

# Book your Space Hotel in 2025

By **NEEL ROBERTS**

What was the most exotic vacation you went on? I thought when I visited the Holy Land over 10 years ago was a big deal (and for most it is) but now you can see the whole planet and more from your hotel room in space. According to fake news CNN, a recent article <https://edition.cnn.com/travel/article/space-hotel-orbital-assembly-sc/index.html> Alta Loma, CA based Orbital Assembly Corporation (<https://orbitalassembly.com>) is now aiming to launch two space stations with tourist accommodation: Voyager Station, the renamed original design, is now scheduled to accommodate 400 people and to open in 2027, while new concept Pioneer Station, housing 28 people, could be operational in just three years. Orbital Assembly Corp (OAC) is creating the world's first hybrid space stations for both work and play. "For the average person, being in space will be a sci-fi dream experience" says Tim Alatorre, Chief Operating Officer for OAC in a press release. "Our vision is to make space a destination people will yearn to visit, with familiar elements provided by the presence of gravity" he added.

According to People Magazine, artificial gravity which will allow guests to move around as they normally would, rather than in a weightless



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environment. The technology is not currently available on space stations says OAC. The customizable environments will feature 5 spacious modules built around OAC's rotating Gravity Ring architecture. There will still be what he calls the comforts of artificial gravity, like showers, the ability to eat and drink sitting down but the spaces with less gravity will allow for even more fun, space quirks. The space hotel's original name, Von Braun Station, was chosen because the concept was inspired by 60-year-old designs from Wernher von Braun <https://www.nasa.gov/centers/marshall/history/vonbraun/bio.html>, an aerospace engineer who pioneered rocket technology, first in Germany and later in the

US. While living in Germany, von Braun pioneered the Nazi rocket development program, so naming the space hotel after him was risqué. Prices and more to be made public soon, so stay tuned.

Many who saw Stan Kubrick's "2001: A Space Odyssey" in 1968 (here's a free copy for your viewing <https://www.actvid.com/movie/watch-2001-a-space-odyssey-full-19523>) are still alive today and were fascinated by the idea of space living as a routine life style. Back then, that generation could never imagine it happening in their lifetime. However, two generations later, it's finally come to pass as the golden age

is on our doorstep. "The Best is Yet to Come!"

*Sky watch for the next month: Download this month's sky free schedule at <https://in-the-sky.org/newscal.php?month=7&year=2022&maxdiff=7&town=6053154> and charts <https://in-the-sky.org/skymap2.php>, <https://www.heavens-above.com/SkyChart.aspx>, <http://what.souttonight.com/Resources/2022JulyWOTSkyChart.pdf>.*

*Before Midnight Moon and Saturn rise- Friday, July 15th before midnight, look SEE as the Waning Gibbous Moon with the ringed planet rise for an all-nighter. [https://in-the-sky.org/news.php?id=20220715\\_20\\_100](https://in-the-sky.org/news.php?id=20220715_20_100).*

*After Midnight Moon and Jupiter rise- Monday, July 18th look East after midnight at the Waning Gibbous Moon and the King planet. [https://in-the-sky.org/news.php?id=20220719\\_20\\_100](https://in-the-sky.org/news.php?id=20220719_20_100).*

*Venus near Moon- Tuesday, July 26th before dawn look NEE as the near New Moon rise into the morning. [https://in-the-sky.org/news.php?id=20220726\\_20\\_100](https://in-the-sky.org/news.php?id=20220726_20_100).*

*Delta Aquarids Meteor Shower Peak- Friday Jul 29th until the end of the month, look in the constellation Aquarius 1-2 hours before dawn as it expected debris from comet 96P Machholz will fall at a rate of 15-20 per hour and a moon free night will make it great. [https://in-the-sky.org/news.php?id=20220730\\_10\\_100](https://in-the-sky.org/news.php?id=20220730_10_100).*

*For This Month's Events Check the Calendar- <https://calgary.rasc.ca/calendar2022.htm#Jul>*

*Happy Long Days of Summer and Keep Reaching for the Sky!*

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