

A photograph of four astronauts in white SpaceX suits standing in front of a Sentinel armored vehicle. The astronauts are smiling and waving. The vehicle is a large, olive-green armored car with "SENTINEL" written on its side. Other people are visible in the background.

Today in History

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▲ **Four astronauts blasted off to the ISS aboard a SpaceX rocket, initiating a new era of flights to low-Earth orbit conducted by commercial providers**

2001: The movie version of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone opened on both sides of the Atlantic

2004: Nasa's unpowered X-43A "scramjet" reached a record speed of around 11,000km/h (6,800mph)

2005: China confirmed its first three human cases of bird flu following 11 outbreaks of the H5N1 strain in birds

2014: Protests were held in Mexico over 43 students abducted and killed after clashing with police