



Press Release

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Futuroscope launches its first family roller coaster on March 28th



Futuroscope opens its "Destination Mars" space training centre on the 28th March, featuring... the park's first roller coaster! This new attraction gives visitors a chance to take the place of an astronaut, test their abilities and assess their suitability for a space mission.

This new attraction gives visitors a chance to take the place of an astronaut, put their abilities to the test and see whether they have what it takes to go on a mission into space. The interactive pre-show immerses candidates of the astronaut training programme in a series of hands-on experiences to give them a sense of what space travel is like before they then board a spaceflight test vehicle. Passengers will be whisked along a rail ride lasting almost three minutes that takes them through multiple spectacular special effects that have never been seen before in France.

Riders on the roller coaster will be exposed to a sequence of spectacular phenomena indoors and outdoors featuring solar flares, magnetic fields, faster-than-light speed reaching 35 mph, and the final test - zero gravity.

"Destination Mars" promises a rush of new thrills; and while they are stronger than in all the other attractions at Futuroscope, they are still suitable for younger visitors who meet the minimum height requirement of 3'7". There are no loop-the-loops, no travelling upside-down; just a nicely balanced selection of excitement, physical thrills and laughter for the family.

Space travel, a theme that is in Futuroscope's DNA

Futuroscope has invested all of its in-house expertise and know-how in technology, set design and storytelling in Destination Mars. "This is the biggest investment (20 million euros, including 4.5 million from the Patrimoine de la Vienne heritage management company) in an attraction since Futuroscope first opened," states Rodolphe Bouin, Chairman of the Board of Directors at Futuroscope.

Futuroscope's industry-renowned expertise in combining technology with original narrative content is once again breathing life into one of mankind's dreams - space travel, a theme that is integral to our DNA.

About Futuroscope

Futuroscope (near Poitiers, central western France) was the first amusement park to open in France, and welcomes almost 2 million visitors through its gates every year. It now stands as a family-oriented park in its own right, an irresistible destination of attractions that take visitors on extraordinary human and technological adventures and experiences, rousing and nurturing that most charming of faults: curiosity. Over 40 attractions await for an unforgettable break with family and friends.

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