



SOLAR SYSTEM WALK

LOSE YOUR INTERGALACTIC VIRGINITY

Dear Sir Richard Branson,
We understand your need for perspective on humanity's insignificance – your desire to break the bounds of gravity and take a giant step into the universe. Virgin Galactic? A commendably modern and adventurous endeavour. But Sir Richard, please, there is really no need to leave our humble planet to get your space fix.

We cordially invite you to visit the fair city of Melbourne and to take a stroll along the St Kilda foreshore, where a model of the solar system awaits. You read correctly: the sun, all eight planets and an asteroid are presented here, at a scale of one to one billion, for your viewing pleasure. Even more impressively, Port Phillip's fetching crescent curve is perfectly shaped for this very journey, as the pint-sized sun can be viewed from every one of the mini-me planets.

Your journey will begin at Marine Pier, where a blazing metallic ball 139 cm in diameter (that's the sun, FYI) awaits. You'll continue along the shared bike and pedestrian path to Mercury, then to Venus, to Earth and Earth's moon, then on past Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune at a giddy pace. Finally, right down past Princes Pier, 5.9 km from the sun, you'll reach that dastardly asteroid, Pluto, just 0.24 cm in diameter.

Think of the billions, even zillions of dollars you'll save. Not to mention the workout you'll get, when you consider that every centimetre you walk is equivalent to 10 000 galactic kilometres. So what do you say, Sir Richard? Impressed? You're welcome. Drinks are on you.

Love,
Hide & Seek

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From Marine Pier, St Kilda Beach,
to the Boulevard, Port Melbourne
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