

Awesome map of space agencies around the world

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When you think of space agencies around the world, what comes to mind? Probably NASA, ESA, ISRO and JAXA are the acronyms you know; then there's the Russian Federal Space Agency, the Canadian Space Agency, and the China National Space Agency. But did you know there are dozens of countries with space agencies, with nearly 200 space

agencies and centers around the world? Blogger Heather Archuletta has put together a map and list of all the space agencies on the planet, including countries you may not have realized had a space agency such as Argentina, Bulgaria, Pakistan Morocco, and more. The list includes links to all the space agency's websites and a link to an interactive Google Map. The immediate thought that came to mind, which Heather shared on Twitter was, ROAD TRIP!

For any [space](#) nerd, that would be the ultimate global trek, to visit every [space agency](#) in the world. With all the [NASA](#) and Russian centers and all the various countries in ESA, your trip would include 198 locations around our planet!

Heather is known for her [Pillownaut blog](#) which originally detailed her time participating in NASA bedrest studies to simulate long duration spaceflight. The space agency map was a new project, born from a conversation with a friend.

“Overall, I created it to be a tracking tool, and to show how huge the space industry has become,” Heather told Universe Today. “Many people think of the space game as being the US, Russia and a handful of Europeans... but truly, lifestyle in many countries is dependent upon the use of space, even if it's just as simple as remote sensing or collaborative satellites.”

Heather noted that the [map](#) includes one site in India that is not operational yet, but built.

But consider how many jobs around the world have been created because of space exploration... and these jobs employ some of the best and brightest minds in forward-thinking, global-enriching ways. And even more, there's now the burgeoning private space industry that is employing even more people with jobs that focus on the future.

Check out pillownaut.com/spacemap/spacemap.html and plan your space-nerd road trip today!

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