

## The Future of Space Travel

*Virgin Galactic* is a pioneer in the space travel industry and will be the first commercial programme to offer suborbital flights to paying passengers. Tourists will spend \$200,000 to have a seat onboard but they'll have the pleasure of being over one hundred kilometres above Earth and experiencing 6 minutes of weightlessness. Virgin has also built the first ever commercial spaceport in New Mexico. It's here that the company will base their current and future space programme.

*Bloon* is another company focusing their efforts on space tourism but speed isn't a top priority. Four passengers, each paying over \$100,000, will float 36 kilometres above Earth. The giant helium balloon will hold a tiny capsule that will offer views of the setting sun and the curvature of the Earth. But while trips to other planets may seem a long way off, others are turning to new ways of exploring Earth. The aircruise is a radical new design in travel that could see one hundred guests soaring in a gigantic floating hotel. The hotel would take you to some of the most exotic locations on Earth and will celebrate relaxation over intergalactic travel.

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