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Holidaying on the moon

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The presenter says: “[...] you have, I’m afraid, left it too late to consider the ultimate destination [...]. Yes, you’re too late to join that first flight of around 300 thousand miles skimming the surface of the moon. It will take place next year and we learned yesterday that two tourists have already booked their places with a private rocket company.” Therefore, tickets for next year’s best holiday trip are no longer on sale.

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David Whitehouse says: “Yes, well, you ought to be nervous, going to the moon is never routine and never will be.” Therefore, concerning such a trip, David Whitehouse believes feeling uncertain is justified.

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David Whitehouse says: “But these tourists who are not going to fold their arms and look out of the window and stare at a brochure, they are going to have to be active participants in flying this spacecraft.” Therefore, on the trip, the holidaymakers will need to work on board.

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David Whitehouse says: “But, for, for a long... for over a day or so the moon will be big and bright and completely filling their, their window as they fly past it.” Therefore, the close-up view of the moon will last for more than twenty-four hours.

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David Whitehouse says: “The Russians have tried to sell this type of trip with their Soyuz capsule for over ten years and haven’t had, hadn’t anybody express confidence in them and nobody wanted to do it.” Therefore, a holiday trip to the moon failed to sell because of customer mistrust.

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David Whitehouse says: “This is a sea change in the exploration of space; with the, with private companies doing things that government-backed companies, large government consortia have lumbered about for years if not decades and not done it.” Therefore, government programmes seem to have been overtaken by private businesses in space travel.

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David Whitehouse says: “In America, at this moment, there are four private companies or consortia building their own space capsule, building their own rocket, to put people into space, to the space station and with SpaceX, and others will follow, around the moon.” Therefore, in the US, a number of businesses are developing space programmes.

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The presenter says: “Do you think in a couple years’ time we will have you back on the programme and you will be talking, maybe we’re talking via your satellite phone from the moon [...].” David Whitehouse says: “Around the moon will be for the very rich, rich people for the next five or six years, but I’m sure in ten years’ time you may well be able to buy a ticket to walk on the surface of the moon.” Therefore, David Whitehouse thinks that in a decade it might be affordable to set foot on the moon.