

Cirque du Soleil founder space-bound

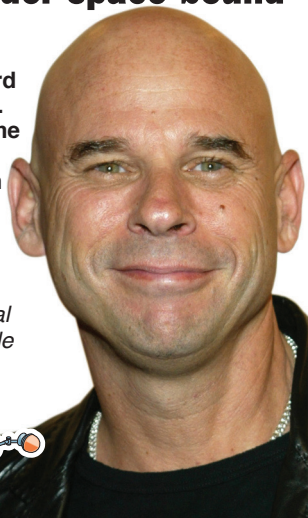
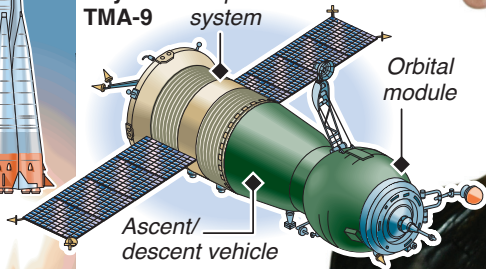
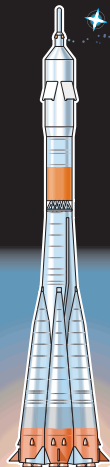
The founder of Cirque du Soleil, Guy Laliberte, will blast off to the International Space Station aboard a Soyuz spacecraft in September. The Quebec billionaire will become the seventh space tourist since April 2001 and the third Canadian to visit the ISS this year

**Soyuz
TMA-9**

*Propulsion
system*

*Orbital
module*

*Ascent/
descent vehicle*



1. Dennis Tito
U.S. financier and
former NASA engineer.
Apr 28-May 6, 2001

2. Mark Shuttleworth
South African internet
millionaire.
Apr 25-May 5, 2002

3. Gregory Olsen
American scientist and
entrepreneur took part in
three experiments for
European
Space
Agency.
**Oct 1-11,
2005**



PREVIOUS SPACE TOURISTS

**4. Anousheh
Ansari:** Iranian-
born U.S. telecoms
tycoon and trustee of
Ansari X-Prize foundation.
First female space tourist.
Sep 18-29, 2006

5. Charles Simonyi
Hungarian-born U.S.
software developer.
**Apr 7-21, 2007 and
Mar 26-Apr 8, 2009**

6. Richard Garriott
Video game developer
and son of former NASA
astronaut Owen Garriott.
Oct 12-23, 2008

