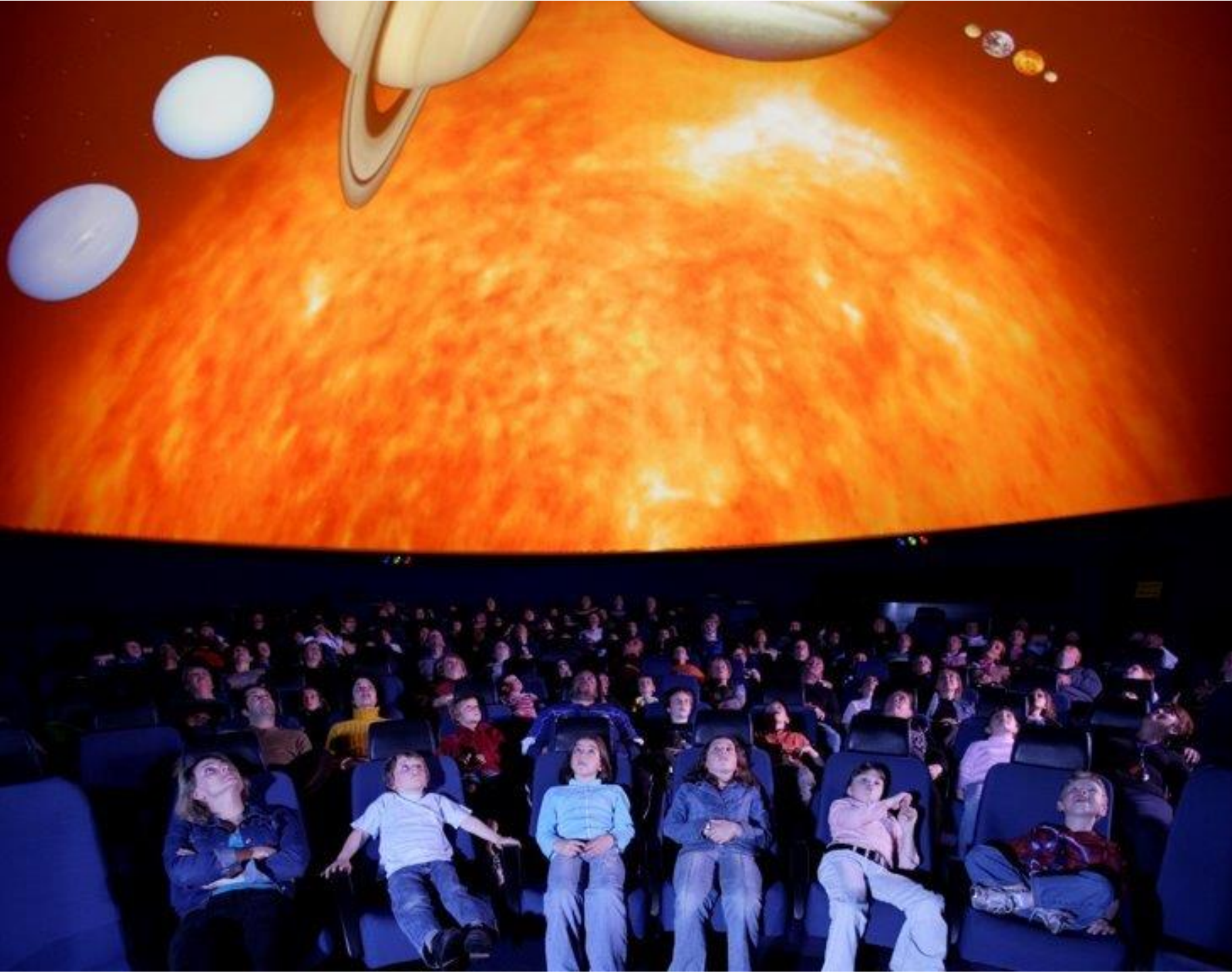


Melbourne Planetarium at Scienceworks

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
Scienceworks.**