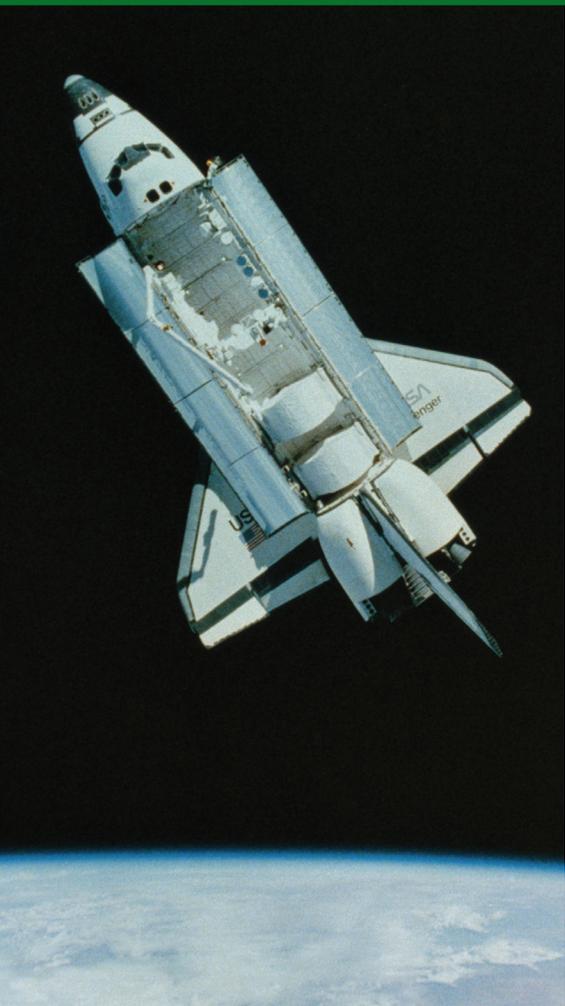


6 Space Tourism



Half a century ago, the world was amazed by the first flights into space. A man walking on the moon in 1969 was even more incredible. Those who flew so high and far were heroes. Most people did not think space flight was possible for the rest of us.

All of that is changing with the growth of space tourism. The first space tourists were rich. They paid a lot for flights on government-built ships. Now there are many private companies building spaceships. The first of these, SpaceShipOne, briefly flew to space in June, 2004.

In the next 10 to 15 years, more and more people will travel to space, and it will become much cheaper. There are already thousands of people excitedly waiting for the chance.

Vocabulary

Choose the best answer.

1. I only had a few minutes, so I spoke with him _____.
A: excitedly B: possibly C: briefly D: incredibly
2. The woman's story was so _____ that nobody believed it.
A: cheap B: incredible C: high D: rich
3. _____ in Korea love eating the country's delicious food.
A: Tourists B: Heroes C: Chances D: Worlds
4. I can't give you that information. It's _____.
A: amazed B: first C: possible D: private

Reading

Choose the best answer.

- () What does the article suggest about space tourism?
A: It will always be for the super-rich only.
B: Few are interested in it.
C: It won't be possible for another half a century.
D: Many people would like to try it.
- () What was SpaceShipOne?
A: A private spaceship.
B: A government-built spaceship.
C: The first ship to fly into space.
D: A spaceship built for one person.
- () Who are "the rest of us"?
A: people in government space programs
B: common people
C: very rich people
D: people who built the first spaceships
- () What happened first?
A: A man walked on the moon.
B: SpaceShipOne flew into space.
C: A ship carried someone into space.
D: A rich person flew into space as a tourist.

Grammar

1. high travel Spaceships very speeds at

_____ .

2. interested space you in trip Are taking into a

_____ ?

3. the what to moon wonder walk I like on it's

_____ .