

BBC World News launches One Giant Leap season to commemorate moon landings

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Programme line-up

The Sky at Night – Special Edition

This special edition of *The Sky at Night* features an exclusive interview with Buzz Aldrin, the second man to set foot on the moon. Sir Patrick Moore and guests take a nostalgic look at the achievements and impact of the Apollo missions and using a sample of genuine moon dust, discuss what has been learnt about our moon.

The Sky at Night broadcast times (IST) 18 July at 1500 and 2300 IST, 19 July at 0700 and 2000 IST

The Moon

Our ancient ancestors were fascinated by the moon and used its changing phases as a way of telling the time, before calendars or the written word. *The Moon* revisits ancient societies, who saw the moon as its pantheon, looks back at the monumental moon landings in the 1960's and investigates the concept of space tourism in the modern day.

The Moon broadcast times (IST): 11 July at 1440 and 2240 IST, 12 July at 0640, 1940 IST

fast:track – Special Edition

BBC World News' flagship travel programme *fast:track* heads to New Mexico to look at the reality of space tourism. The *fast:track* team begin their journey at the planned site for the world's first commercial spaceport with a flypast by Virgin Galactic's WhiteKnightTwo aircraft. Karen Bowerman speaks to the designer of a lunar landscape in the US, where NASA created a replica of the 1960's moon landing site. Plus, Carmen Roberts reports from New South Wales on why many experts consider Australia to be the best place in the world to view the stars.

fast:track broadcast times (IST): 12 July at 1000, 14 July at 0100, 15 July at 2100

Notes to Editor

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