



# Soyuz TMA-17 return mission



Witness the spectacular descent and landing of a Russian Soyuz capsule. Through a special arrangement with representatives of the Russian Space Agency, Incredible Adventures now offers VIP admission to one of the rarest events on earth.

Be in Kazakhstan June 3rd to welcome home the crew of Soyuz TMA-17. Hear the sonic boom as the capsule makes its re-entry. Watch the parachute against the sky. Follow the Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Center Search & Rescue Team as they race to the landing site and watch as they extract the crew from the Soyuz capsule.

A space launch is a very public affair, attended by crowds of tourists and spectators. The landing of a Soyuz is just the opposite. Only a few "outsiders" are allowed to witness a group of space professionals doing their very special jobs.



## Event Dates

Monday, May 31—Friday, June 4

Cost: \$9500 per person

Included in this incredible tour:

- Hotel accommodations in Moscow and Astana, Kazakhstan
- Air transfers Moscow to Astana & return
- Sightseeing tours in Moscow & Astana
- Ground transfers in Moscow & Astana
- Most meals

### ***Important Soyuz Landing Notes:***

Space Capsules don't always land *when* they are scheduled to land or *where* they are scheduled to land. The itinerary for this program is based on everything going exactly as planned. Please join this expedition with the understanding that space is unpredictable and things may not go exactly as planned. The Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Center Search and Rescue Crew is ready to respond and adapt to any situation and you should be too. The safe return of the cosmonauts takes priority above all else. You'll be witnessing real life, as it happens. That's what makes this program an adventure!



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## THE ADVENTURE



### MONDAY, MAY 31

Arrive Moscow. Met at Airport by Incredible Adventures guide and driver. Escorted to hotel. Time to rest and relax. Meet Incredible Adventures representative for welcome dinner and orientation to Moscow. Transportation to DME airport for late-night flight to Astana, Kazakhstan. (Schedule based on morning or early afternoon arrival.)

### TUESDAY, JUNE 1

Arrive Astana at 05.25. IA's Russian representative will escort you to your hotel, where you'll have breakfast. Enjoy guided sightseeing in Astana, the capital city of Kazakhstan, followed by free time. Lunch and dinner are provided.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

Transfer by all-terrain vehicles to the landing site of Soyuz TMA-17. (Currently estimated to land at 09.23 Moscow time.) Witness preparations for the landing and the actions of the Search & Rescue Team. Hear the main parachute deployment. Observe the descent of the Soyuz as it glides to earth under its massive 1000 meter chute. Locate the capsule, move to the landing site and watch as the team from the Cosmonaut Training Center extracts the crew. You'll look on as medical workers make their initial inspection of the cosmonauts and prepare them for transport by helicopter to the operational aerodome.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 3

Early check-out from hotel and departure for Moscow. Arrive in Moscow 08.00. Met by Incredible Adventures representative and driver and transported to hotel. Time to relax. Lunch with guide and guided walking tour of Moscow. Rest of day free.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 4

Breakfast in hotel. Transportation to airport for departure from Moscow.



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