

3 May 2024



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International Space Day

Space agency/country: Worldwide

International Space Day is celebrated every year on the first Friday of May, so in 2024 it is celebrated on 3 May. This day was established to commemorate the progress humankind has made in space science history and to appreciate past mission successes and achievements. This celebration mainly targets the younger generations, the potential scientists of the future. Initially, in 1997 the Lockheed Martin Corporation (USA) introduced *National Space Day* as a one-off occurrence. The event was a major success, and so in 2001 former astronaut and US senator John Glenn established *International Space Day*.

For more information:

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/human-spaceflight-day>

<https://www.nationaldaycalendar.com/national-day/national-space-day-first-friday-in-may>