The Future of Space Tourism

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(Taylor, 2021)

In the article, the author Dylan Taylor emphasises on how in the year 2020 we all were feeling tied up and wanted to escape to an adventure, and how right now the adventure can only be on our local planet. But in the future, a growing market of space tourism worth $3 billion by 2030 can be the way for affordable space tourism by companies such as SpaceX, Virgin Galactic, and Blur Origin. The author wrote how in the near future only the ultra-rich will be able to afford a trip to space but in the long term, ordinary people can also become a part of space tourism.

Furthermore, the author discussed how commercial suborbital trips will be the type of trips that will flourish first and may also be the shortest ones. The author further told us that companies like Virgin Galactic and Blue Origin are designing shuttle systems that are designed to take passengers over 50 miles above the Earth’s atmosphere. Also, some experts think that commercial suborbital trips can replace long-distance air travel and can decrease the time for long-haul flights.

Moving further, Orbital vacations mean remaining in space for one full orbit for tourism purposes and many private as well as public companies are taking an interest in it. Proposals for many orbital hotels and expandable space habitats are under consideration which may make extended stay in Earth’s outer orbit and even make place for moon or outer planet habitation.

Finally, to summarize the author told us that not only public companies but the private sector as well is taking a lot of interest in space tourism and various organizations are taking this as a broader investment opportunity. With more next generation engineering the scope of error will decrease and more innovation will also decrease the entry level barrier for ordinary people to travel into the space.

**Group Reflection:**

As the group member of this group, I learnt a lot about space tourism and got to know it’s positive side, it’s negative side as well as what is the potential future of space tourism. We chose this topic because this is a very recent topic and a plethora of developments are taking place in the space tourism sector in the mean time.

# Works Cited

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