



MAE JEMISON

Explorer (1956 - present)

Jemison is an American physician and former astronaut with NASA. On Sept. 12, 1992 she became the first African-American woman to travel in space when she went into orbit on the Space Shuttle Endeavour. While on the Endeavour, Jemison researched bone cells and the effects of weightlessness and motion sickness. Jemison said she was inspired by Sally Ride, the first American woman in space, and also brought a photo of Bessie Coleman, the first African-American woman to fly a plane, into orbit with her.