

21st century voyage of amusement

A 21st century voyage of excitement and adventure is in store for visitors to World Expo Park, a \$50 million amusement park being built next to the Expo site.

Thrill seekers will be able to enjoy some of the most unusual and challenging rides in the world, some of them specially created for Expo. After Expo finishes, the rides, exhibits and amusements will remain as Brisbane's first leisure entertainment centre.

Two of the most exciting rides will be the Supernova and the Centrifuge. Explorers of the Supernova will enter a huge "space ship" and descend two storeys underground through a dark maze. They will then take off on a thrilling ride past asteroids and planets and through galaxies before shooting through a tunnel back to a launch pad.

Passengers on the Centrifuge will be suspended in carriages from an overhead track 33 m above the ground. As they descend, the carriages will swing out to almost 90 degrees while travelling at speeds up to 65 km/h. During the swings and drops, passengers will be tossed into the path of jets of water.

The Titan will also challenge roller coaster addicts, with a cable pulling a carriage backwards to a height of 38 m before sending passengers spiralling backwards and forwards through a series of boomerang loops and twists.

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There will be several rides for younger children. The glass-fronted Imaginarium will house most of them, including The Worm Ride, Battery Cars, Critter Track, Space Ride and Space Shuttle.

World Expo Park's version of the

ghost train, Alien Encounters, also has a space-age theme. Passengers will travel through horror sets on a simulated rescue mission to a crippled space station.

The Orbitron will give visitors the feeling of weightlessness associated with space travel. Inside the mock space ship, centrifugal forces will lift and lower passengers, pinning them against the walls. Other thrill rides will include the Ranger, Solarnaut, UFO and Asteroids.

In the Futuregraphics Photo Studio and Wave Lengths Recording Studio, visitors will be able to don a space suit and be photographed on a lunar landscape or at the control panel of a futuristic vehicle.

Those who have always wanted the opportunity to make their own musical recording can do so in the park's recording studio. Just sing along to your favourite record and the studio will record your voice with the original backing music on cassette.

World Expo Park will have its own licensed restaurants and cafeterias. There will be several futuristic domes for specialty shops.

From 10pm to 3am every night, the Heat Shield Disco inside The Galaxy Restaurant will have flashing lights la-

Restaurant will have flashing lights, laser beams and special sound effects signalling the descent of a two-and-a-half tonne space ship which will hover above dancers on the disco floor.

The park will be open from 10am to 10pm every day during Expo and two of the restaurants will operate 24 hours. Entry, but not rides, will be included in the Expo admission prices.



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