



Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex Opens the First Airport of the Future – Spaceport KSC – inside *Gateway™: The Deep Space Launch Complex*

CAPE CANAVERAL (June 15, 2022) – KENNEDY SPACE CENTER – All aboard! Next stop, the Universe. [Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex](#) is welcoming “travelers” to its newest attraction Spaceport KSC, located inside of *Gateway™: The Deep Space Launch Complex*, the first and only airport of the future. Guests will “fly” to destinations never-before explored in a motion theater, visiting unimaginable locations such as Mars, Trappist-1, Horsehead Nebula, Saturn, Jupiter and more.

Upon entering the concourse, travelers encounter the sights and sounds of a galactic spaceport: atmospheric airport chatter surrounds guests as they peer through windows at distant views of ground transportation movement as well as active launches and landings. The main concourse also features multiple screens that showcase destination promo videos and departure and arrival information, assisting in the choice of which location to investigate.

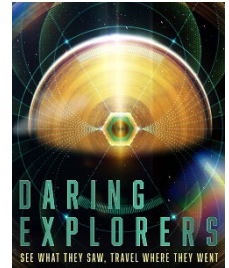
Guests then board “spaceships” – in the form of a motion system platform with a dome-projection accented by sound and special effects – for one of four, four-minute and 30-second journeys: Cosmic Wonders, Daring Explorers, Red Planet and Uncharted Worlds. Each distinct trip allows for the possibility of a different experience with every visit.

Pilot Sam Chandra aptly navigates each journey, as follows:



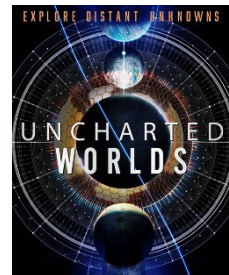
Cosmic Wonders: Cosmic Wonders takes guests on a 56,000 lightyears journey to the inky Horeshead Nebula dust cloud, the glowing tendrils of the Crab Nebula and to a massive Wolf-Rayet Star that is about to go supernova. Guests also see the recently launched James Webb Telescope and a view of Earth from 28,000 light years away.

Daring Explorers: Tracing the paths of Orbital Probes Cassini and Juno, this journey is a trip to the Outer Solar System. Guests visit Saturn and Jupiter and their moons – Titan and Europa. They catch a glimpse of the liquid lakes beneath Titan’s thick atmosphere, skim the rings of Saturn, marvel at Jupiter’s planet-sized storms and feel the force of Europa’s geysers on this unforgettable tour.



Red Planet: Mars is the destination for this trip, engaging guests for the 140-million-mile journey from Earth and offering an up-close look at our planetary neighbor’s history and potential. Guests take a trip back in time to see Mars’ ancient oceans and encounter the Perseverance rover.

Uncharted Worlds: Guests will enjoy the beauty of the Trappist-1 star system, an ultra-cool red dwarf star in the constellation Aquarius, located 40 lightyears from Earth. Along the way, guests weave past a hot steam planet and a frozen world of ice before skimming the surface of a world nestled inside the star’s habitable zone.



The height requirement to experience Spaceport KSC is 39” and child swap is available, allowing adults to alternate their turn on the ride. For guests unable to transfer to the ride seats or who have restrictions or sensitivity to motion, an observation bay is available to experience a full ride without the movement.

For more information, visit www.kennedyspacecenter.com/blog/inside-gateway-spaceport-ksc.

About Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex

Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex brings to life the epic story of the U.S. space program, offering a full day or more of fun, inspiration and educational activities. Included with admission: The all-new Gateway: The Deep Space Launch Complex, Heroes & Legends, featuring the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame®, presented by Boeing, Space Shuttle Atlantis®, Journey To Mars: Explorers Wanted, space films, the Rocket Garden, recently opened Planet Play and the Apollo/Saturn V Center. Just 45 minutes from Orlando, Fla., Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex is open daily in 2022 from 9 a.m. with closing times varying by season. For more information, call 877-313-2610 or visit www.KennedySpaceCenter.com.

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