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SPACE TOURISM: REALITY OR DREAM?

Abstract

Space tourism is an exciting prospect for many, however due to financial restrictions and limitations in gaining access due to various other reasons; this sees only a select few travel to space for leisure. Having completed a design subject in regards to space tourism, including design of both a mothership/launcher vehicle and a manned rocket, I have gained an appreciation for the difficulty involved in not only flight restrictions but space venture. Given that Virgin Galactic is set to launch White Knight 2 and SpaceShip 2 in the near future, will there be a revolution so that the average person will be able venture to space?