

Expedition 5 Returns

Highlights:

- Launch: June 6, 2002 - with STS-111
- Landing: Dec. 7, 2002 - with STS-113
- Duration: 184 days, 22 hours, 14 minutes
- Crew: Commander Valery Korzun, NASA ISS Science Officer Peggy Whitson, Flight Engineer Sergei Treshev
- Elements added during mission: S1 Truss and P1 Truss
- Science experiments conducted: 25

Dr. Peggy Whitson, who has a doctorate in biochemistry from Rice University, became the station's first resident scientist when she arrived at the ISS June 7, 2002, as an Expedition 5 Flight Engineer. A few months later, Whitson was named NASA's first ISS Science Officer. In his Sept. 16 announcement, NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe said Whitson was "an obvious choice" for the job.

“The people on the ground know about the station, and the children want to be cosmonauts, astronauts, to fly in space, and this is a dream...for them. And I think this is very important for a new human generation, to think about it and to have wishes to go in space.”

—Valery Korzun, from his preflight interview



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Astronaut Peggy Whitson, Expedition 5 NASA ISS science officer, looks at the ISS through a window on the Space Shuttle Endeavour following the undocking of the two spacecraft. Endeavour pulled away from the station on Dec. 2. The ISS had been Whitson's home for 184 days.



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Expedition 5 Commander Valery Korzun, Science Officer Peggy Whitson and Flight Engineer Sergei Treshev are all smiles in the ISS.



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Commander Valery Korzun checks a plant growth experiment in the Zvezda Service Module on the ISS.

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Expedition 5 Science Officer Peggy Whitson, Flight Engineer Sergei Treshev and Commander Valery Korzun are welcomed home from their 184-day stay aboard the ISS.