

Baikonur Cosmodrome tour **5 days/4 nights**

Baikonur Cosmodrome is a complicated engineering and technical complex, it is the world's oldest and largest operational space launch facility. It is located in the desert steppes of Kazakhstan, about 200 kilometers east of the Aral Sea, north of the Syr Darya river, near Tjuratam railway station.



The cosmodrome occupies the total area of 6717 square kilometers.

It was originally built by the Soviet Union in the late 1950s as the base of operations for its ambitious space program, but fell into decline in the years after the collapse of the Soviet Union in December 1991. Later on it was leased to Russia by the Kazakh government (currently until 2050) and today it is managed by the Russian Federal Space Agency. «Sputnik» – the world's first satellite – was launched from this cosmodrome (1957), and since the first human space flight of Yuri A. Gagarin onboard the “Vostok” spacecraft (April 12, 1961) over 1.200 spacecrafts were launched into the universe from this port.

Baikonur is fully equipped with all the facilities required to launch both manned and unmanned space vehicles. It supports several generations of Russian spacecrafts: Soyuz, Proton, Tsyklon, Dnepr, Zenit and Buran. During the temporary lapse of the United States' Space Shuttle program after the Columbia Disaster in 2003 it played an essential role in operating and resupplying the International Space Station with Soyuz and Progress spacecrafts.

Nowadays Baikonur cosmodrome is open for international cooperation in the sphere of space exploration, for insertion of manned international orbital complexes of the new generation to the orbit.

Preliminary space launches program for 2018:

February 7, 2018 — Progress MS-08 (*unmanned launch*)

March 10, 2018 — Soyuz MS-08

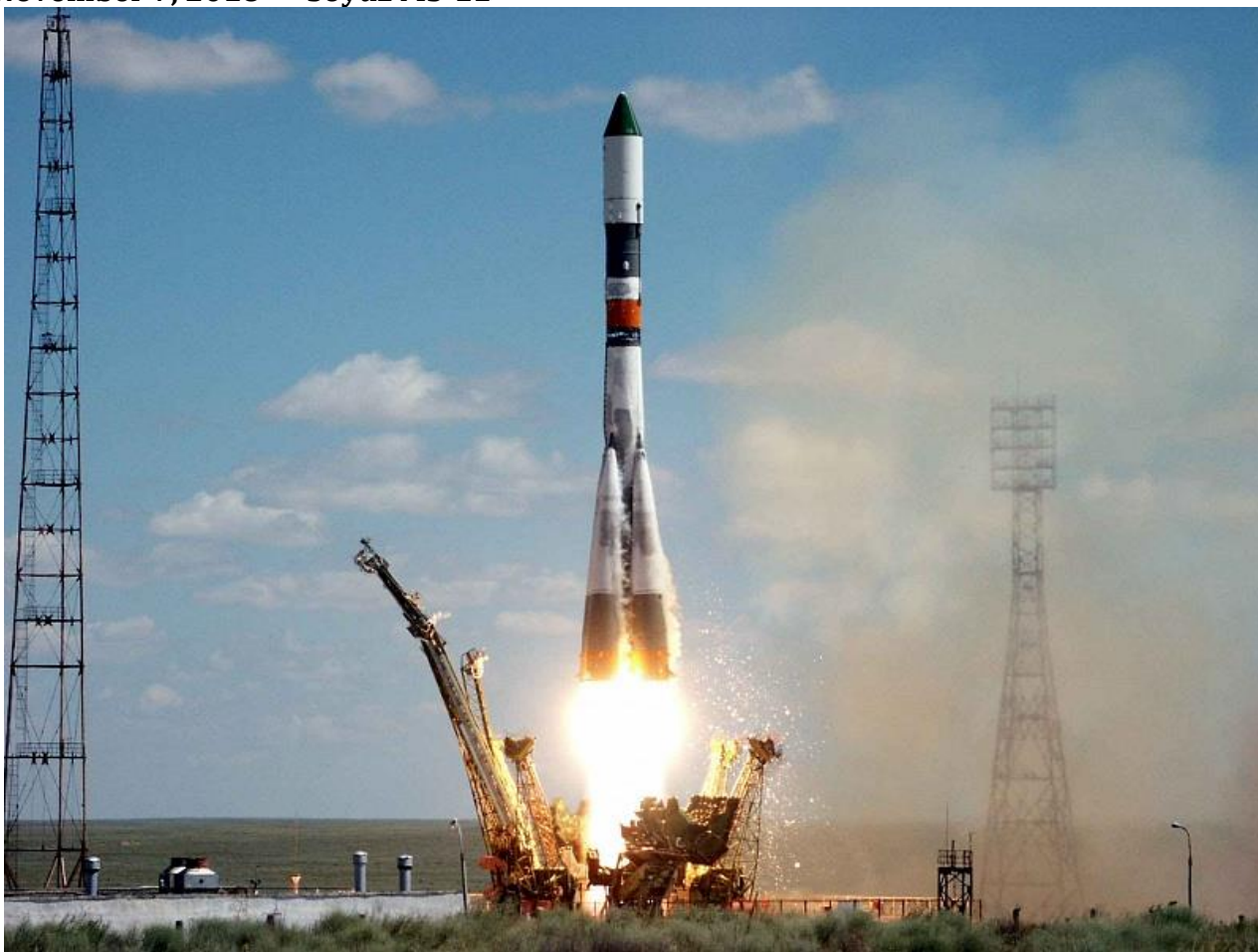
April 25, 2018 - Soyuz MS-09

June 13, 2018 — Progress MS-09 (*unmanned launch*)

September 8, 2018 — Soyuz MS-10

October 11, 2018 — Progress MS-10 (*unmanned launch*)

November 7, 2018 — Soyuz MS-11



Baikonur tour program:

Day 1

Flight.

Transfer to the hotel, check-in, accommodation.

General sightseeing of the town of Baikonur (information about the history of the town, stops near the memorials and monuments).

Day 2

Breakfast in the hotel.

Transfer to cosmodrome.

Watching the roll-out of the rocket from the hangar (pad 112).
Watching the transportation of the rocket from the railway crossroad of Gagarin launch pad.
Transfer to the launch pad #1.
Watching the installation of the rocket on the launch pad.
Visit to the monument of the beginning of space era.
Transfer back to the town.
Excursion in the International space school.

Day 3

Breakfast in the hotel.
Transfer to cosmodrome.
Excursion in the Museum of Baikonur cosmodrome.
Gagarin and Korolev historical cottages.
Buran orbital spaceship.
Cosmodrome tour (central part).
Transfer back to the town.

Day 4

Breakfast in the hotel.
Excursion in the Museum of history of cosmodrome Baikonur.
Visit to the central market for souvenirs.
Transfer to pad 17.
Walk along the historical alley of Cosmonauts where personalized trees are planted.
Transfer to cosmodrome, pad 254.
Space Crew ready-to-go official report.
Transfer to museum complex.
Transfer to the observation site of the Soyuz launch pad.
Observation of the launch of Soyuz rocket.
Transfer back to town.

Day 5

Breakfast in the hotel.
Transfer to the airport.

You should send your application at least 50 days before the visit of cosmodrome Baikonur with special questionnaires and copies of passports of all the participants enclosed.

Notes:

This is a preliminary program. The time and order of visiting the facilities of Baikonur cosmodrome can be changed because of the specificity and technical features of this complex. Besides, the duration of the program depends on the date and time of the rocket launch, so each program is always adjusted for the particular launch. Please, contact our specialists for more details.