



Discovery

United States

1  
00:00:00,790 --> 00:00:06,710

Music

2  
00:00:06,710 --> 00:00:09,890

NARRATOR: Space shuttle Endeavour lifted off into the Florida skies

3  
00:00:09,890 --> 00:00:17,090

on the power of a modified 747 to begin a new mission of inspiration.

4  
00:00:17,090 --> 00:00:22,020

The Shuttle Carrier Aircraft, or SCA, will carry Endeavour across the southern

5  
00:00:22,020 --> 00:00:25,980

United States over two days to Los Angeles.

6  
00:00:25,980 --> 00:00:31,220

Endeavour will go on display at the California Science Center in late October.

7  
00:00:31,220 --> 00:00:36,290

The pair will make a flyover of NASA's Stennis Space Center in Mississippi,

8  
00:00:36,290 --> 00:00:39,030

and the Michoud Assembly Facility near New Orleans,

9  
00:00:39,030 --> 00:00:45,160

before stopping at Johnson Space Center, home of NASA's Mission Control.

10  
00:00:45,160 --> 00:00:50,100

The SCA is the same converted airliner that launched Enterprise on a series of gliding

11  
00:00:50,100 --> 00:00:53,730

tests in 1977.

12  
00:00:53,730 --> 00:00:58,800

Since then, the SCA has been used to carry shuttles back to Florida after a landing at

13  
00:00:58,800 --> 00:01:02,950

California's Edwards Air Force Base.

14

00:01:02,950 --> 00:01:07,680

That heritage will not go unnoticed as the SCA and Endeavour will make an overnight

15

00:01:07,680 --> 00:01:13,640

stop at Edwards before they go to Los Angeles International Airport.

16

00:01:13,640 --> 00:01:19,190

The ferry flight will be the last of the shuttle era. Shuttle Discovery is already on display

17

00:01:19,190 --> 00:01:22,660

at Washington, D.C.'s National Air and Space Museum

18

00:01:22,660 --> 00:01:27,240

and shuttle Atlantis will be shown at NASA's Kennedy Space Center.

19

00:01:27,240 --> 00:01:32,610

Discovery's flight to Washington garnered great public attention as people who had not

20

00:01:32,610 --> 00:01:38,750

seen a space shuttle in the sky stopped traffic to wave and photograph the spacecraft.