

USA/NASA Space Tour, February 2012. (Atlas V Rocket Launch!)

See the launch of an Atlas V Rocket taking a Navy (MUOS) Satellite into orbit, visit Mission Control in Houston, Kennedy Space Centre in Orlando and tour historic rocket launch sites at Cape Canaveral in Florida. Included is a realistic shuttle launch experience at Kennedy Space Centre!

When; Departing 13th Feb 2012. Note: (Itinerary dates and times are subject to NASA launch schedules.)

Cost; 13 Space filled days, USA internal land component only, LA to LA \$3850 per person twin share.

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Ever wanted to experience a simulated shuttle launch? See an Atlas V Rocket launched? Have lunch with an Astronaut? See John Glenn's Gemini launch site? Walk under a real Saturn V Moon rocket? Visit the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum in Washington and touch the Apollo 11 splash down vehicle or a piece of moon rock? See the real mission control rooms at JPL and Houston, and see mars rovers at work?

If you are interested in space this is the tour for you, visiting 4 major sites significant in space travel in the USA. The Johnson Space Centre (Mission Control) in Houston Texas, the Kennedy Space Centre at Cape Canaveral in Orlando Florida, where you fly a shuttle simulator and tour the historic Mercury, Gemini and Apollo launch sites. The Smithsonian Air and Space Museum in Washington, see the Wright Brothers plane, walk through Skylab, see the Enola Gay & the Concord. Lastly, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena California, the NASA centre for robotics and satellites. See the real size of Voyager, Galileo space craft and see the JPL mission control rooms, as well as the current and future robotic rovers to be sent to Mars.

This small group tour is fully escorted and offers 2 days at the Johnson Space Centre in Houston with a level 9 tour, entry into KSC and a "Then & Now" tour at Cape Canaveral, a full day at EPCOT in Disneyworld Orlando, and Universal Studios in Los Angeles. The tour includes; 12 nights superior accommodation plus breakfasts, all internal economy flights, taxes, transport to and from venues and airports, all entry fees, 1 group dinner and 1 lunch. Bookings are limited, as the tour has a max of 10. See full itinerary below;

Day 1	Mon 13 th	January.	Depart Melbourne (United) via Sydney for LAX arriving about 10am the same day. After US customs, a flight to Houston. Bus to hotel & a visit to the Boardwalk.
Day 2	Tues 14 th	"	Bus to the Johnson Space Centre, where you will do a Level 9 tour visiting the historic Mission Control room for the moon landings, lunch in the astronaut cafeteria and tour their huge Neutral Buoyancy Lab, where they practice all space walks & more.
Day 3	Wed 15 th	"	Free day in Houston or a free second day at the Johnson Space Centre.
Day 4	Thur 16 th	"	Flight to Orlando, bus to hotel and then off to Jetty Park, Cocoa Beach to catch the launch of an Atlas V rocket, taking a Navy (MUOS) satellite into orbit. Time TBA. Note: NASA can change the launch date and time for safety and operational reasons!
Day 5	Fri 17 th	"	Bus to Kennedy Space Centre for the day with either lunch with an Astronaut, or a "Then & Now" tour of the Mercury, Gemini & Apollo launch sites at Cape Canaveral.
Day 6	Sat 18 th	"	Bus to Epcot in Disneyworld for the day. (Future World and World Showcase) or a free day in Orlando for golf, outlet shopping, MGM studios, Airboats. etc
Day 7	Sun 19 th	"	Morning departure from Orlando, internal flight to Washington. Bus to hotel. The Holiday Inn Capitol is right next to the Air and Space museum, see the Apollo 11 capsule, walk through Skylab, V2 rockets and the Wright Bros Plane and more, then over to the Smithsonian Natural History museum, to see the Hope Diamond etc.
Day 8	Mon 20 th	"	Free day in Washington see the White house, Lincoln Memorial, Pentagon etc.
Day 9	Tues 21 st	"	Morning tour of Udvar-Hazy Smithsonian flight museum to see the Enola Gay, the Concord, the Blackbird etc. An afternoon flight to Los Angeles. Bus to hotel.
Day 10	Wed 22 nd	"	A full day at Universal studios with dinner at City Walk.
Day 11	Thur 23 rd	"	A morning tour of the Jet Propulsion Lab in Pasadena, then a ½ day tour of LA: Griffith Park, Rodeo Drive, Hollywood Walk of Fame, Lebre Tar pits & more.
Day 12	Fri 24 th	"	Free time in L.A., visit Warner Bros studios or a 2 nd free day at Universal Studios, or J.P.Getty Museum, then a late evening flight out from LAX to Australia.
Day 13	Sat 25 th	"	Flight over the Pacific. (Crossing International Date Line)
Day 14	Sun 26 th	"	Arrive Melbourne Airport approx 9.40am.