## Spaceman

After sending a satellite into space, the next challenge was to send a human into space.

The USSR did that on 12th April 1961.

Yuri Gagarin was the first man in space. When Gagarin was asked what he saw in space he said:

"I saw for the first time the Earth's shape. I could easily see the shores of continents, islands, great rivers... The horizon is dark blue, smoothly turning to black."



His flight in Vostok 1 took one hour 48 minutes and made one orbit of earth.