

In Photos: 60 Years of Yuri Gagarin's Historic Space Journey

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On April 12, 1961, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin blasted off onboard the Vostok 1 spacecraft, becoming the first human to journey into outer space. A major milestone for humanity and a triumph for Moscow in the U.S.-Soviet space race, the event's anniversary is celebrated annually as Cosmonautics Day in Russia. Special events are being held across Russia to honor this year's diamond jubilee, including an open-air exhibition of exclusive historic photographs presented by the Moscow-based Lumiere Brothers Gallery. At The Moscow Times, we invite you to take a look back at Gagarin's journey in photos from the comfort of your home:



The Vostok 1 flight was the first and only space journey in Gagarin's career. **Valentin Cheredintsev / TASS**

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