

International School of Innovations and Space Education, Russia

TOUR OF A RUSSIAN MANNED SOYUZ ROCKET LAUNCH

We offer an incredible 1-week adventure to view and be a witness of a Russian manned Soyuz rocket launch with 3 crewmembers inside Russian spaceship heading to the International Space Station. You will be just 1.5 km away from the Launch Pad - the closest public viewing area in the world – and will be able to capture an amazing liquid-fuel rocket launch.

DAY 1 Moscow Departure and Arrival

We arrive City of Baikonur, Republic of Kazakhstan with departure from Moscow City. The route Moscow - Astana (2-hour connection in the Capital of Kazakhstan), Astana-Kyzyl_Orda and then 3-hour bus ride to the City of Baikonur, is pretty long almost 22-hour journey to get to Baikonur Cosmodrome. Dinner is provided upon arrival. Go to bed and rest for the early wake-up for Soyuz rocket roll-out.



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DAY 2 Russian Soyuz Rocket Roll-out and Verticalization

Wake-up, drive to the Cosmodrome and view Soyuz rocket being transported by a rail locomotive to the Launch Pad. You will be just meters away from the rocket being able to capture its beauty on camera. After the rocket passes by, you will be able to stand very close and observe rocket being put into its vertical position for further checks and tanking. You will spend about 2 hours “with the rocket” being able to take picture you like. After we get back and have local town museum tour.



DAY 3 Visit of a Russian Buran space shuttle Launch Pad

Drive to the Launch Pad after breakfast. We will tell you the history of Buran Russian space shuttle program. Its failures and successes. Drive back in to town followed by lunch inside Kazakh Yurt (local steppe-residents house). Visit local market, buy local souvenirs and gifts followed by visiting Roscosmos gift shop.



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DAY 4 Crew walk-out and Launch

Depending on Soyuz rocket launch time, you will be able to see crew walk out of Cosmonaut Hotel and board the bus to take them to the Cosmodrome for space suits donning and final preparations. We follow the crew and ride to the Vehicle Assembly Building where they put their suits on. We witness suited crew walk-out from Assembly Building and jump in the bus for their ride to the rocket. The crowd waves, cheers and cries. After we visit a Museum located in Cosmodrome and climb in a full-scale Buran mock-up that served as a test vehicle. Then we go to the Viewing site and watch a Soyuz rocket launch.



DAY 5 Departure

Next day depart City of Baikonur for Moscow.



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Other Places You Will Visit in Baikonur, Kazakhstan

Full-scale famous Buran Russian space shuttle. This one was used for testing purposes. You will be able to go inside the cargo bay and its cockpit.



Up-close fantastic rocket roll-out



Dinner in a Yurt. That is how local Kazakh people live even today.



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Other Places You Will Visit in Baikonur, Kazakhstan

Baikonur City museum – local town museum that hosts a bunch of exhibitions. Visit of the Museum is one of Soyuz crew tradition. All expeditions visit the Museum.



Yu. Gagarin and Sergey Korolev – General Designer - houses where he worked and lived before Yu. Gagarin's launch 12 April 1961.



Grand Tour of Baikonur City. There are many landmarks in the City that refer to the beginning of space exploration by Soviet Union.



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Town local market – the place where you can buy souvenirs as well as space-related gifts.



Minimum number of participants – 10

3-time meals, 24/7 English speaking escort and tour guide

ALL-INCLUSIVE COST: \$ 5000

Travelers' data and payment must be submitted/made no later 60 days before actual travel

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