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Axiom Space Announces Private Astronaut Expeditions

Axiom Space makes personal access to space broadly available. The company outlined its plans to support human spaceflight and to improve the quality of life on Earth.

Houston (June 12, 2018): [Axiom Space](#) is offering expeditions to space aboard the International Space Station (ISS) and ultimately the Axiom commercial space station complex. Ten-day missions are priced at \$55 million with the first launch occurring in 2020. The price includes transportation to and from the ISS, everything necessary to live and enjoy the experience while on orbit, and a 15-week, transformational training experience. Training is to current spaceflight standards and will be conducted side-by-side with national astronauts. Axiom's aim is for some of the most visionary people on the planet to participate in science, industry and the arts on-orbit, while experiencing the 'overview effect' of seeing our fragile planet and all of humanity as a single unit. These pioneering influencers and their related philanthropic entities will benefit from this perspective-altering, holistic view of Earth and its inhabitants and make world-changing choices that will benefit us all.

Michael Suffredini, CEO and President of Axiom Space said, "It is an honor to continue the work that NASA and its partners have begun, to bring awareness to the profound benefits of human space exploration and to involve more countries and private citizens in these endeavors."

Axiom Space is building the world's first commercial space station. The Axiom commercial space station complex will be assembled while connected to ISS and separate upon its retirement. The Axiom corporate mission is to increase access to space, provide a robust user experience, generate space commerce and develop products for large markets on Earth, ranging from turbine blades to fiber optics to bio-printing and much more. The new station habitation spaces, including the crew quarters, dining area and galley, are being designed in partnership with Philippe Starck, an architect and designer internationally renowned for visionary, experiential and elegant design.

"This is a dream project for a creator like me with a genuine fascination for aviation and space exploration," said Philippe Starck. "The greatest human intelligence in the world focuses on space research. My vision for the Habitation Module on Axiom Station is to create a comfortable egg that is inviting with soft walls and a design perfectly in harmony with the values and movements of the human body in zero gravity."

Missions to the International Space Station and Axiom Station are now available and can be booked through the Axiom Space website: www.axiomspace.com.

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ABOUT AXIOM SPACE

Axiom Space is headquartered in Houston, Texas and is led by Mr. Michael Suffredini, former Manager of NASA's International Space Station program. Axiom's team has been involved in every mission to the International Space Station since the program's inception. The company serves six markets including national astronaut programs, private astronauts, researchers, manufacturers, space exploration companies and advertisers. The mission of Axiom Space is to make living and working in space commonplace, to support sustained human space exploration and to improve the quality of life on Earth. www.axiomspace.com Tw: @Axiom_Space Inst: axiomspace_

ABOUT PHILIPPE STARCK

Philippe Starck is an internationally acclaimed French creator, designer and architect. His profound comprehension of contemporary transformations, his determination to change the world, his anticipatory concern for environmental implications, his love of ideas, his desire to defend the intelligence of usefulness - and the usefulness of intelligence - have accompanied one iconic creation after the other. From everyday products such as furniture and lemon squeezers, to revolutionary megayachts, individual windmills, electric bikes or hotels and restaurants that aspire to be wondrous, stimulating and intensely vibrant places. This untiring and rebellious citizen of the world, who considers it his duty to share his ethical and subversive vision of a fairer planet, creates unconventional places and objects whose purpose is to be "good" before being beautiful. Philippe Starck and his wife, Jasmine, mostly live on an airplane or in "middles of nowhere". www.starck.com / Facebook [@StarckOfficial](https://www.facebook.com/StarckOfficial) / Instagram [@Starck](https://www.instagram.com/Starck)