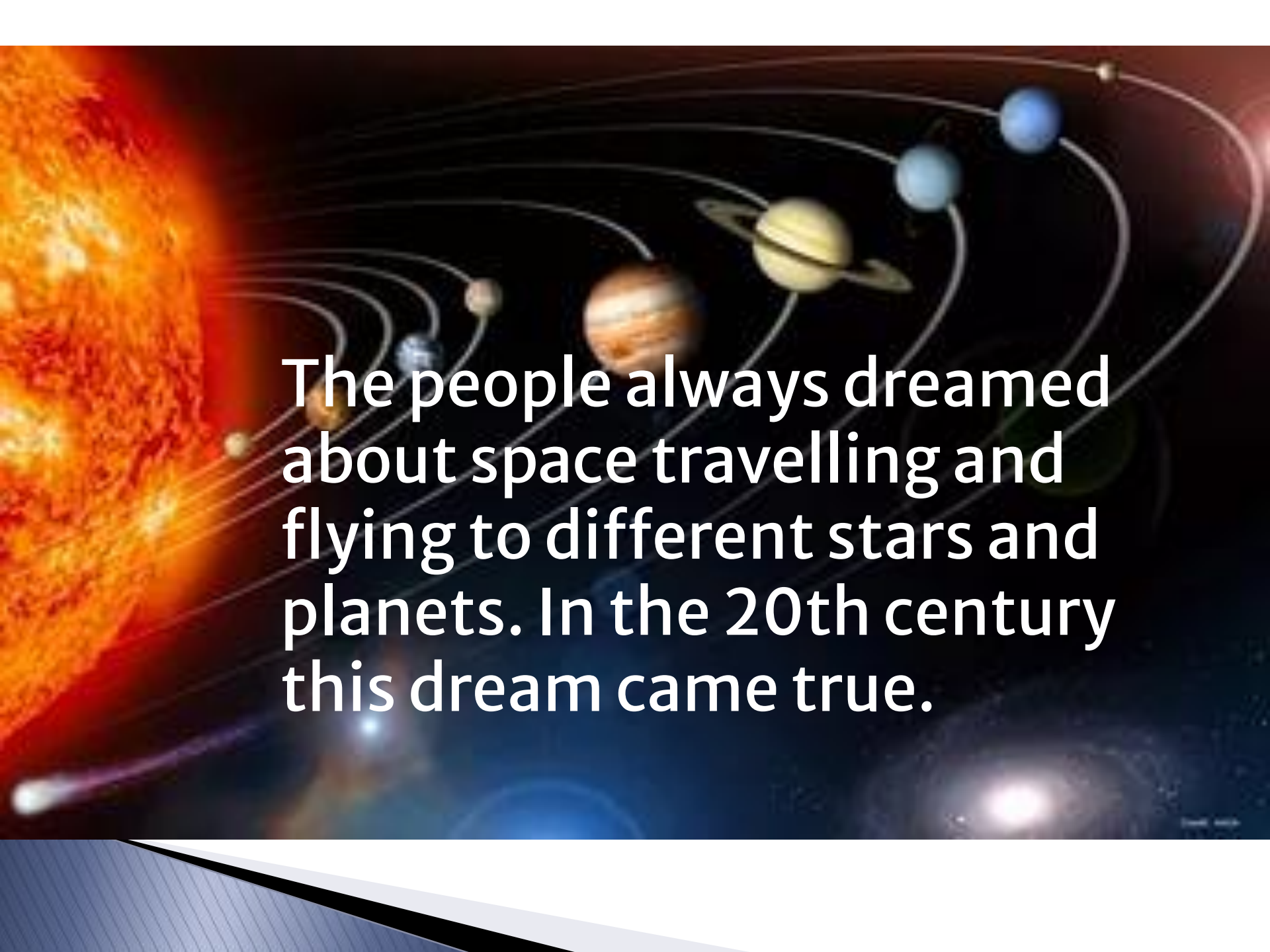


The background of the slide is a composite image. On the left, a large, detailed view of Earth from space shows the blue oceans, white clouds, and green landmasses. To the right, a vibrant galaxy with yellow and orange cores and blue and purple nebulae is visible against a dark space filled with stars. The title text is overlaid on the Earth portion of the image.

# «Cosmonauts are Discoverers of the Universe»

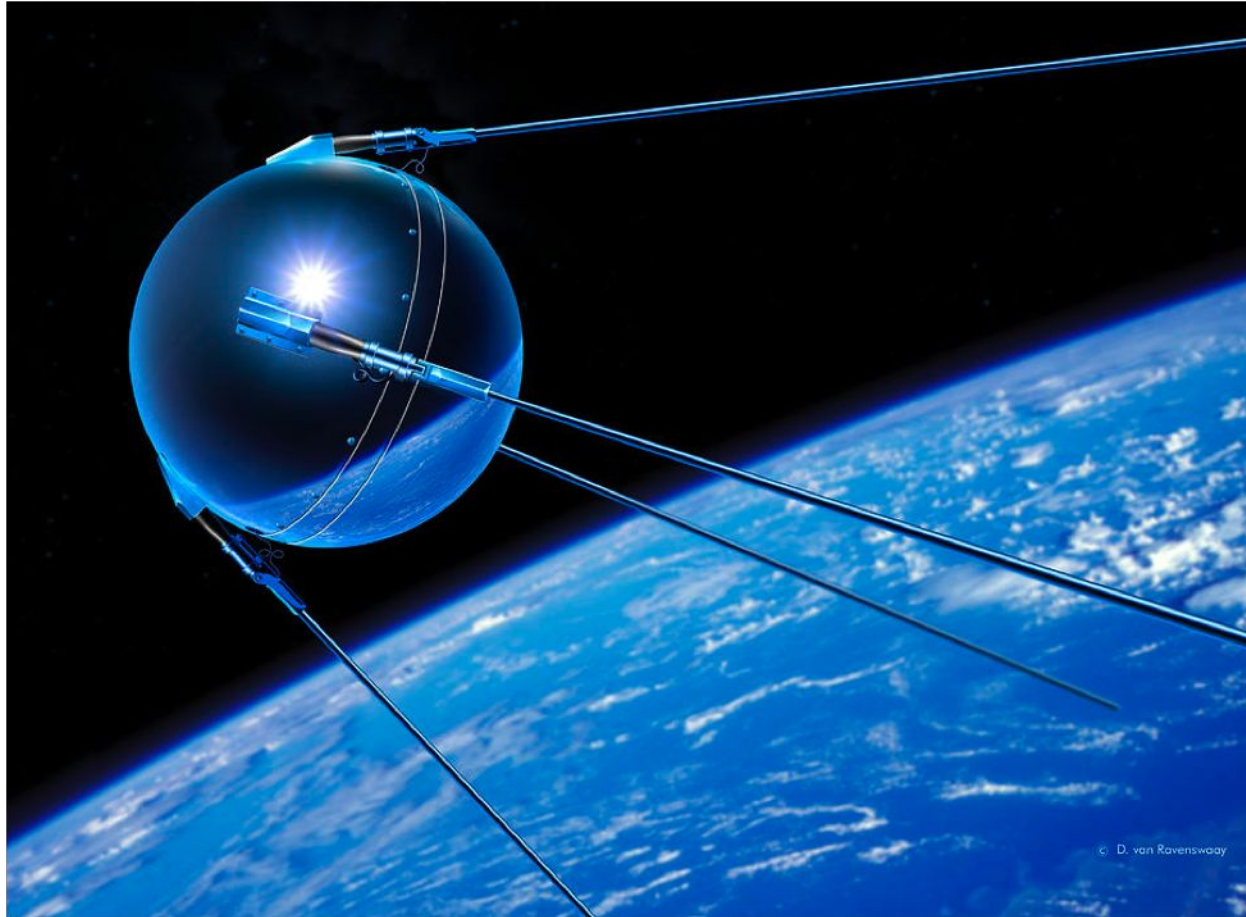
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The people always dreamed about space travelling and flying to different stars and planets. In the 20th century this dream came true.

The first satellite «Sputnik-1» was launched on the 4th of October 1957. It was the unmanned spacecraft.



The first leaving creature entered the space on the 3rd of November 1957. It was the dog Laika on board of «Sputnik-2».





# The 12 th of April is Cosmonautics Day



The Russian spacecraft «Vostok-1» started with Yuri Gagarin on board from the cosmodrome Baikonur on the 12th of April 1961. This spaceship carried the first Russian cosmonaut around the Earth.

- Gagarin was the first human in the history of mankind who had a possibility to look at our planet from space and to experience the weightless environment. He stayed on the low earth orbit for 108 minutes.



Yuri Gagarin



# Famous astronauts

- Than the people began to explore the outer space. Many spaceships were launched with spacemen from different countries on board. Tereshkova was the first woman launched into space.



Valentina Tereskova



Alexei Leonov

- Leonov was the first cosmonaut who worked in the outer space. Titov was the youngest cosmonaut: he was 25 years old at the time of his first flight.



The first docking of two Soviet spaceships happened on the 16th of January 1969.



July 21 in 1969 the American astronauts Armstrong and Alidrin land on the Moon.





And the international docking of the Soviet spaceship «Soyuz-19» and the American spacecraft «Apollo» took place on the 17th of July 1975.



Today Russia wants the exploration of space to be based on broad international cooperation. Many international crews went up in space. This is the best example of the possibility of peaceful cooperation.

