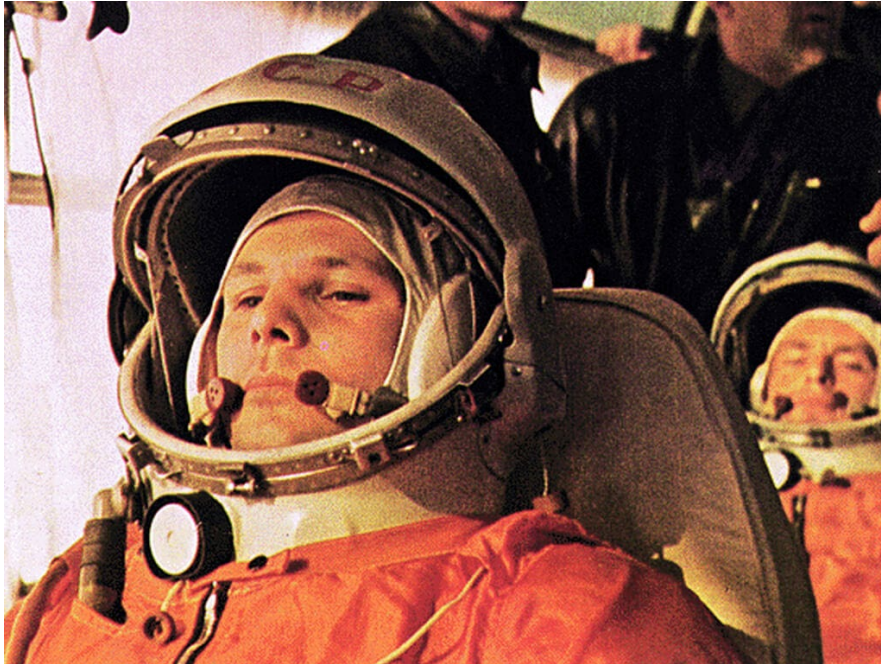


12 April



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Yuri's Night/Cosmonautics Day

Space agency/country: Worldwide
Mission: *Vostok 1*

Yuri's night is an international day of celebration also known as the *International Day of Human Space Flight*. It was established in honour of Yuri Gagarin, a Russian cosmonaut who was the first human to reach space in 1961. In Russia, where Gagarin is considered a 'Hero of the Soviet Union', 12 April is also known as *Cosmonautics Day*. Yuri's night celebrates space missions, exploration and research; it should bring all humanity together to foster collaboration in space research and exploration and promote peace and harmony among the world's people and countries. The Yuri's Night non-profit organisation is mostly focused on educating future generations of young scientist and explorers by organising events and projects that could spark their interest in space science.

For more information:

<https://nationaltoday.com/yuris-night/>

<https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/fun/yuris-night>