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Russian Space Landing at Frankfurt Airport

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A Russian space landing occurred at Frankfurt Airport on Saturday, April 6, when the gigantic Antonov AN124-100 aircraft touched down with special cargo on board - including the 2.5-metric-ton MIR space station - for the "Russia in Space" exhibition being hosted at FRA over the next 11 weeks. Fraport AG Frankfurt Airport Services Worldwide is presenting the European premier of this extraordinary exhibition of spaceships and other items which document Russia's 45-year space history: from the launch of Sputnik (the world's first Earth satellite) on October 4, 1957, up to 2002. The official opening on April 12 will commemorate the anniversary of Yuri Gagarin's first manned space flight. A big attraction for passengers and the general public, the exhibition will run daily (9:00 to 19:00) from April 13 through June 30 at the Airport Gallery 1, on the mezzanine in Departures Hall B of Terminal 1.

This cosmic collection from Moscow's Memorial Museum of Cosmonautics features the full-size MIR space station that was used for cosmonaut training. The MIR operated for a record 15 years around our Earth. Other items being exhibited include the original Lunochod 2 moon vehicle, plus other originals and models of space hardware from the famous Sputnik, Sojus, Wostock and Buran projects. You can also see space suits and devices, as well as various items from daily life in space. "Russia in Space" is presented by Fraport AG in cooperation with East Art & Culture Promotion GmbH of Bad Homburg (near Frankfurt). The official opening on Friday, April 12, will include senior representatives from the Russian Federation's Ministry of Culture and Fraport AG's Executive Board.

Visitors to the "Russia in Space" exhibition will have to pay a modest admission fee. For adults from 16 years, admission costs EUR 11 per person. Children 6 to 15 years, students, or people with disabilities pay EUR 6. Special rates are available for families and groups. For example, a EUR 25 family ticket covers the admission for two adults and up to three children (up 15 years). For more details about the exhibition, take a virtual space trip on the Internet at: "www.russia-in-space.com".

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