

# Cape Canaveral Early Space Tour Stops

Board an air-conditioned motor coach at the visitor complex and meet the tour escort and communicator, responsible for transporting and guiding visitors on this history tour. Enter the gates of Kennedy Space Center and cruise past NASA's headquarters in the center's industrial area on your way to Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. Connected by NASA Causeway, the space center and the USAF station occupy Cape Canaveral and Merritt Island, located between the Indian River and the Atlantic Ocean.

- **Stop #1 Air Force Space & Missile Museum**

At Launch Complex 26, visitors participate in a 45 minute docent-led tour of the museum exhibits, housed in the original blockhouse on the launch site of America's first satellite. Exhibits include an actual V-2 rocket engine and the Gemini 2 crew capsule.

- **Stop #2 Launch Complex 5/6**

Tour the blockhouse where Alan Shepard became the first American astronaut to travel to space on a Redstone rocket. Listen to the story of that fateful day when America's space program took flight.

On the way to the next stop, see the history and future of space travel in the form of blockhouse test buildings, the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse and German rocket scientist Wernher Von Braun's former office building. The tour then passes by LC-36 where Blue Origin will launch the New Glenn rocket and former LC-13 now known as LZ-1, the landing zone for SpaceX Falcon 9 reusable rockets.

- **Stop #3 Launch Complex 14 Entrance and Mercury 7 Monument**

The Mercury 7 astronauts are commemorated with a monument of the Mercury 7 symbol and a plaque for John Glenn's orbital flight, presenting a perfect photo opportunity.

- **Stop #4 Launch Complex 19 Entrance**

From the bus, view the commemorative sign with the long list of accomplishments at LC-19, site of many of Project Mercury's historic flights.

- **Stop #5 Launch Complex 34**

The launch platform of LC-39 remains abandoned in place as a memorial to honor the crew of Apollo 1, who lost their lives in a capsule fire here in 1967. Built in 1960, Saturn 1 and Saturn 1 B rockets were tested at LC-34 for Project Apollo. Used also for the launch of Apollo 7 in 1968, LC-34 was decommissioned soon after. Visitors disembark to see the platform and memorial plaque honoring Apollo 1. As the tour returns from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station on the way to Apollo/Saturn V Center, the route passes historic Launch Complex 39 at Kennedy Space Center, including the iconic Vehicle Assembly Building.