



Thank you for your interest in the 2026 USA Space Camp. This unique experience is designed to inspire learning through hands-on experiences, build confidence, support students in developing strong relationships, and introduce students to a world of discovery beyond the classroom.

At Space Camp students will:

- Participate in hands-on STEM activities, including engineering challenges, simulated space missions, a simulated moon walk, and SCUBA diving (pending medical clearance).
- Work as a team to solve real-world problems.
- Learn about the history of space travel, astronaut training, and the future of space travel.
- Experience thrills at Universal Studios.
- Experience how bionic hands can be made using 3D printers.
- Travel via airboat through the Florida everglades and witness alligators and other wildlife in their natural habitat.
- Explore Music City (Nashville).

Who can attend?

Students who are currently in Years 8, 9 and 10 are invited to submit expressions of interest via Google Forms (see Compass post for link).

When?

Saturday September 12 2026 – Friday September 25 2026. Please note that this includes the final week of Term 3 and the first week of the school holidays.

Basic itinerary (a more detailed itinerary will be provided once students have been selected for the camp).

Day 1 – Nashville, Tennessee: City tour. Visit the Parthenon, Country Music Hall of Fame, Broadway and more.

Days 2 – 7: Space Camp, Huntsville Alabama: Advanced Space Academy. More information can be found here: <https://www.rocketcenter.com/SpaceCamp>

Days 8-12: Orlando, Florida: Kennedy Space Centre, Universal Studios theme parks (including STEM workshop), Limbitless workshop (bionic limbs), Everglades airboat experience



Price

\$11,500 + additional spending money

The price of the tour is currently an estimation and can vary based on fluctuations in the value of the Australian dollar and other economic factors. Additionally, airfares are only available 11 months prior to travel. This estimation takes into account the quote given by the travel agency, as well as expected flight costs. Payments will be made in instalments over a period of approximately 14 months.

Inclusions

- Return international airfares
- Internal Flights
- Private coach transportation within the USA
- All accommodation: 11 nights in a mixture of shared hotel accommodation and on-site accommodation at Space Camp. 1 night Nashville, 5 nights Huntsville, 5 nights Orlando.
- All planned activities as per the itinerary (Space Camp + additional workshops, theme park tickets, cultural activities and guided tours)
- 11 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 10 dinners
- Travel insurance with VMIA (Department of Education requirement. Please consider whether your child will require additional insurance).

Exclusions

- Passport
- Visa or ESTA (visa waiver)
- Meals not outlined above
- Transport to/from Melbourne airport
- Personal spending money (shopping, souvenirs, snacks)