

# Russia Ready to Celebrate Cosmonaut Day on International Space Station

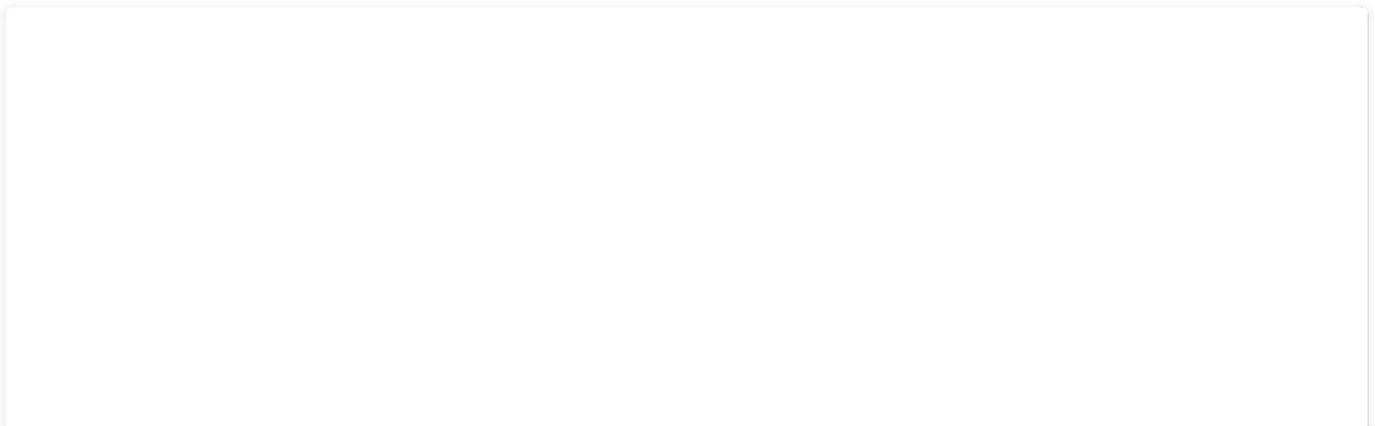
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Oleg Novitsky **Stanislav Krasilnikov / TASS**

Russian cosmonaut Oleg Novitsky has been given official permission to skip work and celebrate Cosmonaut Day on the International Space Station (ISS).

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A post shared by Oleg Novitskiy (@novitskiy\_iss) on Feb 24, 2017 at 1:17pm PST

Novitskiy's day-off is still full of official engagements, including a video conference with Mission Control and a pre-arranged Skype call to children at Russia's Artek summer camp, [the TASS news agency reported.](#)

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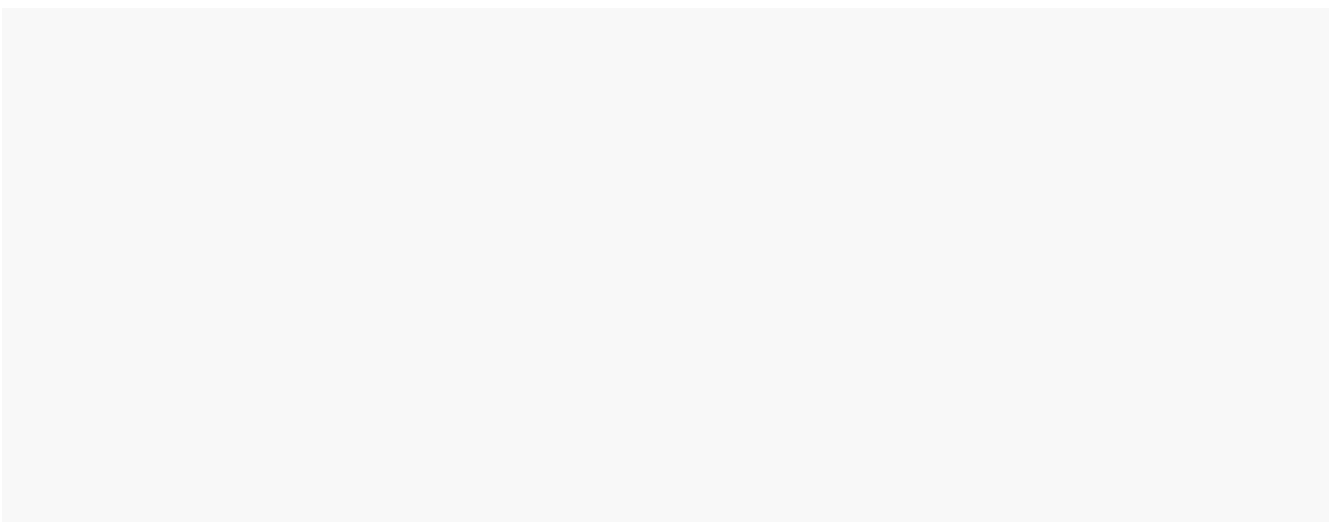


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Novitsky will be the **only** Russian on board the ISS during the holiday. His fellow cosmonauts Andrei **Borisenko** and Sergei Ryzhikov are already scheduled to return to Earth on April 10. Novitsky will remain onboard with U.S. astronaut Peggy Whitson and France's Tom Peske.

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Two new crew members — Russian cosmonaut Fyodor Yurchikhin and America's Jack Fisher — are set to join the ISS on April 20.

Russia's Cosmonaut Day is celebrated annually on April 12.

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