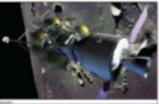
## To The Moon And Back

## Astronauts Aim For The Moon-And Beyond

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NASA hopes to make a giant teap—back to the moon. The U.S. space agency recently [2005] announced its plan to send four astronauts to the moon within the next 15 years.



The new spacecraft is blie Apollo, "But bigger."

NASA officials say the moon is just the first step. They hope future missions will take astronauts to Mars and beyond. "We will return to the moon no later than 2020 and extend the human presence across the solar system and beyond," says Michael Griffin, the head of NASA.

So far, the moon is the only place beyond Earth that humans have visited. At 225,000 miles away, the moon is Earth's dissect space neighbor.

On July 25, 1969, Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Albrin became the first astronauts to land on the moon. They traveled there aboard Apollo 11. When Armstrong first set foot on the moon, he spoke these tamous words: "That's one small step for a man, one grant leap for markind."