

What is the Astronaut Leadership Experience?

The women and men who are astronauts are amongst the most talented people on earth.

Astronauts increase their leadership and team building skills by undertaking outdoor leadership training programmes.

You have the thrilling opportunity to join astronauts and astronaut trainers on the Astronaut Leadership Experience, which is based on the astronaut outdoor leadership programme and is designed by the very people who carry out such work.

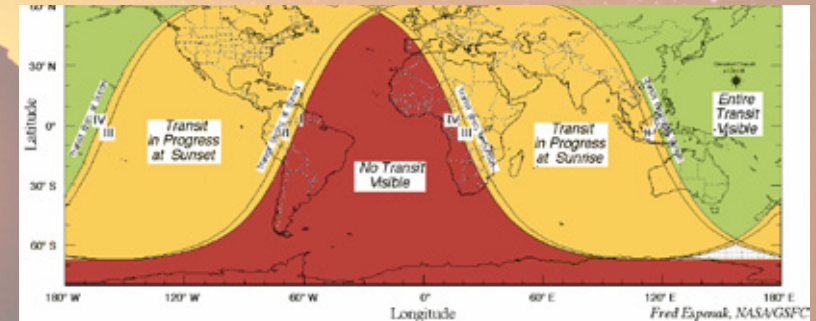
- Travel to one of the wildest environments on Earth with an astronaut, astronaut trainer & astronomer
- Build your Leadership & Team work skills
- See one of the rarest astronomical phenomena's

See the Transit of Venus

A transit of Venus, similar to a solar eclipse, is when the planet Venus passes directly between the Sun and Earth. They are among the rarest of predictable astronomical phenomena.

The transits occur in pairs. In the 21st century the first took place on 8th June 2004. The next will take place on 6th June 2012. After this there will not be another until December 2117 and December 2125.

The Transit of Venus on 6th June will take about 6 hours during which it is possible to see the alien and hostile world of Venus pass across the face of the Sun.



It will only be possible to view the complete Transit of Venus from the green areas on the diagram. Many of these areas, however, may be affected by cloud, mist and possibly rain.

Trek the Gobi Desert

The Gobi is our choice to view the transit with it being one of the most adventurous places on Earth to visit, the most likely place to give clear skies to view the transit and a great place to develop leadership and adventure skills.

Astronomy meets Adventure

See the Transit of Venus in the Gobi Desert, Mongolia
with Astronauts and Astronomers

Part of the Astronaut Leadership Experience Programme

“The Astronaut Leadership Experience exposes people to the challenges of human survival similar to exploration on a distant planet. A wilderness environment simulates the physical realities associated with establishing and maintaining a human presence where none existed before. Explorers will learn the leadership, team building and communication skills required to conduct complex missions. The challenging environment will enable the explorers to help each other and work as a team in a truly unique situation.”

Ken Ham

NASA Astronaut and Space Shuttle Commander

During the programme the explorers will take on a range of leadership roles:

- » **Designated Leadership:** taking responsibility for the group and its goals
- » **Active Membership:** supporting the designated leader and participating in group decision
- » **Collegiate Leadership:** the team works together, supports each other and is proactive in achieving group goals
- » **Personal Leadership:** explorers take care of themselves and show initiative



Ken Ham
Astronaut & Space Shuttle Commander

Ken was the Commander of Space Shuttle Atlantis Mission STS-132 to the International Space Station in May 2010.

Additionally Ken's space experience includes being the Pilot of Space Shuttle Mission STS-124.

Ken's background is as a naval aviator and test pilot.

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Programme Extension in Beijing (Optional)

There is also the option of extending your leadership experience by staying on for the Beijing Extension, in which we will be visiting the Forbidden City, the Lama Temple, Temple of Heaven and the Great Wall of China.