

## THE TOUR



## FACTS AND FIGURES

Tour started in March 1988

Average number of days open to the public each year 140

Average number of visitors each year 80,000

Average stay at each venue 25 days

Average distance travelled each year 2000km

Average number of school children visiting each year 20,000

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**DISCOVERY DOME**  
in your area

# THE DISCOVERY DOME

## HANDS-ON SCIENCE



The Discovery Dome is an exciting exhibition where visitors of all ages explore the world of science through HANDS-ON exhibits.

The emphasis is on doing and finding out, not just looking and standing back.



The exhibition is housed in large yellow tents and travels from centre to centre, participating in local festivals and events as it goes, making it a unique occasion for each location. In its first season the Dome travelled the country from Cornwall to Aberdeen attracting over 100,000 visitors. Each year the Dome sets out on a different tour.

## EXHIBITS

The key to the success of the exhibition is the exhibits which are designed to be simple, fascinating and enjoyable to use. There are over 50 intriguing experiments to try out. Mirrors and magnets, illusions and lasers, skeletons and sound sculptures are there to be explored.



## A resource for... EDUCATION

A visit to the Discovery Dome can be a stimulating experience and a valuable link with school activities. All the exhibits have been designed so that visitors can handle and manipulate them to find out for themselves the ideas involved. Each exhibit can be enjoyed at a variety of levels and no detailed scientific knowledge is needed, so the exhibition is suitable for all age groups.

The exhibition has five main themes: Forces of Nature; Structures, Patterns and Waves; Optics; Technology; and About Ourselves. These themes are marked on the label of each exhibit so teachers can follow a particular topic, but the exhibits are not arranged in their groups.



## A resource for... INDUSTRY

A number of exhibits have been devised by students as part of their training in design and technology. In addition to this the Discovery Dome provides an opportunity for companies to show the latest developments in technology.



## A resource for... EVERYONE

The Discovery Dome exhibits are there to be enjoyed by everyone.

Quite simply they make the world a more interesting place.

