

9TH - 11TH DECEMBER

Road To Bethlehem



**A GUIDE
FOR KIDS**

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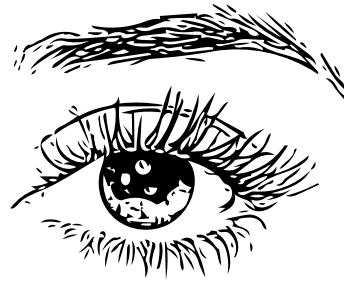
WHAT IS ROAD TO BETHLEHEM?

Road to Bethlehem is an outdoor, walk-through theatrical presentation that shares the true story and meaning of Christmas. Come and enjoy the festive fun with great food and a range of activities available for everyone. Step back in time and be immersed in the excitement and drama of the first Christmas.

The evening begins in our Road to Bethlehem Marketplace, where you'll find all kinds of food, activities and music to keep you entertained as you wait for your designated time to hit the Road. From the Marketplace, you'll then enter the gates to an outdoor theatrical adventure with your group, stopping at several drama presentations along the Road to Bethlehem. As your walking tour proceeds, you'll meet loyal shepherds, majestic wise men, beautiful angels and Roman soldiers. For many, the finest part of all, is the baby in the manger.

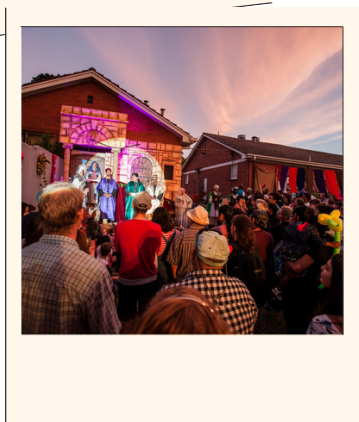


2 What will I SEE?



PEOPLE IN COSTUMES

The story of the 1st Christmas is set long ago. You will meet many people along the way dressed in costumes. These costumes are what the people in the times of Jesus would have worn.



LOTS OF PEOPLE

The Road to Bethlehem event is very popular which means lots of people!

Make sure you stay with your family or group to ensure you stay safe.

SMOKE

As part of the story telling experience you may see some smoke at certain stops along the journey. Don't worry this smoke isn't real and doesn't mean that there is a fire. This 'fake smoke' adds to the experience and excitement of the story.



3 What will I HEAR?



The journey takes us far and wide, from a place called Nazareth all the way to Bethlehem. Along the journey you will hear loud sounds such as banging, shouting, and even animal noises. These sounds are part of the journey to tell the story of baby Jesus and the first Christmas. The people you see and hear are real people that are playing characters in the story.



PEOPLE TALKING, SHOUTING
AND BANGING



SOLIDERS YELLING



ANIMAL NOISES



ANGELS SINGING

4 What will I SMELL?



FOOD

As you arrive in the marketplace to begin your journey, you might want to taste some of the delicious food and drink available from the stalls. It can be quite crowded at times and you might smell the different smells of the food cooking as you spend time here.



ANIMALS

At both the marketplace and on the Road to Bethlehem you might meet some friendly animals. These animals are part of the experience. These animals can be a little stinky though!

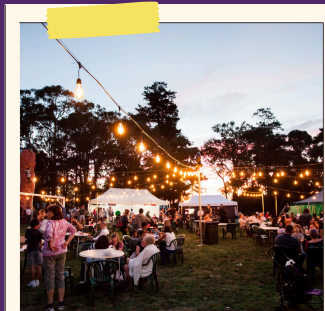
5 LIGHTS



The Road to Bethlehem journey is best experienced at night. Both the marketplace and on the road on which you will walk is lit with lights. Each stop in your journey is illuminated to ensure you can see the characters.

Before you reach Bethlehem you will meet some friendly shepherds are on the path. They are visited by an Angel. There is thunder and flashing lights.

Don't worry, there is plenty of tickets before dark if you would like to experience your journey before nightfall.



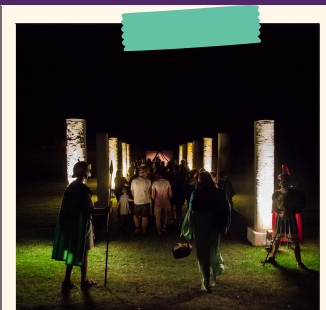
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6 FOOD AND ACTIVITIES



The marketplace is packed with activities and food stalls. There is lots of fun things you might like to do including getting your face painted, patting the farm animals, doing a craft, having a balloon animal made and much more!



Ballooning



Food and drink stalls



Face painting



Climbing wall

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TIPS FOR PARENTS

PRE BOOK

To avoid an uncertain wait times pre-book tickets online or over the phone. Ticket bookings open November 25 at 9am

ARRIVE BEFORE DARK

If you are concerned your child may be frightened by flashing lights or dark spaces it is best to pre-book tickets to journey through before dark

COME PREPARED

Sensory toys and ear muffs might assist some children with aspects of the journey.

PREPARE AHEAD

Chat with your child about what to expect on your Road to Bethlehem experience

See you
there!



BOOKINGS

**Bookings are available from 9am
November 25th
Online at www.roadtobethlehem.org
or by PHONE 9264 7770**

**For group bookings and information
phone lines open
etween 9am - 5pm
25 November to 6 December 2024**