Museum Highlights

Starship Gallery
See multiple flown spacecraft. An up-close look at some amazing artifacts tracing the progression of space exploration.

Astronaut Gallery
Comprehensive collection of spacesuits, from Gemini to Apollo, Skylab and the Space Shuttle programs.

Independence Plaza
Go inside the shuttle replica. Independence, mounted on top of the original NASA 905 shuttle carrier aircraft, then explore the plane.

Mission Mars
Interactive exhibit that lets you discover what it takes to travel to Mars, and how humans may live on the “Red Planet”.

Your Rush49 Guide to Space Center Houston

Welcome to Space Center Houston, the official visitor center for the NASA Johnson Space Center. Opened in 1992, the Center welcomes over one million visitors annually to the 250-thousand-square-foot educational complex. With more than 400 space artifacts, permanent and traveling exhibits, attractions, live shows and theaters, all dedicated to preserving the history of America’s human spaceflight program, it is an experience like no other.

At Rush49, we are committed to providing you with great experiences and lifelong memories. We hope this supplemental guide will give you all the information you need today to let you focus on having fun and learning about our incredible history in space exploration. We hope you will gain stories to tell for years to come, and that with a little help from Rush49, you will be saying “Houston, we have no problem.”
The Basics
Hours: 9am-6pm (check for special seasonal hours)
Location: 1601 NASA Pkwy, Houston, TX 77058
Phone: (281) 244-2100
Average time spent: 4 hours

Additional Costs
Lunch with an astronaut
$69.95 adult/$35.95 child
VIP Level 9 Tour $179.95
Parking: $5
Concessions: $$ (Moderate pricing)
Gift shop

Space Center Map / Floor Plan

Mission Briefing Center
Hear the latest about the International Space Station and robotic/human deep space exploration.

Mission Mars
Enter a Mars portal full of fun scientific discovery. In this interactive exhibit, guests will experience what it takes to travel to Mars, to live on the red planet and what hardware will get us to the fourth planet in our solar system.

NASA Tram Tour
Don't miss Space Center Houston's most popular attraction. This is your chance to go on site at NASA Johnson Space Center and get a behind-the-scenes look at space exploration.

Starship Gallery
Live the history of the space program. See Rown Mercury, Gemini and Apollo capsules, Robonaut 1 and touch a moon rock.

Astronaut Gallery / Space Center Theater
Explore one of the world's most comprehensive collections of space suits. Experience one of the largest giant screen theaters in Texas.

Independence Plaza
Presented by Boeing, this one-of-a-kind multi-exhibit complex offers an experience unique in the world. Go inside both a high-fidelity shuttle replica and the historic and original shuttle carrier aircraft NASA 905. The plane and shuttle can be accessed by a first-come, first-served queue.

International Space Station Gallery
See artifacts, space hardware, an amazing model of the orbiting laboratory and hands-on activities. Get a glimpse inside life on ISS in Living in Space.

Main Plaza
Seasonal exhibits offer a mix of science and technology themes. Don't miss fun and educational live shows on the Stellar Science Stage.
Insider Information

- Highway signage is limited and can be unclear ... trust your GPS
- Outside food & drink is allowed in the Space Center
- Bring water ... it gets hot in Houston, and water inside is $3.95 per bottle
- Get there early! Avoid the long lines and enjoy cooler morning temperatures
- Eat breakfast before you come ... the food court does not open until 11am
- Brink some snacks ... there are no concessions outside of the food court in the main building
- If possible, leave small children at home ... the exhibits are information-heavy and smaller children may become restless
- Lots of children means lots of noise ... don’t expect a library-like atmosphere
- Plan on a full day ... there is a lot to see and you will wait in line to take trams (no pedestrian traffic between buildings)
- The Space Center is packed on weekends and holidays ... come during the week if you can
- Complimentary wheelchairs are available at the front desk on a first-come, first-served basis ... rentals are narrow and may be uncomfortable, so it is recommended you bring your own if possible
Local Restaurants

At the Space Center – Zero-G Diner

The Zero-G Diner is a food court where you can get anything from a full meal to a quick snack to fuel your visit.

- Cosmic Grounds Bistro offers Starbucks coffee and Tazo tea beverages, prepackaged snacks & fruit, toasted sandwiches, soups, and salads
- Backyard Bird lets you choose from chicken tenders, chicken & waffles, or grilled chicken sandwiches
- The Grill Shack brings you classic hamburgers and hot dogs … with french fries of course
- Global Kitchen takes you around the globe, featuring house-made pepperoni & cheese pizzas

Nearby Eateries

Victor's Deli American Diner & Bar $-$ $$

1425 Nasa Pkwy
Houston, TX 77508
(281) 280-8080
Mon-Thu 11am-9pm, Fri 11am-midnight, Sat 8am-midnight, Sun 8am-9pm

Oriental Gourmet Express $

1354 NASA Road 1
Houston, TX 77058
(281) 335-4567
Mon-Fri 11am-9pm, Sun noon-7pm
(closed Saturday)

Akimi Sushi & Stir Fry $-$ $$

1354 E. NASA Pkwy
Houston, TX 77058
(281) 333-1600
7 Days 11am-10pm

1000 Degrees Pizza $-$ $$

18032 Saturn Ln
Houston, TX 77058
(281) 532-6877
Mon-Thu & Sat 11am-9pm, Fri 11am-10pm, Sun noon-9pm