenolan valley, where they can do self-guided bushwalks, free of charge.

Things to Remember

Pre-booking is absolutely essential - visitors must display a reservation for tours, accommodation or dining to park in the valley, and they are encouraged to plan early, to avoid disappointment. Visit the Jenolan Caves website at www.jenolancaves.org.au to book and find further information.

Access to the site is via Edith Road and then the ‘2-Mile’ section of the Jenolan Caves Road. The ‘5-Mile’ section of the Jenolan Caves Road remains closed by Transport for NSW. Visitors are encouraged to check the latest traffic updates. Download the Live Traffic NSW App, visit livetraffic.com or call 132 701.

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