

Astronaut breaks duration record

NASA astronaut *Frank Rubio* has inadvertently broken the U.S. record for the longest ever space mission, after a mishap on the International Space Station left him stranded in space

International
Space Station
(ISS)

Frank Rubio

TOP 10 LONGEST HUMAN SPACEFLIGHTS

Launch date

V. Polyakov	RUS	1994	437.7 days
S. Avdeyev	RUS	1998	379.6
S. Prokopyev	RUS		
D. Petelin	RUS	2022	371
F. Rubio	U.S.	(assuming Sep 27 return)	
V. Titov	USSR		
M. Manarov	USSR	1987	365.9
P. Dubrov	RUS		
M. Vande Hei	U.S.	2021	355.2
M. Kornienko	RUS		
S. Kelly	U.S.	2015	340.4
C. Koch*	U.S.	2019	328.6
Y. Romanenko	USSR	1987	326.5
S. Krikalev	USSR	1991	311.8
P. Whitson*	U.S.	2016	289.2

■ **Sep 21, 2022:** Rubio and cosmonauts **Sergey Prokopyev** and **Dmitri Petelin** launched on six-month mission to ISS aboard **Soyuz MS-22**

■ **Dec:** Soyuz develops leak while attached to ISS, rendering it unsafe to fly crew home

■ **Feb 24, 2023:** Unmanned **Soyuz MS-23** sent to ISS to bring astronauts home

■ **Sep 27:** Rubio and Russian cosmonauts set to return to Earth