

Russia Ready to Celebrate Cosmonaut Day on International Space Station

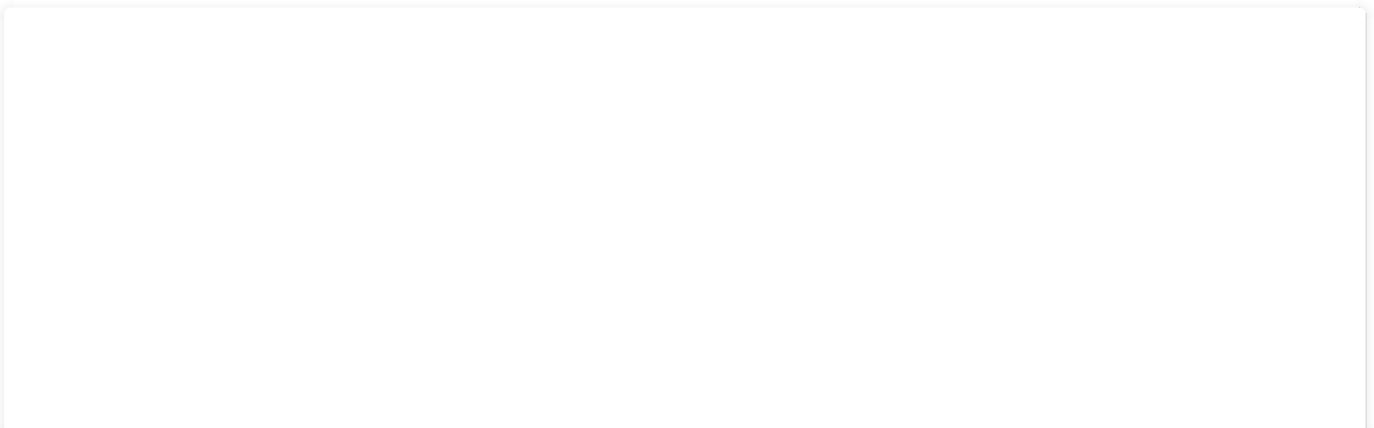
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Oleg Novitsky **Stanislav Krasilnikov / TASS**

Russian cosmonaut Oleg Novitsky has been given official permission to skip work and celebrate Cosmonaut Day on the International Space Station (ISS).

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Novitsky's day-off is still full of official engagements, including a video conference with Mission Control and a pre-arranged Skype call to children at Russia's Artek summer camp, [the TASS news agency reported.](#)

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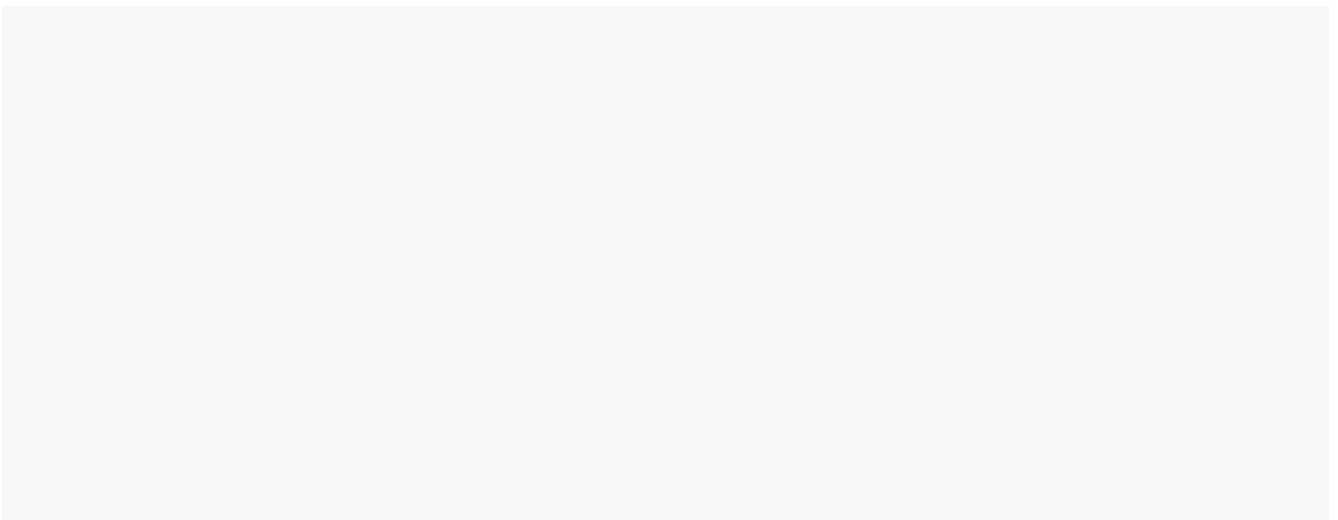


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Novitsky will be the only Russian on board the ISS during the holiday. His fellow cosmonauts Andrei Borisenko and Sergei Ryzhikov are already scheduled to return to Earth on April 10. Novitsky will remain onboard with U.S. astronaut Peggy Whitson and France's Tom Peske.

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Two new crew members — Russian cosmonaut Fyodor Yurchikhin and America's Jack Fisher — are set to join the ISS on April 20.

Russia's Cosmonaut Day is celebrated annually on April 12.

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