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## Did You Know Mars...

- ◆ is named after the Roman God of War
- ◆ Is the 4th planet from the sun
- ◆ has a diameter of 6794 km
- ◆ Is 227,940,000 km from the sun
- ◆ has an average temperature of -23°C
- ◆ Has a length of day of 24hr. 37min. Earth time
- ◆ Has a year of 642 Earth days
- ◆ Is made of many layers of rock and an iron core the size of a golf ball
- ◆ Has an atmosphere with clouds
- ◆ The air is 95% carbon dioxide
- ◆ Has a rocky, blustery surface with massive dust storms
- ◆ Has 2 Moons: Phobos and Deimos
- ◆ Is the most Earth-like planet in the solar system
- ◆ It takes up about 0.150 of Earth's space. (That's half the size of Earth!)
- ◆ Is the seventh largest planet
- ◆ First satellites were Viking I and II

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## Getting to Your Planet

*We will take the finest space ship to get to Mars, but first go to school to get a space paper ticket to go. The fine craft you will be travelling with is the Mars Craft. It will have a 6 room hotel (3 people to a room) with a fine robotic maid service—just push the button. Our shuttle can't land on Mars so we have made a Mars lander with space suite lockers. This shuttle cost \$200,000,390,000 for safety features. If that won't make you safe—nothing will!*

## Tour Guides

The guides are Roberta Bondar and Neil Armstrong. They are good for being our guides. Neil Armstrong was an astronaut in 1962. Roberta Bondar is a Canadian astronaut.



Here are the guides.



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## Survival Needs On Route

**Description of Space Suit:** This space suit includes magnetic boots, rockets and transmission, You'll feel safe to hear that our space suit is made of many layers of flexible, air tight water proof materials such as: Nylon, Teflon and Tinfoil.

**Basic Needs:** You will need bread, and many frozen snacks. You will enjoy food like freeze-dried pizza, dehydrated fish, dehydrated macaroni and cheese, and your favorite juice, milk, water and more with a locking straw.

**Space Craft:** The Mars Craft you will be in to be lifting off and having fun!

**Crew:** We have a crew of 3 main people: Dale G. is our top navigator, Greg Karamony is our best pilot, and Einstein is our scientist. We also have one doctor, 2 back-up pilots, 2 cooks and 4 mechanics.

**Leisure:** For those active types we have a basketball court—not just for basketball! In one touch of a switch you can have a tennis or badminton net as well as hand ball (*now available in zero gravity*) If you like games we have a game room across the hall with pac-man, computer games and more. Don't forget about Einstein and the lab. You will be conducting many experiments on Mars, its moons and space.

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## Sights To See on Mars

During your exciting stay on Mars you will have a spectacular view of the Valleys Marineris, and make a dry ice igloo on the Southern Polar Ice Cap. The Cassini Crater is a magnificent sight to see, and the Northern Polar Ice Cap is to freeze for. (Also now available a side trip to Phobos or Deimos—Mars' 2 moons.)

## Technology: Special Equipment

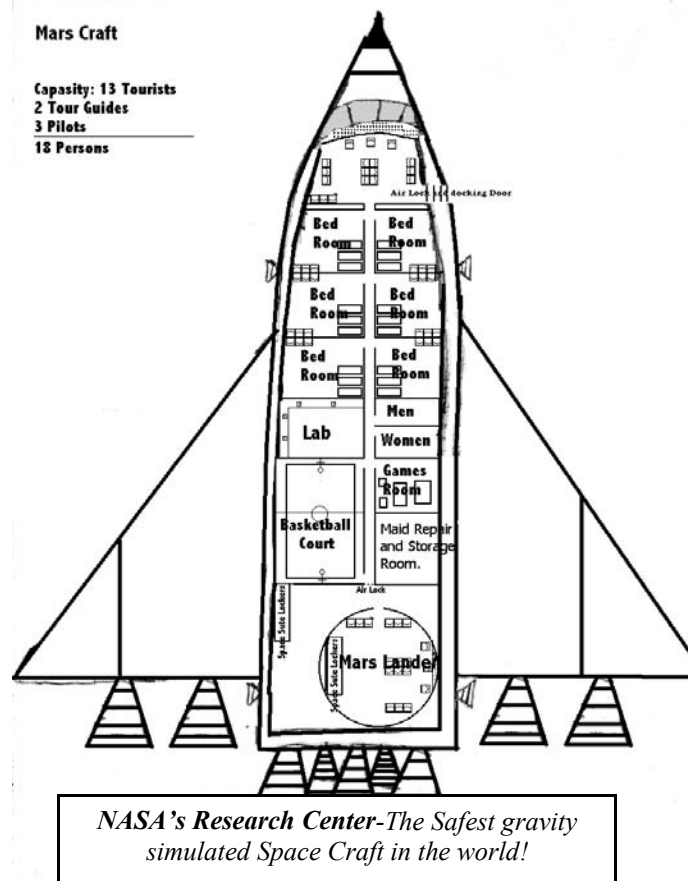
Our advanced technology will assure you a safe and happy trip. Our computers are the year 100,000,000 approved, adapted to a network of computers for work and game action.

Our G.P.S. is foolproof and will guide us even to the edge of space.

You'll be glad to know our waste control is as easy as putting down the seat and pushing a button because we like the simple things too.

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## Solar System

## Destination: Mars



*The New York Times*— “Mars is the most fun and exciting planet I’ve ever seen!”

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