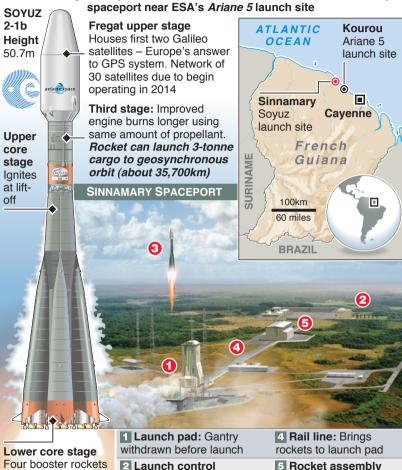
First Soyuz launch from Europe's spaceport

Preparations for Russia's first space launch from French Guiana are fully underway. The Soyuz rocket, carrying a pair of satellites for Europe's *Galileo* navigation system, will blast off from the brand new Sinnamary



Sources: ESA, wire agencies

burn for two minutes.

then jettisoned

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3 Rocket: Can lift heavier payload due to proximity

to equator - 3 tonnes compared to 1.7 at Baikonur

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