

About Us

As the No. 1 international attraction in the region, Space Center Houston annually hosts 1.3 million people and generates \$118.7 million for the local economy. The Official Visitor Center of NASA Johnson Space Center, Space Center Houston has 450 crew members and is a Smithsonian Affiliate, Certified Autism Center, and was named “Best Museum” by USA Today. Owned and operated by Manned Space Flight Education Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, the space museum and learning center features more than 400 artifacts, exhibits, and experiences in the 250,000-square-foot complex. Since opening in 1992, more than 26.6 million people have visited.

Discover the Wonders of Space through Learning

As one of the world's leading science and space exploration learning centers, we inspire awe and wonder in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). We offer a rich array of educational programming from building and launching rockets to designing thermal systems, based on evidence of effective learning and teaching methodology.

Featured “Only Here” Exhibits and Experiences

The Moonwalkers: A Journey with Tom Hanks Film Experience

The Moonwalkers premiered in the Americas at Space Center Houston. Narrated and co-written by Hanks, the film is a multi-imaged presentation, with projections on the walls and floor of the 270-degree theater. The 50-minute film offers an intimate exploration of the experiences of the first astronauts who walked on the Moon, and those preparing for the upcoming Artemis missions.

Mission: Sketch, presented by UTMB Health

Mission: Sketch, presented by UTMB Health, allows guests to embark on an engaging five-step journey, where they select, design, scan, launch, and track their very own spacecraft. on the 26-foot-wide central control screen.

Independence Plaza

Independence Plaza, presented by Boeing, is an unprecedented, international landmark standing eight stories tall and displayed in the ferry configuration. Visitors can explore exhibits inside the shuttle replica Independence and the historic NASA 905 shuttle carrier aircraft. Multiple exhibits grant a rare glimpse into the historic shuttle era and describe its impact on future exploration.

SpaceX Falcon 9

A twice-flown SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket welcomes guests as they enter the parking lot. The Falcon 9 first stage booster offers an intimate look at a reusable rocket used to further space exploration and America's commercial space industry. It's one of only two Falcon 9 boosters currently on display in the world.



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