

Anxious wait for U.S. astronaut's return

A U.S. astronaut is due back from the *International Space Station* aboard a Russian spacecraft, despite recent scaremongering that he could be stranded over U.S. sanctions against Russia

Apr 9, 2021:
Vande Hei
flies to *ISS*
aboard
Soyuz

Soyuz
vehicle
Crew: 3
Height:
7.5m



Mar 30, 2022:
Mark Vande Hei
and two Russian
cosmonauts return
to Earth in Soyuz
capsule. He will
have spent **353** days
in space – new
U.S. record

Mar 10, 2022: Director
General of **Roscosmos**,
Dmitry Rogozin,
shares state news
agency video implying
Russia could abandon
Vande Hei on ISS
in retaliation for
U.S. sanctions

49.3m

LAUNCH CONFIGURATION

- Orbital module
- Descent module**
- Propulsion module

RE-ENTRY CONFIGURATION



Orbital and Propulsion modules ditched for flight home

