

# EXPLORATIONS

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### The Dawn of Orion

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It's been 50 years since NASA last built a human spacecraft. The Orion spacecraft follows in Apollo's footsteps, but with technology upgrades that allow it to support up to six crew members for three weeks. Astronauts will use Orion to conduct a lunar flyby in 2023. Subsequent missions will also be used to construct a lunar space station, termed the Lunar Orbital Platform-Gateway. The Gateway will be used for both manned and robotic exploration of the Moon and extraction of resources, such as mining lunar water ice which can be used to make rocket fuel.

*Interview: Randolph Bresnik, NASA Astronaut*

### Educational Resources

NASA Orion overview and quick facts

<https://www.nasa.gov/exploration/systems/orion/about/index.html>

<https://www.nasa.gov/sites/default/files/fs-2014-08-005-jsc-orion-efi-final.pdf>

[https://www.nasa.gov/sites/default/files/fs-2014-08-004-jsc-orion\\_quickfacts-web.pdf](https://www.nasa.gov/sites/default/files/fs-2014-08-004-jsc-orion_quickfacts-web.pdf)

Wikipedia information on Orion and Gateway

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Orion\\_\(spacecraft\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Orion_(spacecraft))

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lunar\\_Orbital\\_Platform\\_-\\_Gateway](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lunar_Orbital_Platform_-_Gateway)

Orion vs. Apollo spacecrafts

<https://www.space.com/5900-orion-apollo-nasa-21st-century-moonshot.html>

History of Lunar Exploration

[https://www.nasa.gov/50th/50th\\_magazine/lunarExploration.html](https://www.nasa.gov/50th/50th_magazine/lunarExploration.html)

Commercial use of the Moon's resources

<https://www.theatlantic.com/science/archive/2018/09/spacex-ispacemoon-commercial-business/571357/>

EFT-I coverage

<https://www.nasaspacelight.com/2014/12/efi-i-orion-historic-launch-atop-delta-iv-h/>

NASA Space Place: The Moon

<https://spaceplace.nasa.gov/search/moon/>

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<https://science.nasa.gov/science-activation-team/fiske-planetarium>

