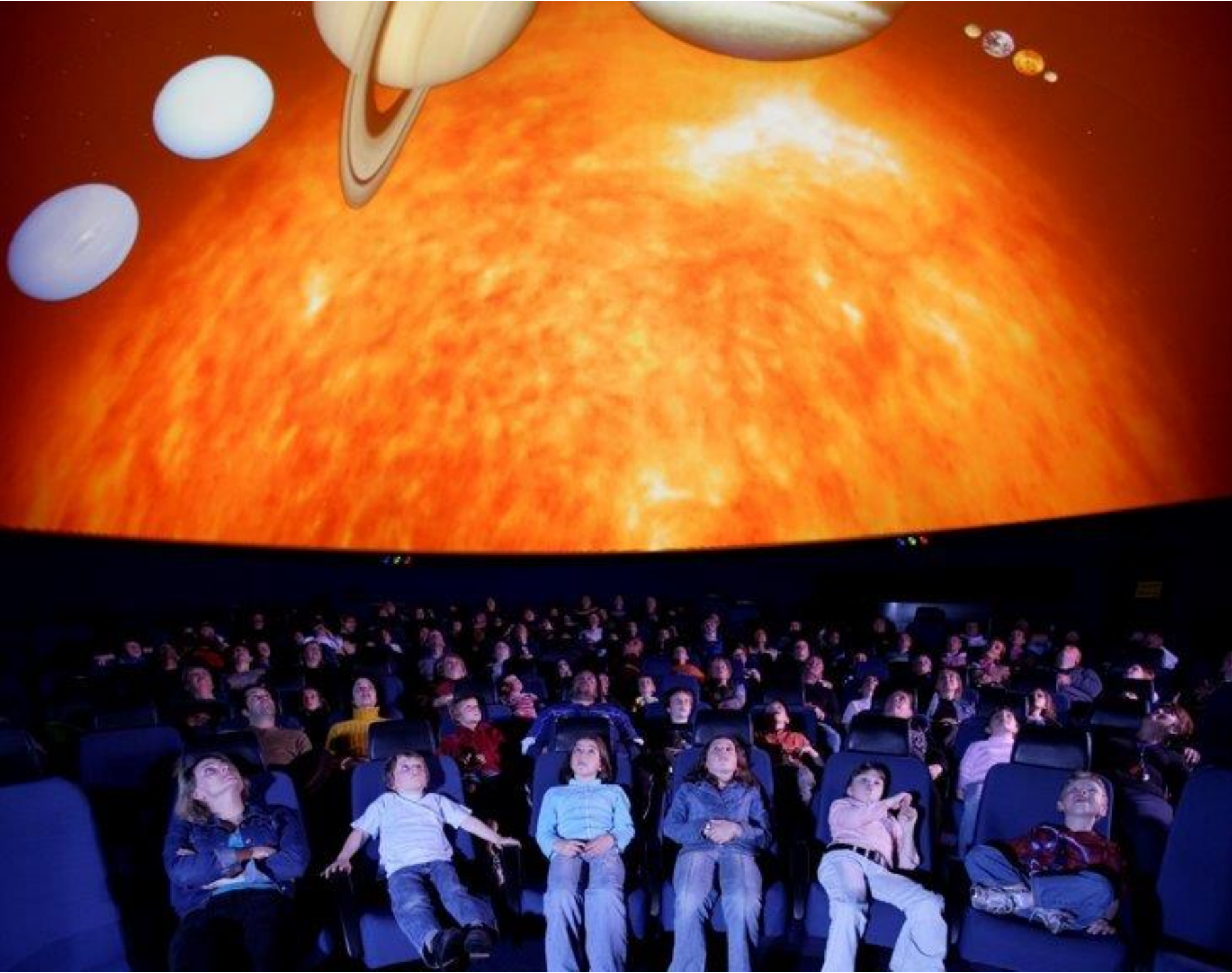


# Melbourne Planetarium at Scienceworks

Visual story



## **What is the Melbourne Planetarium?**

I might book to see a show in the Melbourne Planetarium.

The planetarium is a place where I can learn about the night sky, our solar system and outer space.

The planetarium is like a movie theatre, but the big screen is above my head. The seats lie back so that I can look up at it.

Most planetarium shows go for about 45 minutes.

There are usually two parts:

- A movie
- A talk about the stars in the night sky



## **Getting to the planetarium**

The Melbourne Planetarium is at the end of the Scienceworks building, just past the Sportsworks gallery.

To get to the planetarium I can follow the stars on the carpet near Sportsworks through to the planetarium foyer.

If I am coming from outside, I can follow the stars painted on the ground.



### Arriving at the planetarium

It is important that I get to the planetarium foyer 10 minutes before my show.

I will know I have reached the planetarium foyer when I get to the room with a big moon hanging from the roof.

Before I go into the planetarium, I can use the toilets in the foyer.

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## **Going into the planetarium show**

I may need to wait in line in the planetarium foyer for the doors to open before my show starts.

When I get to the front of the line, museum staff will scan my ticket so that I can go into the theatre.

The scanner will make a loud beep when my ticket is scanned.

If I am with a school group, I won't need to show a ticket.



### **Inside the planetarium**

It will be dark inside the planetarium, but I will be able to see the seats.

The presenter will tell me if I can choose where to sit or will show me where I should sit if it is a busy show.

The seats lean back so I can see the screen above my head.



### **Before the show**

Before the show starts, a presenter will tell us about what we are going to see.

There are usually two parts:

- A movie
- A talk about the stars in the night sky

Everyone will be asked to not use their phone during the show because this will help us to see the stars.



### **During the show**

When the movie starts, the planetarium will get very dark – this is so that the screen is extra bright.

Some parts of the movie may have moving images. If these make me feel dizzy, I can close my eyes until I feel better.

If I need to, I can leave the show at any time; but I will not be able to come back in.



### **Leaving the planetarium**

When the presenter has finished talking, the lights will come back on.

I can leave through the double doors under the EXIT sign.

**We hope you enjoy your visit to the  
Melbourne Planetarium at  
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