

Russian extends travel time to International Space Station

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The Russian Federal Space Agency says the next manned trip to the International Space Station will be extended from the usual six hours to two days.

Roscosmos said in a statement released on Wednesday that the decision was made due to security concerns after the space lab had to adjust its orbit last month, dodging [space junk](#).

The roll-out of a new Soyuz rocket in March 2013 allowed Russia to cut travel time to the orbiting lab from two days travel in cramped quarters to just six hours.

The next [manned mission](#) to the ISS is due to blast off from the Russia-leased launch pad in Kazakhstan on September 2, carrying a Russian, a Kazakh and a Dane.

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