

Endeavour leaves Houston for new home in Calif.

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Space shuttle Endeavour flies over Ellington Field in Houston atop the shuttle aircraft carrier Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2012. Endeavour is making a final trek across the country to the California Science Center in Los Angeles, where it will be permanently displayed. (AP Photo/David J. Phillip)

(AP)—Space shuttle Endeavour has departed Houston on its trek west to retirement in a Los Angeles museum.

Endeavour, atop a modified jumbo jet, left Thursday morning after a one-day stop at the home of NASA's Mission Control.

The retired shuttle took off Wednesday from its old home in [Kennedy Space Center](#) in Florida. It continues its journey to Los Angeles International Airport, where it's scheduled to land Friday. In mid-October, Endeavour will be transported down city streets to the California Science Center.

This is the last flight for a space shuttle.

The plane transporting the Endeavor will do a flyover of Tucson, Ariz., along the way to honor former Congresswoman [Gabrielle Giffords](#).

Houston's bid for one of the retired shuttles was rejected, and it has instead received a replica.

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