



**PEGGY'S PERSONAL  
PRE-LAUNCH  
PACKAGE**

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00:00:00,506 --> 00:00:27,516  
[ Music ]

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00:00:28,516 --> 00:00:50,576  
[ Silence ]

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00:00:51,076 --> 00:00:53,676  
>> So that was really fun  
to get into the vehicle

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00:00:53,676 --> 00:00:55,166  
that you know is actually yours.

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00:00:56,226 --> 00:00:59,776  
And had the new [inaudible]  
smell to which made it special.

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00:01:01,166 --> 00:01:03,266  
But we're really looking  
forward to our ride.

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00:01:06,626 --> 00:01:11,246  
This is old Cozmonaut [phonetic]  
Hotel which actually most

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00:01:11,246 --> 00:01:14,346  
of the training folks  
actually still stay in here.

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00:01:14,466 --> 00:01:15,766  
You can see that the sign

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00:01:15,796 --> 00:01:17,706  
on the door says there's  
still a quarantine here

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00:01:17,706 --> 00:01:20,726  
because we come do all  
our training and classes

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00:01:20,726 --> 00:01:21,756  
over here in this building.

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00:01:23,136 --> 00:01:26,176  
So we are in quarantine  
for about two

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00:01:26,386 --> 00:01:29,116  
and a half weeks  
prior to the launch.

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00:01:29,706 --> 00:01:33,626  
Quarantine is actually very  
important because we don't want

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00:01:33,796 --> 00:01:37,126  
to take any illnesses up to  
the station and infect the rest

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00:01:37,126 --> 00:01:39,026  
of the crew up there  
that's already on board

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00:01:39,646 --> 00:01:42,106  
or to leave those  
illnesses there.

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00:01:45,026 --> 00:01:47,866  
This is the newer hotel  
facility that we stay in now.

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00:01:48,976 --> 00:01:50,006  
It's actually quite nice.

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00:01:52,006 --> 00:01:53,116  
So this territory we're on

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00:01:53,476 --> 00:01:57,616

or the Cozmonaut Hotel is  
located is actually probably

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00:01:57,616 --> 00:02:01,746

around five acres large but  
it ends here with a wall

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00:02:01,746 --> 00:02:04,386

that you can see relatively  
close in front of us

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00:02:04,386 --> 00:02:06,706

and then a really  
pretty little river.

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00:02:07,886 --> 00:02:15,226

It goes down along the front and  
on the east side of the complex.

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00:02:15,226 --> 00:02:16,926

I've been here a  
number of times.

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00:02:17,106 --> 00:02:18,566

I've only launched  
here from once

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00:02:18,666 --> 00:02:20,916

but when I was a  
Deputy Chief and Chief

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00:02:20,916 --> 00:02:23,766

of the Astronaut Office, I  
came down here many times

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00:02:23,766 --> 00:02:26,576

to support other crew  
members who were launching.

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00:02:27,306 --> 00:02:32,196

And it's a lot more fun to be on  
the side the person that's going

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00:02:32,196 --> 00:02:33,976

on the vehicle rather  
than just to watch.

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00:02:34,386 --> 00:02:36,056

We're going to be doing  
a two day run [inaudible]

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00:02:36,166 --> 00:02:40,336

which is actually what I did  
prior to Expedition 16 as well.

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00:02:40,686 --> 00:02:42,116

It's -- I have always said

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00:02:42,226 --> 00:02:45,296

that it was probably  
the two most boring days

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00:02:45,296 --> 00:02:50,646

of spaceflight ever other  
than the actual launch phase

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00:02:50,646 --> 00:02:53,576

and the first couple of orbits  
where we're doing maneuvers.

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00:02:54,306 --> 00:02:58,666

And then the phase, the last  
probably five hours before we

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00:02:58,666 --> 00:03:01,486

dock with the station  
it's very boring.

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00:03:01,486 --> 00:03:04,016

We just eat and sleep

and listen to music.

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00:03:05,096 --> 00:03:07,866

Even looking out the window is actually not all

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00:03:08,006 --> 00:03:11,286

that comfortable because the [inaudible] vehicle itself is

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00:03:11,286 --> 00:03:15,496

doing the solar spin to keep all the sides evenly heated.

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00:03:16,126 --> 00:03:18,876

And that ends up -- when you look out the window,

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00:03:18,876 --> 00:03:22,656

the earth will go by this way and then later on,

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00:03:22,656 --> 00:03:24,406

it'll come by in a few seconds.

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00:03:24,606 --> 00:03:26,416

Come by from the top and go down.

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00:03:26,416 --> 00:03:27,956

So it's actually kind of disturbing.

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00:03:28,176 --> 00:03:30,156

So not fun to watch from there.

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00:03:30,676 --> 00:03:32,476

So we'll look forward to getting to the station.

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00:03:33,516 --> 00:04:00,706

[ Off Mic ]

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00:04:01,206 --> 00:04:02,916

And this is the little  
tree I planted

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00:04:03,446 --> 00:04:07,626

in 2007 before Expedition 16.

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00:04:08,416 --> 00:04:12,706

Each crew member plants a  
tree on their first flight

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00:04:13,446 --> 00:04:16,546

from the Cosmodrome  
here in Baikonur.

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00:04:17,516 --> 00:04:29,886

[ Off Mic ]

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00:04:30,386 --> 00:04:32,886

This tree was planted  
for Alexei Leonov.

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00:04:33,086 --> 00:04:35,576

He was the first man  
to do a space walk.

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00:04:36,286 --> 00:04:37,996

He's actually a really  
interesting guy.

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00:04:37,996 --> 00:04:39,256

A very good storyteller.

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00:04:41,406 --> 00:04:43,996

This tree was planted  
Valentina Tereshkova,

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00:04:43,996 --> 00:04:46,786

the first woman in  
space in 1963.

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00:04:47,506 --> 00:04:50,226

Obviously I don't think this  
facility was built then.

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00:04:50,296 --> 00:04:52,226

So these trees were  
planted in their names.

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00:04:53,766 --> 00:04:58,706

And the biggest tree here was  
planted in Yuri Gagarin name.

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00:04:59,506 --> 00:05:02,126

And the biggest tree is  
as it should be, I think.

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00:05:04,466 --> 00:05:05,706

It's o minus 8.

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00:05:05,856 --> 00:05:08,466

So eight days before the launch.

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00:05:08,466 --> 00:05:11,286

I don't know if this is going  
to work out in the dark or not,

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00:05:11,446 --> 00:05:12,666

if there's enough  
light out here.

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00:05:12,986 --> 00:05:13,986

But I came out for a walk.

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00:05:14,026 --> 00:05:16,256

Today was probably the most beautiful day we've had

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00:05:16,256 --> 00:05:17,336  
in Baikonur so far.

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00:05:18,126 --> 00:05:23,686  
It was in the low  
50s most of the day.

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00:05:23,756 --> 00:05:26,816  
So a really pretty  
day and very clear

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00:05:27,146 --> 00:05:31,116  
but we also have  
the moon, right?

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00:05:31,866 --> 00:05:33,696  
And I came out to  
look at the moon.

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00:05:35,636 --> 00:05:38,066  
I look to see if there  
was a Space Station pass

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00:05:38,406 --> 00:05:39,916  
and there's one tomorrow  
morning.

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00:05:40,056 --> 00:05:43,326  
I'll probably come out  
and try to look at it.

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00:05:43,616 --> 00:05:47,546  
It's always fun to see  
the station pass overhead

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00:05:48,486 --> 00:05:52,666  
especially, I think, when you're

this close to launch recognizing

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00:05:52,666 --> 00:05:54,676

that you're going  
to get to be up in

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00:05:54,676 --> 00:05:55,696

that little speck of light.