

International Space Station (ISS) Fact Sheet

The official language on ISS is	English.
Each orbit takes	92 minutes (15.5 orbits per day).
The average altitude is	250 miles
Russia	launched the first module, called <i>Zarya</i> , in 1998.
<i>Zarya</i> provided	propulsion, altitude control, communications, electrical power.
NASA (USA)	launched module <i>Unity</i> , which attached to <i>Zarya</i> module.
<i>Unity</i> provided	all that was needed for long-term living in space.
The area inside the ISS is	about the same as a football field.
ISS contains	2 bathrooms and a gym.
ISS is a space laboratory, where crews	conduct experiments in biology, physics, astronomy, and weather.
The power systems are connected with	more than 8 miles of wire.
The first crew, launched in 2000	included an American astronaut and 2 Russian cosmonauts.
The ISS has been continuously occupied	since 2000.
A crew can stay onboard	for up to 6 months.
Crews can number	up to 6 people.
The European Space Agency	added modules in 2008 and 2011.
Canada provided	two robotic arms, launched in 2001 and 2008.
Japan provided	Kibo, an experiment module.