

TIM PEAKE

The First British ESA Astronaut To Visit The ISS, Former Test Pilot, STEM Ambassador, Bestselling Author & Cultural Inspiration

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Tim Peake was the first British ESA astronaut to visit the International Space Station, where his work on its Principia mission captured the hearts and minds of millions. He is also a best-selling author and an inspirational communicator of science to audiences of all ages.

Tim served as an army officer in Northern Ireland before gaining his Army Flying Wings in 1994. After flying helicopters in Kenya, Cyprus, Canada and Northern Ireland, Tim trained as a combat search and rescue instructor, and flew operations to enforce the peace and provide humanitarian support in the aftermath of the Bosnian War.

Tim was part of the team responsible for training the first UK crews in flying the Apache attack helicopter. Promoted to Major and with well over 2000 hours of flying experience Tim became a test pilot and was subsequently deployed to Afghanistan in support of Special Forces operations.

Tim was selected as an ESA astronaut in May 2009 and after arduous training Tim was assigned to a mission to the International Space Station in May 2013. After many months spent in Russia learning how to operate the Soyuz spacecraft, he launched to space on 15 December 2015. His Principia mission included a spacewalk to repair the Station's power supply, helping dock two spacecrafts and driving a rover across a simulated Mars terrain from space.

Tim took part in over 250 scientific experiments during his mission. His Principia mission also focused on educational outreach, engaging more than 2 million schoolchildren across Europe in over 30 projects during his time in space.

As an ambassador for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), Tim is passionate about inspiring the next generation of scientists, engineers and explorers.

Tim's bestselling books include: *Hello, is this planet Earth?* ([Century, 2016](#)) *Ask An Astronaut* (Century, 2017) and *The Astronaut Selection Test Book* ([Century, 2018](#)).

His remarkable and inspiring autobiography *Limitless* ([Century, 2020](#)) charts his surprising road to

becoming an astronaut, from a shy and unassuming boy from Chichester who had a passion for flight, to a young British Army officer, Apache helicopter pilot, flight instructor and test pilot who served around the world.

Tim has also written two bestselling children's books *Swarm Rising* (Hachette Children, 2021) and *Swarm Enemy* (Hachette Children, 2022) with bestselling author Steve Cole.

His major new book *Space: The Human Story* (Century, 2023) will be published in October 2023.

CREDITS

TV:

Secrets of our Universe, 2023 (Channel 5)

The One Show, 2020 - present, (BBC One)

Celebrity Supply Teacher, 2020 (CBBC)

Books:

The Cosmic Diary of Our Incredible Universe (Hachette Children, 2022)

Swarm Enemy (Hachette Children 2022), with Steve Cole

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Radio:

Homesick Planet, 2023 (BBC Radio 4)

Desert Island Discs, 2021 (BBC Radio 4)

Live:

My Journey to Space Tour, 2021, 2022, 2023 (FANE Productions)