

The three visionaries of space tourism

Although space tourism is a luxury within the reach of very few, it is starting to take off thanks to the efforts of three entrepreneurs with a proven track record in business.

ORBITAL FLIGHT

The spacecraft is placed on a trajectory to go around the Earth in a stable orbit.

THE KÁRMÁN LINE

According to the International Astronautical Federation (IAF), this is the boundary between Earth's atmosphere and outer space.

SUBORBITAL FLIGHTS

The craft briefly touches the Kármán line before returning to Earth.

100 KM
above
sea level



RICHARD BRANSON

Company: Virgin Galactic

Mission: Unity 22 (11 July 2021)

Flight type: suborbital with pilot

Flight time: 90 minutes

Altitude: 86 km

Speed: 3,675 km/h

Crew: Six people (Richard Branson, Sirisha Brandla, Colin Bennet, Beth Moses, Dave Mackay and Michael Masucci)

Price per flight: \$250,000



JEFF BEZOS

Company: Blue Origin

Mission: NS-16 (20 July 2021)

Flight type: autonomous suborbital

Flight time: 10 minutes

Altitude: 106 km

Speed: 3,595 km/h

Crew: 4 people (Jeff Bezos, Mark Bezos, Wally Funk and Oliver Daemen)

Price per flight: \$28 M by auction



ELON MUSK

Company: SpaceX

Mission: Inspiration4 (16 September 2021)

Flight type: orbital

Flight time: 3 days

Altitude: 540 km

Speed: 27,360 km/h

Crew: 4 people (Jared Isaacman, Harley Arceneaux, Chris Sembroski and Sian Proctor)

Price per flight: \$50 M per seat

Source: Blue Origin, Space X, Virgin Galactic, CNBC, Yahoo, CNN.