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Replacement date 8th July 2017 - The first person to walk in space Cosmonaut Alexey Leonov on 8th July 2017 in the **TECHNIK MUSEUM SPEYER**



Original picture of Leonov on the first extra-vehicular activity: Daum Archive Insignia Voskhod 2: Daum Archive

After Yuri Gagarin and Walentina Tereshkova, Alexey Leonov is the most famous Soviet / Russian cosmonaut. He became world famous when, on March 18 1965, he was the first human being to step out into space by leaving the mobile, inflatable airlock belonging to the space ship Voskhod 2. This first extra-vehicular activity in space history lasted only 12 minutes, but was a milestone in the conquest and exploration of space and the moon. In his second space mission from 15th to 21st July 1975, his name also reached all corners of the world, as commander of the Soyuz 19 spacecraft, the Soviet part of the Apollo Soyuz Test Project (ASTP). During the Cold War, this mission, where a Soviet and an American spaceship coupled together and the crews visited each other, was an extraordinary event. The two spaceships were connected to each other for 1 day, 23 hours and 7 minutes. Leonow spent 7 days and 32 minutes in space on his two missions.

On Saturday, 8th July 2017, the FORUM Cinema of the **TECHNIK MUSEUM SPEYER** will host a presentation and a question and answer session with the Soviet cosmonaut Alexey

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Leonov (in Russian with German translation) from 2.30 pm to 4 pm. The event is included in the museum's regular admission fee, so a separate ticket is not required. Entry tickets for the TECHNIK MUSEUM SPEYER are available on the spot or as a Silver Ticket in the online shop at www.technik-museum-shop.de. Information on the event and on Europe's largest space exhibition "Apollo and Beyond" in the technical museum is at www.technik-museum.de.

Alexey Leonov

was born on 30th May 1934 in Listvyanka / Kemerovo Oblast. He is a trained pilot and major general in the air force, as well as a cosmonaut.

VOSKHOD-2 PILOT / 1. EVA from the 18th to the 19th March 1965. First extra-vehicular activity of a human being on 18th March 1965 by Alexey Leonov, connected by an umbilical cord from the modified Voskhod 2 spaceship, lasting a total of 12 minutes. Mission duration 1 day, 2 hours and 2 minutes.

ASTP - SOYUZ 19 COMMANDER From 15th to 21st July 1975. Coupling of a US Apollo space ship with a Soviet Soyuz space ship. The two spaceships were connected to each other for 1 day, 23 hours and 7 minutes. Mission duration 5 days, 22 hours and 30 minutes.

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