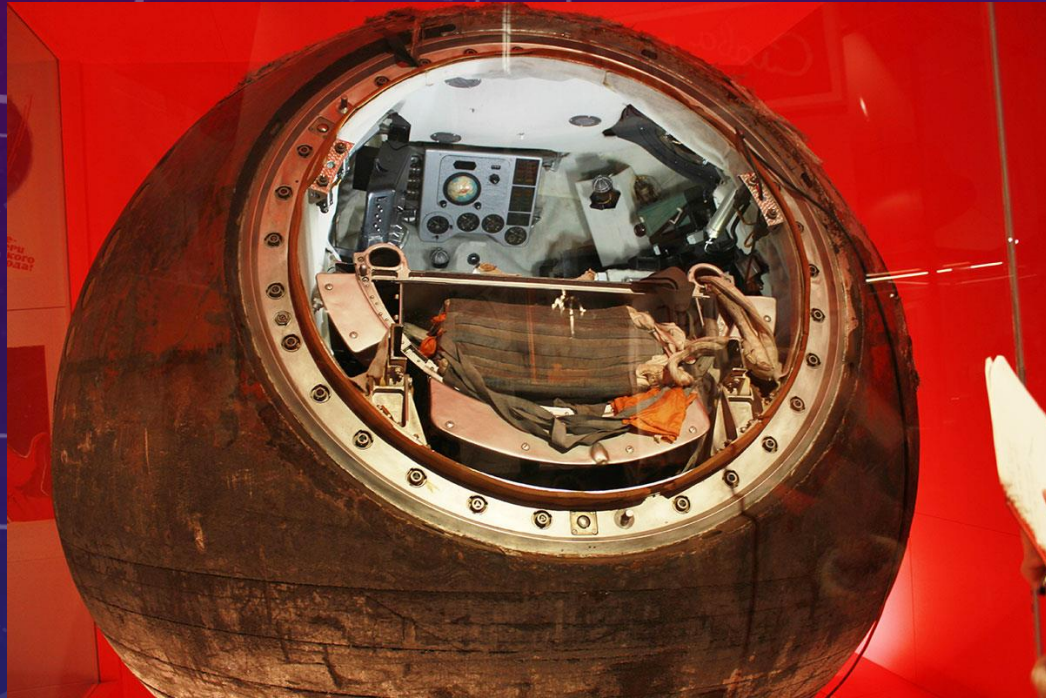


# VALENTINA TERESHKOVA

THE FIRST WOMAN ON SPACE



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# WHO IS SHE?



Valentina Vladimirovna Tereshkova was born in 6<sup>th</sup> March 1937 in a village near Moscow and at just the age of two her father died.

After graduating from school at the age of 16 she worked at a tire factory and later graduated from the light Industry Technical School (1960).

From a young age she gained interest in parachuting and that's why she began skydiving in a local flying club.

# HOW DID SHE BECOME A COSMONAUT?

After the successful spaceflight by Yuri Gagarin, the soviet government wanted to make sure that they would be the first to send a woman to space.



Out of 400 candidates only 5 met the requirements needed and they immediately started space flight training, including isolation tests and pilot training.



Only four candidates passed the final exams and became lieutenants in the soviet air force.



# THE DAY VOSTOK 6 LAUNCHED



Watching the launch of Vostok 5 on June 14 1963, Tereshkova then completed all the preparations for her own flight, which took place on the morning of 16 in the same month. Vostok 6 was in communication with Vostok 5 within hours, making Valentina the first woman in space alone.

# HER IMPACT ON OUR WORLD

During her almost three day long mission she kept a flight log and tested how her body reacted in order to provide us useful data. Additionally, she took pictures of the earth, which were later used by scientists.





# BACK TO EARTH

After orbiting 48 times around the Earth, Tereshkova ejected from the capsule and parachuted safely back to Earth. Vostok 5 also returned a few hours later. She never returned to space, but she started her own happy family.





# WHY ADMIRE HER?



It's not only the many awards she received, but also her courage. She became the national hero of Russia and was incredibly brave since she managed to successfully fly to space all by her own.



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