

Space Exploration

1950 1960 1970 1980 1990 2000 2010

- ▶ USSR's Sputnik 1 completes an orbit: October 5, 1957
- ▶ US announces beginning of a space initiative: October 7, 1958
- ▶ Cosmonaut Gagarin is 1st person in outer space : April 12, 1961
- ▶ US Astronaut Shepard is 1st American in space: May 5, 1961
- ▶ US intends to send person to moon by 1970: May 21, 1961
- ▶ Grissom is 2nd American in space: July 21, 1961
- ▶ Cosmonaut Titov spends over 24 hrs. in space: August 7, 1961
- ▶ John Glenn is 1st American to orbit Earth: February 20, 1962
- ▶ Cooper is 1st American to stay in space over 24 hrs: May 15, 1963
- ▶ Cosmonaut Tereshkova is 1st woman in space: June 16, 1963
- ▶ Voskhod 1 is launched with 3 cosmonauts: October 12, 1964
- ▶ First space walk by Cosmonaut Leonov : March 18, 1965
- ▶ Gemini 3 crew conducts 1st orbit maneuvers: March 23, 1965
- ▶ White completes 1st US space walk: June 3, 1965
- ▶ 1st space rendezvous of 2 staffed crafts: December 15, 1965
- ▶ Flash fire while testing Apollo I leaves 3 dead : January 27, 1967
- ▶ Cosmonaut death due to malfunction in parachute: April 24, 1967
- ▶ US astronauts orbit moon in Apollo 8: December 21, 1968
- ▶ 1st successful Soviet docking of 2 staffed spacecraft : January 14, 1969
- ▶ Apollo 10 moon mission tests lunar lander: May 18, 1969
- ▶ 1st moon landing and walk: Armstrong, Aldrin, Collins: July 16, 1969
- ▶ Soviets conduct 1st triple launch of staffed spacecraft: October 11, 1969
- ▶ 2nd lunar landing by Apollo 12: November 14, 1969
- ▶ Soviet Soyuz 19 sets space endurance record: June 2, 1971
- ▶ US Skylab work station launched into orbit: May 14, 1973
- ▶ 1st linkup of Soviet and American spacecraft in space: July 17, 1975
- ▶ Soviets set space endurance record - 96 days: December 10, 1977
- ▶ Soviets set space endurance record - 139 days: 1978
- ▶ Soviets begin 175 day mission : 1979
- ▶ Soviets begin 184 day mission: April 9, 1980
- ▶ 1st launch of US Space Shuttle Columbia- 1st reusable spacecraft: April 12, 1981
- ▶ Soviets set space endurance record of 211 days: December 10, 1982
- ▶ Sally Ride is 1st US female astronaut: June 18, 1983
- ▶ Rocket packs for untethered space walks: February 3, 1984
- ▶ Soviets set endurance record of 237 days: June 1, 1984
- ▶ Shuttle Challenger explodes during lift off: January 28, 1986
- ▶ Soviet space station Mir launched: February 20, 1986
- ▶ Soviets set space endurance record of 326 days: 1987
- ▶ Space Shuttle Discovery successfully launched: September 29, 1988
- ▶ Soviets set space endurance record of 1 year: December 1, 1988
- ▶ Hubble Telescope deployed from Discovery: 1990
- ▶ Construction begins on International Space Station: 1995
- ▶ First planet found orbiting another star: 1995
- ▶ Soviets set space endurance record of 438 days: March 1995
- ▶ Mars Pathfinder takes panoramic shots of surface: 1997
- ▶ Sergei Avdeyev : 679 cumulative days in orbit: 1999
- ▶ Mars Orbiter Camera finds possible liquid water on Mars: 2000
- ▶ Hubble Telescope continues exploration of deepest space: 2001
- ▶ Space Shuttle Columbia explodes 16 minutes before scheduled landing. : February 1, 2003

