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# Artemis II: A Visual Overview of Moon Missions

## Description

Monday, April 6, 2026, is a key day for human spaceflight. At 13:56 EDT, the Artemis II mission is set to break the record for the farthest distance humans have traveled from Earth. This record was last set by Apollo 13 at 400,171 km (248,655 miles). The Artemis II crew will reach 406,773 km (252,760 miles) from Earth on a lunar flyby.

The Artemis programme is NASA's long-term plan to return astronauts to the Moon for the first time since 1972. It has five missions: Artemis I, II, III, IV, and V. Artemis I was a successful uncrewed test flight that launched on November 16, 2022.

The Artemis II mission launched on April 1, 2026, from Florida with four astronauts on board for a 10-day mission. The crew includes Reid Wiseman as commander, Victor Glover as pilot, Christina Koch and Jeremy Hansen as mission specialists.

The astronauts will check the spacecraft's systems and conduct scientific studies during the mission. They have a fixed menu of 189 food items for their journey. Artemis II aims to land in the Pacific Ocean near San Diego on April 10, 2026, after which the crew will return to NASA's Johnson Space Centre in Houston.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **mission** //ˈmɪʃən// (noun): a planned trip or job, often by a group
2. **farthest** //ˈfɑːrðəst// (adjective): at the greatest distance from something
3. **lunar** //ˈluːnə// (adjective): connected to or about the Moon
4. **uncrewed** //ʌnˈkruːd// (adjective): without any people on the vehicle
5. **conduct** //kənˈdʌkt// (verb): to do or carry out an activity
6. **scientific** //ˌsaɪənˈtɪfɪk// (adjective): related to science or careful study

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. What date is the Artemis II mission set to break the distance record?

Option: April 6, 2026



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- Option: April 1, 2026
  - Option: November 16, 2022
  - Option: April 10, 2026

2. What is the farthest distance humans will travel from Earth during the Artemis II mission?

- Option: 400,171 km
- Option: 406,773 km
- Option: 252,760 miles
- Option: 248,655 miles

3. How many missions are there in the Artemis programme?

- Option: 3
- Option: 4
- Option: 5
- Option: 6

4. Who was the commander of the Artemis II mission?

- Option: Victor Glover
- Option: Christina Koch
- Option: Reid Wiseman
- Option: Jeremy Hansen

5. When did Artemis I launch?

- Option: April 1, 2026
- Option: November 16, 2022
- Option: April 10, 2026
- Option: June 2025

6. In which ocean does Artemis II aim to land?

- Option: Atlantic Ocean
- Option: Indian Ocean
- Option: Pacific Ocean
- Option: Arctic Ocean

### True-False

7. The Artemis II mission launched before April 6, 2026.



8. The Artemis programme is a one-time mission to Mars.
9. Apollo 13 set the previous record for the farthest distance from Earth at 406,773 km.
10. The crew of Artemis II includes four astronauts.
11. The astronauts on Artemis II will eat a menu of 100 food items.
12. Artemis I was an uncrewed test flight.

### Gap-Fill

13. The distance record for humans traveling from Earth was last set by Apollo 13 at \_\_\_\_\_ km.
14. The Artemis II mission is set to land in the Pacific Ocean near \_\_\_\_\_.
15. Artemis II will reach a distance of \_\_\_\_\_ km from Earth.
16. The Artemis programme is NASA's long-term plan to return astronauts to the Moon for the first time since \_\_\_\_\_.
17. The crew members of Artemis II include Reid Wiseman, Victor Glover, \_\_\_\_\_, and Jeremy Hansen.
18. The Artemis II mission launched on April 1, 2026, and lasts for \_\_\_\_\_ days.

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. April 6, 2026 2. 406,773 km 3. 5 4. Reid Wiseman 5. November 16, 2022 6. Pacific Ocean  
**True-False:** 7. True 8. False 9. False 10. True 11. False 12. True  
**Gap-Fill:** 13. 400,171 14. San Diego 15. 406,773 16. 1972 17. Christina Koch 18. 10

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