

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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REALLY STRANGE LANDSCAPE
WHERE MANY POINTS OF ROCK
JUT OUT OF THE SAND

Our First View of Northern Western Australia

We landed in Perth and immediately headed north to Exmouth, some 1200kms away. Our first impressions of Western Australia were not complimentary – huge distances, sparse population, poor quality soils and dry stunted vegetation.

On the first night we stayed at a motel in Cervantes on the coast north of Perth and after a quick bike ride around this little coastal town we drove into the highly admired Pinnacles National Park. We spent the evening driving around

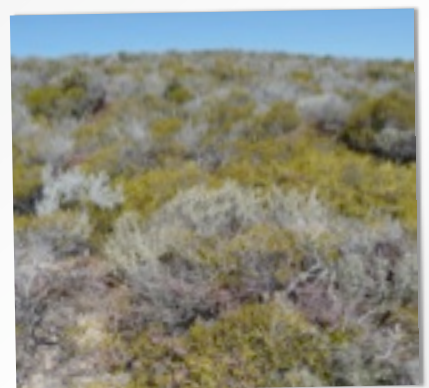
hundreds upon hundreds of spectacular pointed rocks that jutted out of the sand. The area was huge and there were very few tourists around. The setting sun outlined the strange termite mound features. Fascinating!!



SETTING SUN ON PINNACLES

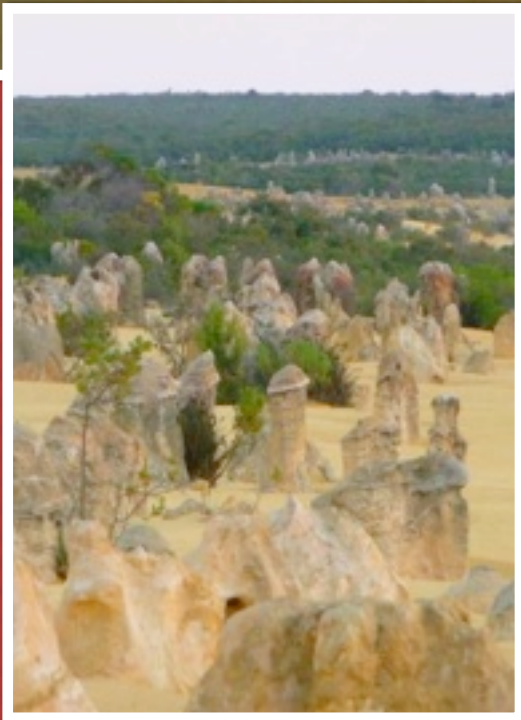
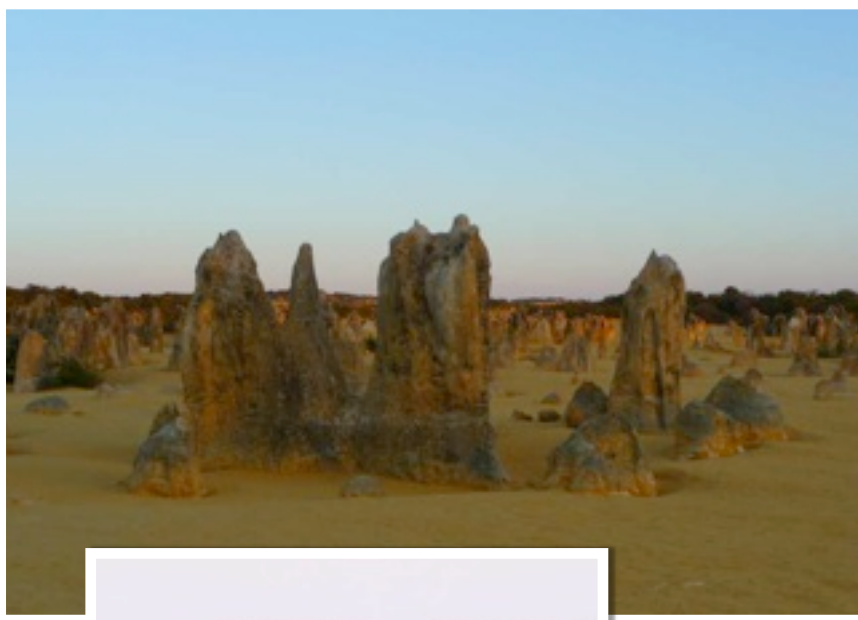


CATCHING THE SUNSET



STUNTED DESERT VEGETATION

PHOTOS FROM THE PINNACLES



We drove up the coast further and ended up in Kalbarri. The temperature was around 40c. It was too hot to do anything strenuous so we rode our bikes early, and took refuge in our air conditioned room for another night.

On our way out we came across a sand blowout which was starting to creep across the road. The sand was so white it looked like a snow drift.