

# China's Shenlong space plane

China's secretive Shenlong "Divine Dragon" reusable space plane could perform intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance missions for the People's Liberation Army

**Long March 2F:** Human-rated two-stage heavy-lift launcher

Payload: **8,400kg** to low Earth orbit  
Length: **62.0m**

**Shenlong:** Reusable space plane, possible crew of two

Wingspan: **8m**  
Length: **12m**

**Experiment bay:**  
Six unidentified objects reportedly released in low Earth orbit

*Human to scale*

**Aug 4, 2022-May 8, 2023:**  
Shenlong remains in space for 276 days

**Sep 4, 2020:** First Shenlong orbital mission has craft in space for two days

**Dec 14, 2023:** Launch of third Shenlong mission