

Pinnacles

The Pinnacles are dramatic limestone formations, sculpted by wind and rain into a truly bizarre and beautiful landscape.

They are located 245 kilometres north of Perth on the way to Geraldton and just south east of Cervantes within the Nambung National Park. Cervantes has a fantastic backpacker hostel. Some tours to the Pinnacles do leave from this hostel should you be using the Greyhound bus as your mode of travel on the west coast, please ask us for further information. There is also a caravan park with camping spots available. Keep in mind that this will fill to capacity during school holidays.

Please contact us for any information on visiting this amazing destination on the west coast, there are a large range of tours to cater for all tastes and timeframes. Alternatively we can help you hire a car or campervan so that you can explore the area at your leisure!

Sights & Attractions

The raw material for the limestone of the Pinnacles came from seashells broken down into lime rich sands, which was then carried by the wind inland to form high dunes. The Pinnacles formed as lime gradually leached from the sand dunes while rain firmly cemented the lower levels of the dune into a soft limestone rock. Vegetation then formed an acidic layer of soil and humus and a hard cap of calcrete developed above the softer limestone. Plant roots explored the cracks in the calcrete and quartz sand quickly filled the channels they left. When the covering vegetation died the winds were able to blow away the sand covering the eroded limestone, thus revealing the spectacular formations Pinnacles.

During the 1960's the Pinnacles were incorporated into the Nambung National Park, until then remaining relatively unknown to most Australians. The famous landscape now receives over 250,000 visitors a year.

The best season to see the Pinnacles is during spring, from late August to October, as masses of colourful wildflowers bloom in the Nambung National Park, however they're definitely worth a visit all year round. The peculiar Pinnacle formations are best viewed in the early morning or late afternoon sun as the play of light brings out the vivid golden color and extends the stark shadows of the formations. Most animals in the park are nocturnal, but emus and kangaroos can also be seen during the daytime, more commonly in the early evening or morning. One of the tours in this area does offer the opportunity to visit the Pinnacles at a full moon, an uncanny and mystical experience. Other tours include viewing wildflowers in season and more active sand boarding on the dunes nearby.

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