

## Weather woes delay space shuttle Endeavour's transfer

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This file photo shows Space Shuttle Atlantis (L) and Endeavour facing each other in Cape Canaveral, Florida, in August. Endeavour will be moved to the California Science Center as a permanent exhibit and Space shuttle Atlantis will be kept at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex.

Bad weather is delaying the transfer of the shuttle Endeavour from Florida to California where it will be put on show, the US space agency said.

Endeavour, which completed its final mission last year, was scheduled to leave the <u>Kennedy Space Center</u> on the back of a modified Boeing 747 on Monday but inclement conditions along the flight path pushed the departure to Tuesday, NASA said in a statement, released on Sunday.

When it does make the trip, the shuttle—which flew more than 185



million kilometers (115 million miles) in its two-decade career—will make several stops and flyovers before arriving at Los Angeles' LAX airport on Thursday.

After spending a few weeks at a United Airlines hangar there, the shuttle will be transferred to the California Space Center where it will go on display on October 30.

After the space agency NASA brought an end to the 30-year <u>shuttle</u> <u>program</u> last year, major US cities battled for the right to house one of the spacecraft.

Endeavour's trip to Los Angeles is a homecoming of sorts. It was built in Palmdale, north of Los Angeles, as a replacement for the space shuttle Challenger.

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