

Atlantis begins ferry flight home from Calif.

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Carried aboard a NASA 747, the space shuttle Atlantis departs the NASA Dryden Flight Research Center at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., enroute to the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, beginning the last leg of STS-125, its mission to repair the Hubble space telescope, Monday, June 1, 2009. (AP Photo/Reed Saxon)

(AP) -- Space shuttle Atlantis has begun its ferry flight home from California to Florida.

A [NASA](#) Boeing 747 carrying the shuttle took off from Edwards Air Force Base at 8:07 a.m. PDT Monday.

NASA spokeswoman Leslie Williams said the first stop will be at Biggs Army Airfield in El Paso, Texas.

Weather will determine how long it takes to reach Florida.

Atlantis landed in California on May 24 after a 13-day mission to repair

and enhance the [Hubble Space Telescope](#). NASA chose the California landing site because of poor weather in Florida.

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