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## Did You Know?

- The origin of Mercury's name comes from the Romans— Mercury was the winged messenger of the Gods.
- Mercury is also the closest to the sun.
- It is 2,880 km in width and 57,910,000 km away from the sun.
- The temperature reaches up to 340 F - 427 F.
- Rotation only takes 87 days.
- Mercury is made of iron
- Its atmosphere is only one % of the Earth's atmosphere
- Mercury has no known satellites

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## Getting to Your Planet

*Our embarkation site is in Orlando, Florida, NASA. On our way to the planet Mercury we will see our moon and Venus.*

## Tour Guides

Our Canadian tour guide will be Julie Payette and our American guide will be Neil Armstrong.

Julie was born on October 20, 1963 and is still living. She spent her childhood in Montreal, Quebec. She earned 4 scholarships and a pilot license. Engineer school helped her become an astronaut.

Neil Armstrong was born August 5, 1930 and has not died yet. He spent most of his childhood in Wapakata, Ohio. He has a science degree. Neil Armstrong was the first man to walk on the moon.

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## Survival Needs On Route

**Space Suits:** *The space suits that we will be using to walk on Mercury will have arms, legs, batteries, a helmet, an oxygen pack and gloves. Our space suits will be made of silicone rubber (gloves), metal (boots), and polycarbonate (helmet). Our suits will go on missions, training, and do backup. The suits work by batteries.*

**Space Craft:** *Count on smooth travel, extra safety, defense weapons, passed all space tests, and has been tested to go to Mercury's atmosphere.*

**Responsibilities of Crew:** *All you really need to do is . . . . Relax! Our crew is #1 in all categories!*

**Leisure:** *We can play tennis, catch, ping-pong, play with water balloons, do research, break dance and fly around. We would tie a rope to the ship and to your suit so you could fly outside the ship. You can control the ship! As long as you're happy you can do anything you want (but please no dangerous things!)*

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## Sights To See on Planet

- Rocks
- craters
- moon-like features

### Technology: Special Equipment

*The special technology we will have is computers, radios and satellites. For climate control we will have air conditioning and heat. We will dispose our waste by sending it to Saturn's rings.*

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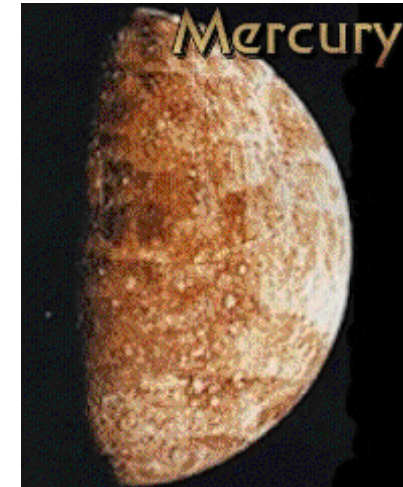
*After splash down back at Earth*

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## Solar System

### Destination:



*See Mercury close-up—the closest planet to the sun!*

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