



Space-Weeks with the astronauts Michael Baker and Paolo Nespoli

Two astronauts give lectures at the Technik Museum Speyer



Michael Baker in the space shuttle "Atlantis" during the STS-43 mission
Source: Gerhard Daum



Paolo Nespoli on the Soyuz TMA-20 ISS mission
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Speyer. The month of August is all about human spaceflight for the Technik Museum Speyer. Two astronauts will visit the popular museum and provide an exciting space programme. The US-American Michael Baker will be in the Museum on Saturday, 5 August and the Italian Paolo Nespoli on Saturday, 26 August. In addition to lectures about their space missions, the two astronauts will also answer questions. For younger visitors, the museum offers the opportunity take a picture with the astronauts after the lectures. Both lectures will be held in English and are included in the admission price. For more information, visit www.technik-museum.de.

Lecture by NASA astronaut Michael Baker

In his lecture on 5 August, NASA astronaut Michael Baker will talk about his four missions. The lecture starts at 2 pm and will be held in English in the FORUM cinema of the museum. Children up to 14 years of age can take a picture with the astronaut. The photo opportunity is exclusively for children attending the lecture. As a pilot, Baker flew into space in 1991 with space shuttle "Atlantis" (mission STS-43) and in 1992 with space shuttle "Columbia" (mission STS-52). His next two flights were as commander in 1994 with space shuttles "Endeavour" (mission STS-68) and in 1997 with "Atlantis" (mission STS-81). During his four space shuttle missions, Michael Baker spent a total of 40 days, 4 hours, 59 minutes and 7 seconds in space and orbited the Earth 643 times.

Lecture by ESA astronaut Paolo Nespoli

The programme continues on Saturday, 26 August with the Italian ESA astronaut Paolo Nespoli. His lecture also starts at 2 pm and will be held in English in the FORUM cinema of the museum. Children up to 14 years of age who attended the lecture can take a picture with the astronaut after the lecture. In 2007, Nespoli flew to the International Space Station on board the US space shuttle Discovery for an assembly mission. In 2011, he went to the ISS on Soyuz TMA-20 and

in 2017 on Soyuz MS-05 for his two long-duration missions. On his three missions, Paolo Nespoli spent a total of 313 days, 2 hours, 36 minutes and 47 seconds in space, orbited the Earth 4.904 times.

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About the Technik Museen Sinsheim Speyer – from underwater into space

Supported by the non-profit club Auto + Technik Museum e. V. and based on the motto “for fans from fans”, the Technik Museen Sinsheim Speyer have more than 4,000 members worldwide. The financing is exclusively based on admission fees, donations as well as membership fees of club members. All surpluses are used for the museum’s maintenance and expansion. On an area of more than 200,000 sqm, the Technik Museen Sinsheim Speyer present more than 6,000 exhibits from all fields of technological history in a worldwide unique variety. The exhibits range from submarines to vintage cars, from the Concorde to the Space Shuttle BURAN. Besides the permanent exhibition and the changing special exhibitions, there are numerous vehicle and club meetings as well as events. Open 365 days a year, the museums attract over one million visitors a year. Our two IMAX large-format cinemas are a true highlight. While the IMAX 3D cinema in Sinsheim – “the cinema with the highest resolution in the world” – shows exclusive documentations and the latest Hollywood blockbusters, films are projected onto a giant dome in the IMAX DOME cinema in Speyer.

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