

# The First Woman in Space, Russia's Valentina Tereshkova Turns 80

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Tereshkova's three-day flight into space, launched June 16, 1963, helped solidify the prestige of the Soviet space program after Yuri Gagarin became the first man in space two years earlier.

Here are some of the seminal moments of her life.

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