



Museum of Nature and Science

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BLAST OFF! PEROT MUSEUM'S *JOURNEY TO SPACE* TRAVELING EXHIBITION IS AS CLOSE TO SPACE AS ONE CAN GET WITHOUT LEAVING EARTH

Opening Oct. 21, Journey to Space features a full-size simulated International Space Station, robotics, water rockets, Neil Armstrong's helmet and gloves, plus a space-inspired playspace for young cadets

DALLAS (Sept. 19, 2017) – All systems go! What's it like to live and work in space? How do astronauts sleep in a weightless environment, go to the bathroom in orbit, and what effect does space travel have on their bodies?

Visitors will get a glimpse at these cosmic curiosities – and learn about the extraordinary conditions, dangers and rewards of human space travel – when the Perot Museum of Nature and Science presents its latest traveling exhibition, ***Journey to Space*** (Oct. 21, 2017-May 6, 2018). Featuring two walk-through, rotating labs that let visitors “climb aboard” the International Space Station (ISS) *Destiny* module, *Journey to Space* is a hands-on adventure for all ages that demonstrates the advancements in spacecraft and spacesuit technology that allow people to exist for longer periods of time in a hostile environment. Member preview days are Oct. 19-20. The exhibition is presented locally by *Highland Capital Management* and requires a surcharge.

“For anyone who has ever dreamed of being an astronaut, or is just curious about our final frontier, this fascinating exhibition is about as close to space as one can get from Earth,” said Dr. Linda Abraham-Silver, Eugene McDermott Chief Executive Officer of the Perot Museum. “Visitors can actually experience the sensation that they're floating in space on the exhibition's rotating mock-up *Destiny Lab*, which is the primary research facility on the International Space Station.”

Presented in English and Spanish, *Journey to Space* explores the astonishing yet forbidding environment of space. From the vacuum of space and radiation to meteoroids and temperature extremes, guests of all ages will learn about the perils that astronauts face during their missions and the adaptations that engineers have developed to help them survive while in space. With 10,000 square feet of interactives, whole-body experiences and authentic artifacts, visitors can launch a rocket, test gravity in a drop tower, control a robotic arm, and experience the sights and sounds (and even smells!) on board an orbiting space station. Even tykes and tots will have a *blast* at the space station activity area and construction center, complete with dollhouses and space station figurines.

Nearby, guests can marvel at Neil Armstrong's actual helmet and gloves from his Apollo 11 mission along with numerous authentic space travel and exploration relics. Via games, multimedia components and interactive exhibits, visitors can feed their curiosity by listening to current and retired astronauts describe the quirks, obstacles and exhilaration of journeying through space. Routine things such as eating, sleeping, washing hair and exercising are a lot different than on Earth!

“For so many, the fascination with space begins at an early age and continues for a lifetime,” said Thomas Surgent, Partner at Highland Capital Management. “*Journey to Space* provides an exciting, hands-on introduction to not only our universe, but the science and math underlying it. We at Highland Capital Management are thrilled to know that this exhibition will inspire our next generation of scientists.”

The ultimate space experience continues with ***Journey to Space 3D*** (Oct. 19, 2017-May 6, 2018) in *The Hoglund Foundation Theater, a National Geographic Experience*. Narrated by *Star Trek: The Next Generation* actor Patrick Stewart, the 20-minute film explains how space exploration didn't die with the

end of the Space Shuttle program. Rather, some of the most exciting missions of our time are ahead – from capturing asteroids to landing astronauts on Mars.

Journey to Space was designed and developed by the Science Museum of Minnesota in partnership with the International Space Station Office of NASA's Johnson Space Center, the California Science Center and partner museums.

PROGRAM EXTENSIONS. Can't get enough space? Cool your jets with the Perot Museum's space-themed programs that will keep space cadets of all ages engaged. These include the adults-only *Social Science: Cosmic* (Oct. 20), a space-themed Sleepover (Nov. 3), the family-fun *Discovery Days* (Dec. 9), and the *National Geographic Live! Speaker Series* featuring celebrated astronaut, space shuttle pilot and International Space Station commander Terry Virts (March 21). Virts helped to install the 360-degree observation module on the ISS, and made good use of it, taking more photographs than any astronaut who came before him.

HOURS. General hours of operation for the Perot Museum are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. **IMPORTANT:** The Museum will close early Nov. 10 (1 p.m.) and all day Nov. 11 for the *Night at the Museum* fundraising gala. The Museum also will close Nov. 23 (Thanksgiving) and Dec. 25 (Christmas).

Member-only extended hours! From 9-10 a.m. every Saturday and 10-11 a.m. every Sunday, members can enjoy exclusive access to the Perot Museum.

TICKETS. Museum general admission is \$20 for adults (18-64), \$13 for youth (2-17) and \$14 for seniors (65+). For a limited time, save \$2 on general admission by booking online! Museum general admission is free for members. Children under 2 are always free. **Journey to Space** requires a surcharge of \$10 for adults (18-64), \$8 for youth (2-17), \$9 for seniors (65+), and free for children under 2. Member tickets are \$7 for all age levels.

The Perot Museum is located at 2201 N. Field Street in Dallas, Texas. For parking information and other details, visit perotmuseum.org or call 214-428-5555.

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About the Perot Museum of Nature and Science. *The top cultural attraction in Dallas/Fort Worth and a Michelin Green Guide three-star destination, the Perot Museum of Nature and Science is a nonprofit educational organization located in the heart of Dallas, Texas, with campuses in Victory Park and Fair Park. With a mission to inspire minds through nature and science, the Perot Museum delivers exciting, engaging and innovative visitor and outreach experiences through its education, exhibition, and research and collections programming for children, students, teachers, families and life-long learners. The 180,000-square-foot facility in Victory Park opened in December 2012 and is now recognized as the symbolic gateway to the Dallas Arts District. Future scientists, mathematicians and engineers will find inspiration and enlightenment through 11 permanent exhibit halls on five floors of public space; a children's museum; a state-of-the art traveling exhibition hall; and The Hogg Foundation Theater, a National Geographic Experience. Designed by 2005 Pritzker Architecture Prize Laureate Thom Mayne and his firm Morphosis Architects, the Victory Park museum has been lauded for its artistry and sustainability. To learn more, please visit perotmuseum.org*

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