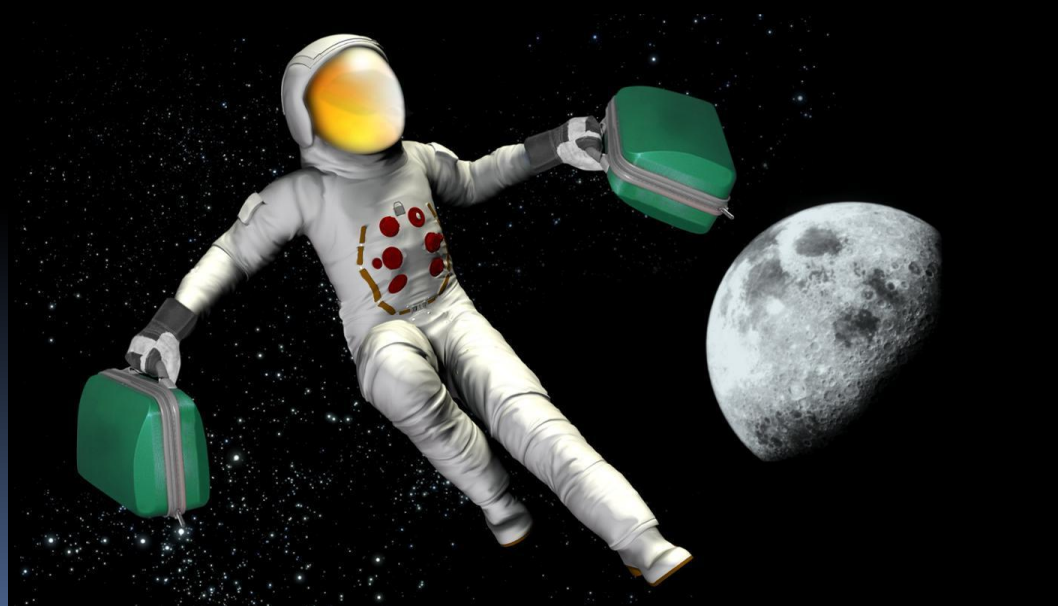



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# SPACE TOURISM

# Definition

- **Space tourism** is space travel for recreational, leisure or business purposes. A number of startup companies have sprung up such as Virgin Galactic and XCOR Aerospace, hoping to create a sub-orbital space tourism industry. Orbital space tourism opportunities have been limited and expensive.

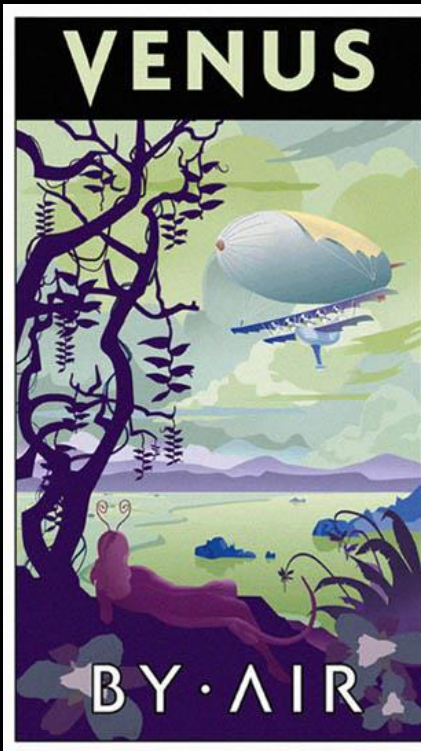



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- The publicized price for flights promoted by Space Adventures to the International Space Station aboard a Russian Soyuz spacecraft have been :
  - US \$20–40 million, during the period 2001–2009 when 7 space tourists made 8 space flights.
  - Some space tourists have signed contracts with third parties to conduct certain research activities while in orbit.

Ride an  
**SRV**

into  
**ORBIT**





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- As an alternative term to "tourism", some organizations such as the Commercial Spaceflight Federation use the term "personal spaceflight". The Citizens in Space project uses the term "citizen space exploration".
  - As of September 2012, multiple companies are offering sales of orbital and suborbital flights, with varying durations and creature comforts.

# The first space tourist

- **Dennis Anthony Tito**, who was born on August 8<sup>th</sup> in 1940, is an American engineer and multimillionaire, most widely known as the first space tourist to fund his own trip into space. In middle 2001, he spent nearly eight days in orbit as a crew member of ISS EP<sub>1</sub>, a visiting mission to the International Space Station. This mission was launched by the spacecraft Soyuz TM-32 and landed by Soyuz TM-31.



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