

Commercial Space Tourism Activities in China

Although commercial space tourism is not yet officially open to the public in China, it is developing rapidly. The year 2028 is a key milestone, with multiple Chinese companies (see below) announcing ambitious launch plans and starting to pre-sell tickets.

Overview of Chinese Space Tourism Plans

China's space tourism plans are divided into three phases. The closest to reality is the first phase:

Phase 1: Suborbital Tourism – The primary focus for Chinese commercial aerospace companies. Vehicles will carry passengers across the Kármán line (100 km altitude) to the edge of space, then glide back. The entire trip lasts about ten minutes, with a few minutes of weightlessness and a view of Earth's curvature.

Phase 2: Orbital Tourism – A more technologically challenging and immersive experience. Vehicles enter low Earth orbit (200–400 km altitude), allowing passengers to experience weightlessness for days or even weeks.

Phase 3: Deep Space Tourism – A futuristic concept involving travel to cislunar space or beyond, such as flying by the Moon to witness "Earthrise." Still in long-term planning.

National-level Strategy for Space Tourism

China's space tourism efforts are strongly supported by official policies.

- National strategic layout: Both CASC and CASIC have announced plans to accelerate the development of suborbital and orbital space tourism within the next five years and to establish a complete operational system.
- Key infrastructure: An "International Astronaut Center" is scheduled to begin operations in 2026 in Hainan Free Trade Port, with future core business including space tourism and commercial spaceflight cooperation.
- Space travel complex: The Jinta Space Tourism Spaceport is under construction in Jinta County, Jiuquan City, Gansu Province. It will integrate suborbital technology testing, space tourism training and experience, cultural tourism, and educational activities.

Ticket Sales and Market Positioning

Currently, China's space tourism focuses on the relatively more affordable "suborbital trips," with expected ticket prices generally ranging from 2 to 3 million RMB [1]. While this is significantly cheaper than international orbital tourism (e.g., a private seat on a SpaceX flight to the ISS costs about 395 million RMB), it remains a high-end offering. Industry insiders expect that with continued breakthroughs in reusable rocket technology (e.g., Zhuque-3, Lijian-2 planned for first flights in 2025–2026), ticket prices could drop to several hundred thousand RMB in the future.

How to Experience Space Culture Today?

Although a personal trip is still a few years away, the public can already engage with China's space enthusiasm through various channels:

- Follow Space Day event: Around April 24 each year (**China Space Day**), many cities hold public space science exhibitions.
- View space cultural content: Follow the updates from the world's first "space-ground interactive cultural communication satellite" – "**YouShow**" [2]. Launched into orbit in May 2026, it broadcasts space-view imagery and other information. The public can interact via social media.

Public space tourism activities in China currently refer mainly to public space science exhibitions and educational events. Commercial space tourism has not yet officially begun, but the roadmap is very clear.

Below is a summary of current (2026) Chinese commercial space tourism “players”:

Company	Type of Space Tourism	Key Timeline	Ticket Price / Information
Beijing Crossborder Aerospace Technology Co. (Interstellar)	Suborbital flight	Planned 2028 for first commercial crewed flight (CYZ1)	3 million RMB per ticket, nearly 20 tickets pre-sold
CAS Space (Zhongke Aerospace)	Suborbital flight	Planned 2028 to offer space tourism services	No public price yet
Jiangsu Deep Blue Aerospace Co.	Suborbital flight	Pre-selling tickets for 2027 suborbital trips	1 million RMB per ticket (2023 Singles' Day pre-sale)
Ziwei Technology	Suborbital / orbital flight	Planned crewed flight test in 2027 or 2028	No public price yet
Tianbing Technology (Space Pioneer)	Suborbital flight	Target set for 2028	No public price yet
China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation (CASC)	Suborbital & orbital tourism	Plans to normalize suborbital tourism within 5 years and expand to orbital tourism	No public price yet
China Aerospace Science and Industry Corporation (CASIC)	Suborbital & orbital tourism	Developing suborbital and orbital space tourism vehicles	No public price yet

Products & Services



InterstellOr One (CYZ1) Suborbital manned spacecraft

CYZ1 will offer you a unique view to look at the world. It will cross the Kármán line which is 100KM above ground level. The whole journey takes about 30 minutes, and the experience of weightlessness will last for 3 to 6 minutes.

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[1] 1Mio RMB = US\$ 150.000

[2] "YouShow" Satellite information

To give you a better understanding, here are the key details about this unique satellite:

- **Launch and Rocket:** It was launched by a "Lijian-1 Y13" carrier rocket as part of a "one rocket, five satellites" mission.
- **Purpose and Capabilities:** The satellite is equipped with **two 4K high-definition display screens and five multi-angle selfie cameras**. It is designed to broadcast cultural content from Earth to space and transmit unique space-view imagery back to Earth, creating a "space-ground co-screen" effect. It will also facilitate a "China has a Show" IP international communication project.
- **Interactive Features:** The satellite enables a two-way interaction where global users can watch a "space live stream" and have their social media comments potentially selected to be displayed on the satellite's screen in space.

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