

Image: Expedition 48 crew launches to the International Space Station

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The Soyuz MS-01 spacecraft launches from the Baikonur Cosmodrome with Expedition 48-49 crewmembers Kate Rubins of NASA, Anatoly Ivanishin of Roscosmos and Takuya Onishi of the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) onboard, Thursday, July 7, 2016, Kazakh time (July 6 Eastern time), Baikonur, Kazakhstan.

Rubins, Ivanishin, and Onishi will spend approximately four months on the orbital complex, returning to Earth in October.

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