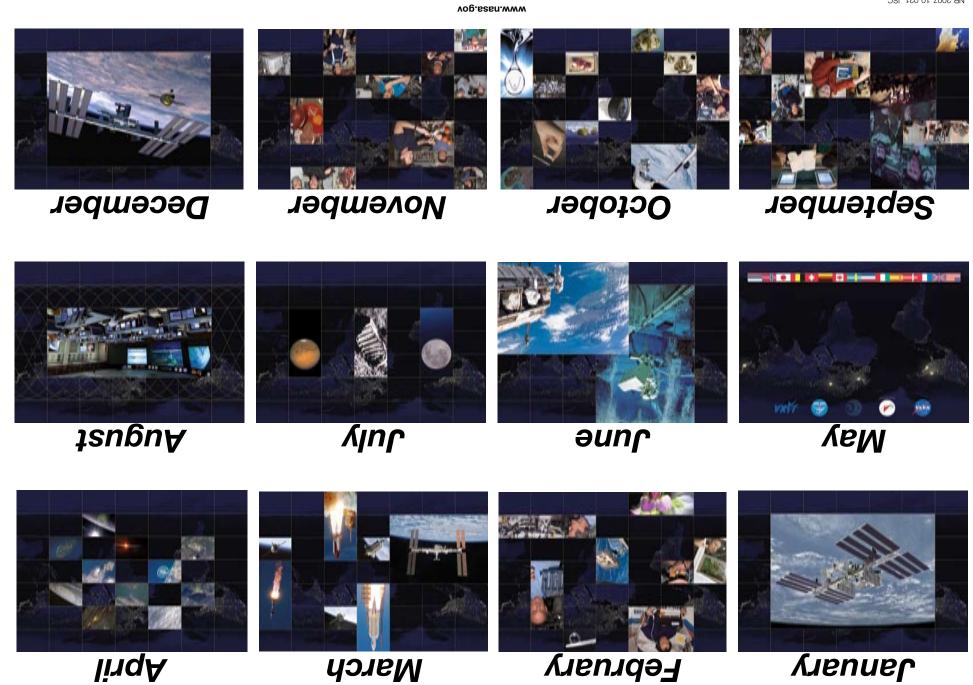
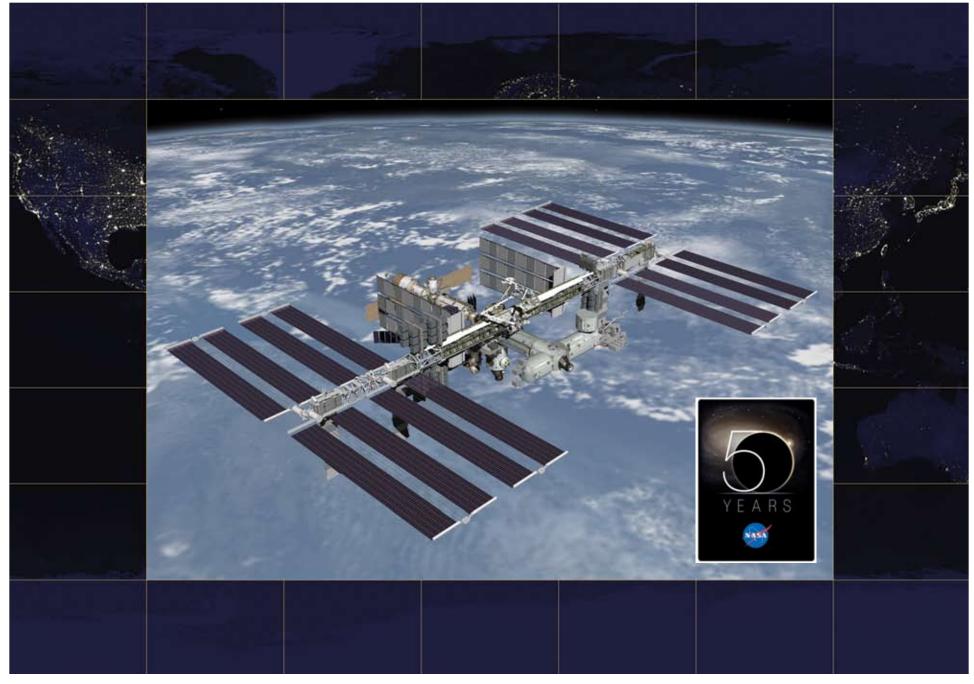
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The International Space Station (ISS) is the largest and most complicated spacecraft ever built. It is allowing NASA to conduct scientific research to improve life on Earth and to prepare for long-duration space flights to the moon and other destinations.

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Orion Statistics:

6 (ISS missions) Crew size Diameter 16.5 feet 692 cubic feet Pressurized volume

4 (moon missions) 5 meters 20 cubic meters

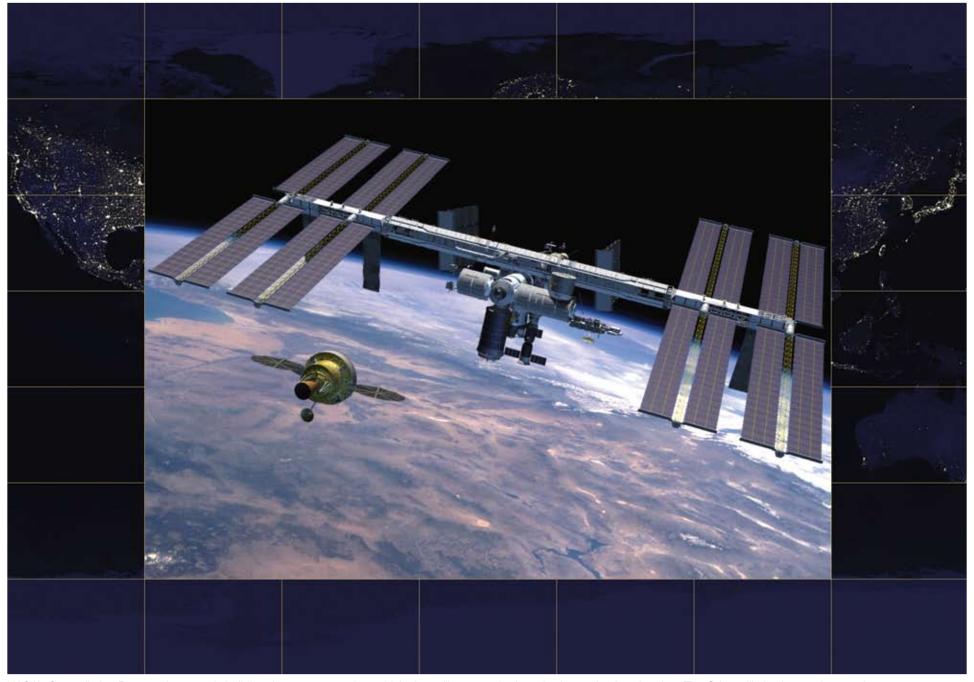
For more information about the Constellation Program, please visit: http://www.nasa.gov/mission\_pages/constellation/main/index.html











NASA's Constellation Program is currently building the next-generation vehicle that will visit the International Space Station (ISS). The Orion crew exploration vehicle will ferry crew members to and from Earth and the ISS beginning in the next decade. Orion will

be launched atop the Ares I rocket. The Orion will also be used to send astronauts to the moon. In addition to Orion and Ares I, Constellation is also developing a heavy cargo launch vehicle, Ares V.

# January 2

1 New Year's Day

**1959** – Luna 1 becomes first spacecraft to reach escape velocity and orbit the sun

2004 - Spirit rover lands on Mars

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6 1968 - Surveyor (moon) 1998 - Lunar Prospector launch

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**1990** – STS-32 (SYNCOM

10 1996 - STS-72 (TSS-1R; USMP-3) launch

12 **1986** – STS-61C (SATCOM KU-1) launch 1997 - STS-81 (Shuttle-Mir) launch

13 **1993** – STS-54 (TDRS-F; 15

16 **2003** – STS-107 17

DXS) launch

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Mir) launch

(Spacehab) launch

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1965 - Gemini II launch

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

1968 - Apollo 5 launch **1992** – STS-42 (IML-1)

24 **1985** – STS-51C (DOD)

launch 1986 - Voyager 2 Uranus 2004 - Opportunity rover

Reagan announces U.S. plans to build a space station

1984 - President Ronald

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**27 1967** – Apollo 1 fire 28

**1986** – STS-51L launch. Space Shuttle Challenger accident

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1998 - Intergovernmental Agreement on Space Station Cooperation signed

1998 - STS-89 (Shuttle-

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lands on Mars

**1958** – Explorer 1 launch. First U.S. satellite **1961** – Mercury 2 launch **1971** – Apollo 14 launch

When the ISS is complete:

- Its solar arrays will span 243 feet (74 meters), which is longer than that of a Boeing 777 200/300 model
- It will measure 356 feet (108.5 meters) or equivalent to a football field
- It will have 32,300 cubic feet (915 cubic meters) or equal to that of a Boeing 747
- It will have 52 computers to control its systems

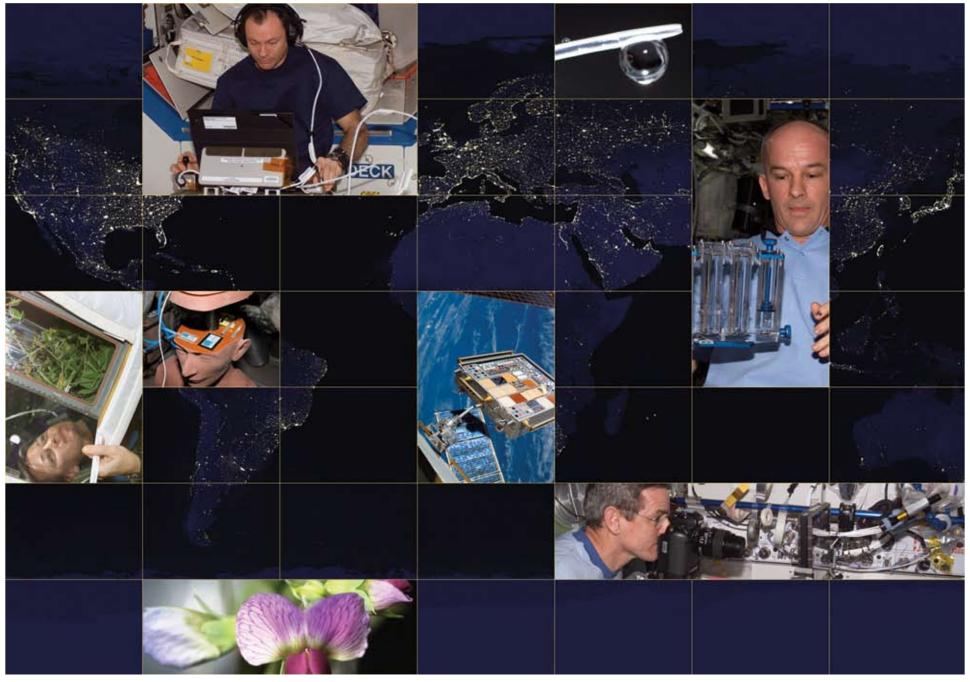
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Science on the International Space Station (ISS) focuses on human research and technology development to pave the way for future exploration of the solar system and to improve life on Earth.

## November 2, 0, 8

1984 - STS-51A (3 **Daylight-Saving Time** 1973 - Mariner 10 launch. 1996 - Mars Global satellites) launch First spacecraft to explore Surveyor launch **2000** – Expedition 1 Mercury arrives at ISS. Continuous 1994 - STS-66 (ATLAS-3; human occupation of ISS CRISTA-SPAS) launch **12** 13 14 **15** 9 10 11 Veterans Day **1971** – Mariner 9 (Mars) 1967 - Apollo 4 launch 1966 - Gemini XII launch 1995 - STS-74 (Shuttle-1969 - Apollo 12 launch 1990 - STS-38 (DOD) first spacecraft to orbit 1982 - STS-5 launch. First Mir) launch launch space shuttle operational another planet mission **22** 16 17 18 21 19 20 1989 - STS-33 (DOD) 1973 - Skylab 4 launch **1996** – STS-80 1998 - Zarya Control (ORFEUS-SPAS II WSF-3) Module launch. ISS launch construction begins launch 1997 - STS-87 (U.S. Microgravity-4) launch **25 29** 23 **26 27** Thanksgiving 28 **1985** – STS-61B (3 1964 - Mariner 4 (Mars) 2002 - STS-113 (ISS, P1 1991 - STS-44 (DOD) satellites) launch truss, Expedition 6) launch launch launch 1983 - STS-9 launch. First non-American participates in U.S. mission

**30** 2000 - STS-97 (ISS, P6 truss) launch. First set of ISS solar arrays

For more information on living in space. please visit: http://spaceflight.nasa.gov/living/index.html http://www.nasa.gov/vision/space/livinginspace/index.html











Expedition 1 began the permanent habitation of the International Space Station (ISS) on Nov. 2, 2000. Since then, crews have been working, eating, sleeping, exercising and performing other functions of everyday life on the orbital outpost. The Expedition crews living

on the station are helping NASA develop techniques for future explorers to better overcome the challenges of space flight life. To help make life on the ISS more like life on Earth, crews are also learning how to celebrate holidays, such as Thanksgiving, in space.

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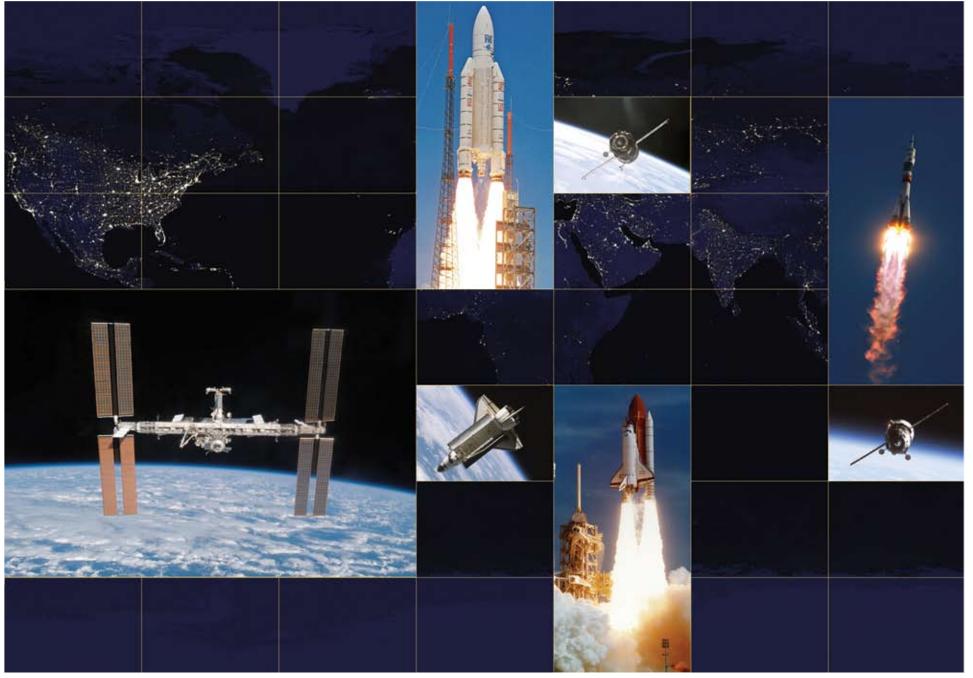
For more information about ISS science, please visit: www.nasa.gov/mission\_pages/station/science/index.html http://www.nasa.gov/mission\_pages/station/science/payload\_ops.html











More than 80 flights are scheduled during construction of the International Space Station. These missions deliver equipment, modules, supplies and crew members to the station. The international fleet of vehicles includes the space shuttle (U.S.), Soyuz (Russia),

Progress (Russia), H-II Transfer Vehicle (Japan), and Automated Transfer Vehicle (Europe). The space shuttle, Soyuz and Progress spacecraft are featured above.

### Qctober20

1958 - NASA officially **1962** – Mercury-Atlas 8 1957 - First satellite, begins operations (Sigma 7) launch Sputnik 1 (U.S.S.R.), launch **1985** – STS-51J (DOD). 1959 - Mercury Little Joe Space Shuttle Atlantis' 6 launch first flight 9 10 **1990** – STS-41 (Ulysses) 1984 - STS-41G (Earth 2002 - STS-112 (ISS, S1 2007 - ISS Expedition 16 1958 - Pioneer I launch. Radiation Budget Satellite) launch truss) launch launch. Peggy Whitson First NASA launch first female ISS **1968** – Apollo 7 launch. commander First crewed Apollo mission 2000 - STS-92 (ISS, Z1 truss) launch 15 16 18 13 Columbus Day **2004** – ISS Expedition 10 **1964** – Voskhod 1 1989 - STS-34 (Galileo) (U.S.S.R.) launch. First launch 1993 - STS-58 (Spacelab flight with multiple crew members Life Sciences-2) launch **2003** – ISS Expedition 8 launch 21 24 19 **20** 22 23 25 1995 - STS-73 (U.S. **1992** - STS-52 (USMP-1; 1967 - Mariner 5 Venus **2007** - STS-120 1961 - Mississippi Test Facility (Stennis Space LAGEOS II) launch (ISS, Harmony connecting Microgravity Laboratory) flyby Center) established module) launch launch **26** 27 28 29 **30 1998** – STS-95 1985 - STS-61A (D-1 2000 - ISS Expedition 1 1977 - Last free-flight test for Space Shuttle (SPACEHAB) launch. John Spacelab Mission) launch launch. First ISS crew Glenn returned to space Enterprise

> For more information about ISS and other NASA spinoffs, please visit: http://www.sti.nasa.gov/tto/ISSspin.html http://www.nasa.gov/mission\_pages/station/science/index.html http://www.sti.nasa.gov/tto/











NASA research not only helps the United States reach its space exploration goals, it involves the creation of "spinoffs" that improve life on Earth or experiments that have tremendous potential for Earth application. These spinoffs stem from technologies created

to support the International Space Station (ISS). Areas of everyday life that have benefitted from ISS spinoffs include water purification, manufacturing, sports, construction, aviation safety, robotics, vision enhancement, exercise and medicine.

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**2002** – STS-109 (Hubble Space Telescope servicing) launch

2 1972 – Pioneer 10 launch. First spacecraft to visit outer planet and leave solar system 1995 – STS-67 (ASTRO-2) launch	3 1959 - Pioneer 4 launch. First successful lunar mission by U.S. spacecraft 1969 - Apollo 9 launch	<b>4 1994</b> – STS-62 (USMP-2; OAST-2) launch	5	6	7	8 2001 – STS-102 (ISS, Expedition 2) launch. First crew rotation. First multi-purpose logistics module flight
<b>9</b> Daylight-Saving Time begins	10	11	12	<b>13</b> 1989 – STS-29 (TDRS-D) launch	14	15
16 1926 – First liquid fueled rocket launch 1966 – Gemini VIII launch. First successful docking of two spacecraft	17	18 1965 – Cosmonaut Alexei Leonov becomes the first person to spacewalk	19	20 Vernal Equinox — Spring begins	21	22 1982 – STS-3 launch 1996 – STS-76 (Shuttle- Mir) launch
23 1965 – Gemini III launch. First manned mission of Gemini Project	<b>24 1992</b> – STS-45 (ATLAS-1) launch	25	26	27	28	29 2006 – ISS Expedition 13 launch
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For more information about these vehicles, please visit: http://www.nasa.gov/mission\_pages/shuttle/main/index.html http://www.nasa.gov/mission\_pages/station/science/partners.html











The Crew Earth Observations (CEO) experiment: The International Space Station (ISS) provides a unique opportunity for its crew members to observe and photograph natural and human-made changes on Earth. The photographs also record events such as storms,

floods, fires and volcanic eruptions. CEO provides researchers with vital, continuous images to better understand the planet.

# September 2, 0, 8

Labor Day 1976 - Viking 2 lands on 1977 - Voyager 1 launch Mars 10 11 12 13 1995 - STS-69 (Spartan **1975** – Viking 2 launch 1960 - Marshall Space **1997** – Mars Global 1966 - Gemini XI launch 1961 - Mercury-Atlas 4 201-03, WSF-2) launch Flight Center dedicated **1994** – STS-64 launch Surveyor enters Martian 1991 - STS-48 launch launch 1992 - STS-47 launch **1967** – Surveyor 5 (moon) 2006 - STS-115 (ISS, 1993 - STS-51 launch launch P3/P4 truss) launch 2000 - STS-106 (ISS, supply) launch 16 18 19 1996 - STS-79 (Shuttle-**2007** – ISS Expedition 14 1961- Houston, Texas, 2001 - Pirs docking 1966 - Surveyor 2 (moon) Mir) launch compartment launch announced as site of launch NASA's Manned Space Flight Center (Johnson Space Center) 23 24 **27 22 25 26** 2003 - Galileo first 1992 - Mars Observer Autumal Equinox spacecraft to enter Autumn begins launch 1997 - STS-86 (Shuttle-Jupiter's atmosphere Mir) launch 28 **29** 30

NASA ISS Education program Web sites:

NASA Education — http://education.nasa.gov/

EarthKAM — http://www.earthkam.ucsd.edu/

NASA Explorer Schools — http://explorerschools.nasa.gov/

NASA Digital Learning Network — http://education.nasa.gov/dln

1988 - STS-26 (TDRS-C)

launch. First shuttle flight following the Space

Shuttle Challenger accident

NASA Central Operation of Resources for Educators (CORE) — <a href="http://education.nasa.gov/core">http://education.nasa.gov/core</a>
NASA Educator Resource Center Networks (ERCN) — <a href="http://education.nasa.gov/ercn">http://education.nasa.gov/ercn</a>
Engineering Design Challenge — <a href="http://www.nasa.gov/education/plantchallenge">http://www.nasa.gov/education/plantchallenge</a>
Amateur Radio International Space Station — <a href="http://spaceflight.nasa.gov/station/reference/radio/">http://spaceflight.nasa.gov/station/reference/radio/</a>



1994 - STS-68 launch

launch

**2005** – ISS Expedition 12









The International Space Station (ISS) is an orbital classroom for students around the world who have been treated to on-orbit demonstrations from the ISS Expedition crews. Students can also participate in interactive education programs such as EarthKAM or

compare plants grown on Earth to plants grown on the station. NASA has numerous resources available to help students learn about space and all of the professions necessary to carry out NASA's programs.

#### Apri **1968** – Apollo 6 launch **1973** – Pioneer 11 launch **1983** – STS-6 (TDRS-1) **1991** – STS-37 (Gamma launch. Space Shuttle Ray Observatory) launch Challenger first flight 1997 - STS-83 (MSL-1) launch 10 11 **2007** – ISS Expedition 15 1959 - NASA announced 1961 - Cosmonaut Yuri **1984** – STS-41C launch. 1964 - Gemini I test flight **1970** – Apollo 13 launch Mercury 7. NASA's first Gagarin becomes first First orbital satellite repair launch **1993** - STS-56 (ATLAS-2; SPARTAN-201) launch astronaut class human in space mission 1981 - STS-1 launch. First 1994 - STS-59 (SRL-1) 2002 - STS-110 (ISS, S0 space shuttle (Columbia) truss) launch launch mission 15 18 **1998** – STS-90 (Neurolab) **2004** – ISS Expedition 9 **1972** – Apollo 16 launch 2001 - STS-100 (ISS, launch Canadarm2) launch 20 23 21 22 **24 25** 26 **1967** – Soyuz 1 accident. **2003** – ISS Expedition 7 1993 - STS-55 (D-2 First human to die during Spacelab) launch launch mission **1990** – STS-31 (Hubble Space Telescope deploy) launch **27** 28 **29** 30 1991 - STS-39 (DOD) **1985** – STS-51B launch (Spacelab-3) launch

CEO also allows the crew to share their view of the Earth with the public. CEO imagery is available at: http://eol.jsc.nasa.gov/











Not only is the International Space Station (ISS) the most complex scientific and technological endeavor ever undertaken, it is a shining example of international cooperation. The ISS is a partnership of five space agencies—NASA, Roskosmos (Russia), the European Space Agency, Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency and the Canadian Space Agency.

## August206

1991 - STS-43 (TDRS-E) launch 9 1997 - STS-85 (CRISTA-1978 - Pioneer 13 (Venus) 2007 - Phoenix Mars Lander launch SPAS-02) launch launch 1989 - STS-28 launch 2007 - STS-118 (ISS, S5 truss) launch 12 13 14 15 16 2001 - STS-105 (ISS, 1977 - Space Shuttle Expedition 3) launch Enterprise first free-flight 2005 - Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter launch 17 18 22 23 19 20 1975 - Viking 1 (Mars) 1975 - Gemini V launch launch 1977 - Voyager 2 launch 24 **25** 26 **27** 28 29 30 1966 - Apollo/Saturn 202 1983 - STS-8 launch. 1985 - STS-511 launch Guion Bluford, Jr. first launch 1981 - Voyager 2 Saturn African-American in space **1984** – STS-41D launch. flyby Space Shuttle Discovery's 1989 - Voyager 2 Neptune first flight flyby 31 It is easy to track the orbit of the ISS or to learn when it is visible to humans on the ground.

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For more information about the ISS, please visit: www.nasa.gov

For more information, please visit: http://spaceflight.nasa.gov/realdata/index.html



With a permanent human presence aboard the International Space Station (ISS), flight control teams at the Mission Control Center in Houston and the Mission Control Center in Moscow are on duty 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Flight controllers keep a constant watch on the crew's activities and monitor spacecraft systems, crew health and safety as they check every system to ensure operations proceed as planned.

# May T

9 10 1989 – STS-30 (Magellan)
launch
1961 – Mercury-Redstone
3 (Freedom 7) launch. First 1992 - STS-49 (Intelsat VI Repair) launch. Space U.S. human (Alan Shepard Shuttle Endeavour's first Jr.) space flight flight. First 3-person spacewalk 13 **15** 16 17 14 1973 - Skylab space 1963 - Mercury-Atlas 9 station launch (Faith 7) launch. Final Mercury flight 1997 - STS-84 (Shuttle-Mir) launch 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 **1996** – STS-77 **1962** – Mercury-Atlas 7 **1969** – Apollo 10 launch (SPACEHAB; SPARTAN) (Aurora 7) launch launch 2000 - STS-101 (ISS, supply) launch 31 **25** 28 29 **26** Memorial Day 27 **30 1966** – Surveyor I (moon) 1973 - Skylab 2 launch. 1999 - STS-96 (ISS) launch. First space shuttle First U.S. space station launch **1971** – Mariner 9 (Mars) to dock with ISS crew launch

Once complete, the ISS will include contributions from 15 countries: the United States, Canada, Japan, Russia, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

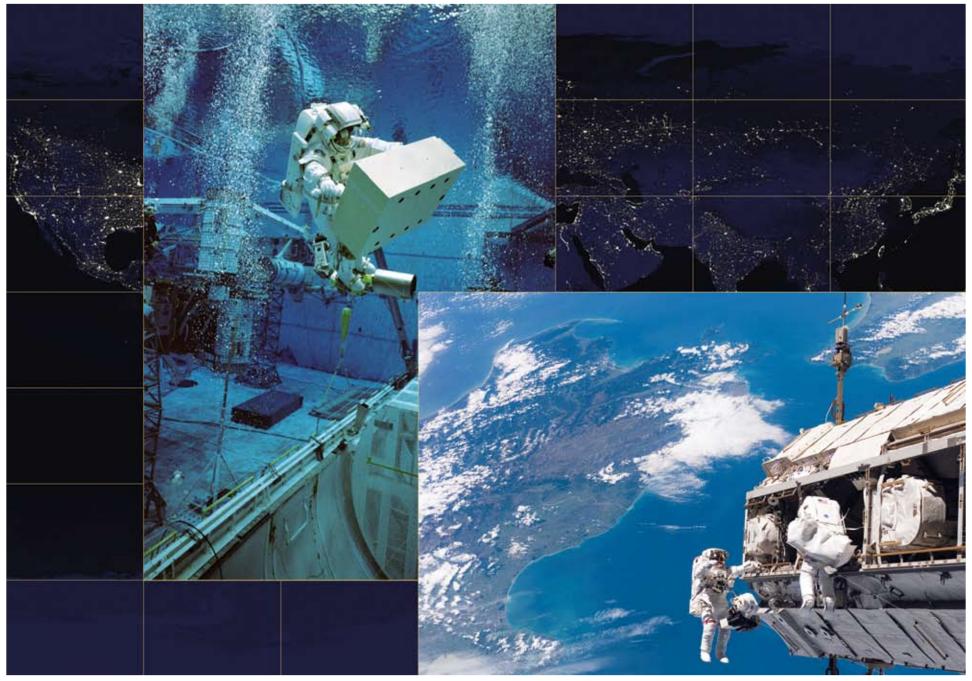
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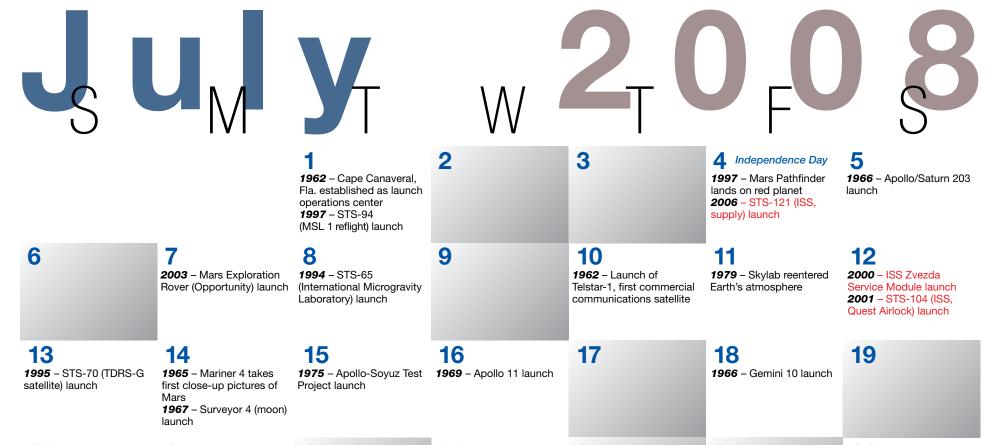






Building and maintaining the International Space Station (ISS) requires crew members to conduct extravehicular activities (spacewalks). More than 130 spacewalks are scheduled

to take place during the ISS assembly. To prepare for the spacewalks, crew members train in a 6.2-million-gallon pool at the Neutral Buoyancy Laboratory (NBL) in Houston, Texas.



launch

**1969** – Apollo 11 lands on moon. Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin first humans to

walk on moon 1976 – Viking 1 first U.S.

mission to land on Mars

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1964 - Ranger 7 (moon) **1973** – Skylab 3 crew launch

**1961** – Mercury-Redstone

4 (Liberty-Bell 7) launch

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1958 - NASA created 1960 - Mercury-Atlas 1 launch 1985 - STS-51F (Spacelab-2) launch

space shuttle commander

1999 - STS-93 (Chandra

X-ray Telescope) launch.

Eileen Collins first female

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**1963** – Syncom 2 launch **1971** – Apollo 15 launch **2005** – STS-114 (ISS) launch. Space shuttle return to flight mission

31 1992 - STS-46 (EURECA, TSS-1) launch

For more information about the first moon landings, please visit: http://spaceflight.nasa.gov/history/apollo/index.html

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For more information about NASA's long-duration spaceflight research, please visit: http://www.nasa.gov/mission\_pages/station/science/experiments/Human\_Research.html http://www.nasa.gov/vision/space/livinginspace/





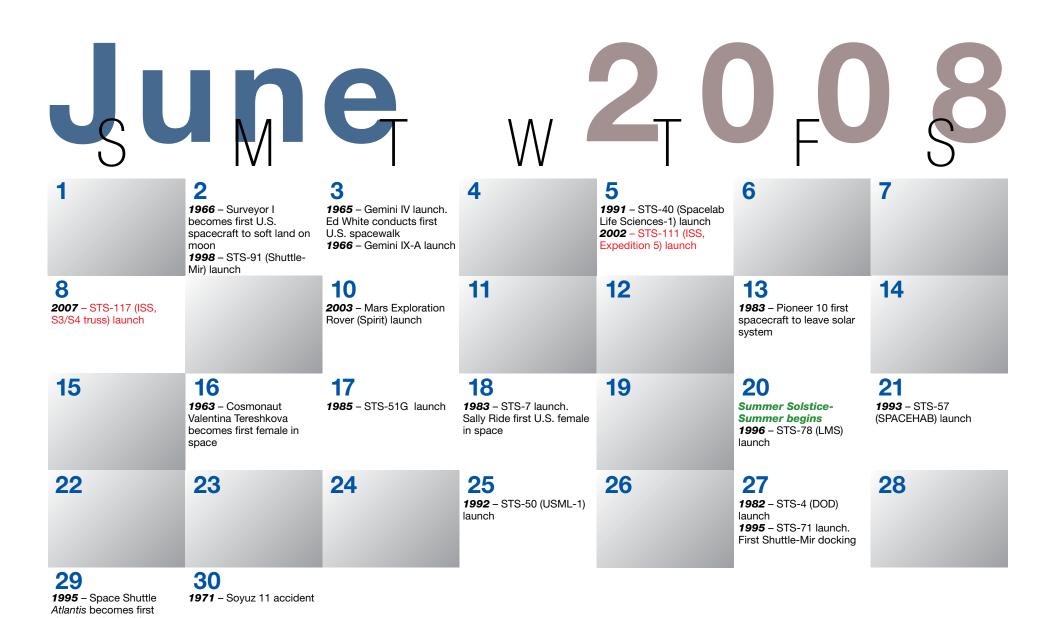






Humankind's greatest achievement in space occurred at 10:56 p.m. EDT, July 20, 1969, when Astronaut Neil Armstrong became the first human to walk on the moon. The United States is working to return astronauts to the moon and to explore other destinations. The

International Space Station is playing a vital role in that preparation as a testbed for long-duration space flight.



ISS-based spacewalkers can begin their EVAs out of the Quest Airlock (U.S.) or Pirs Docking Compartment (Russia). Spacewalks can also be based from a visiting space shuttle. NBL Pool Dimensions: 202 feet long, 102 feet wide and 40 feet deep.

shuttle to dock with Russian Mir space station

> For more information about ISS construction activities, please visit: http://www.nasa.gov/mission\_pages/station/main/index.html









