



# ***DEEP SPACE EXPLORATION SYSTEMS***

*Heritage Capabilities Enabling  
Deep Space Human Exploration Missions*

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**SPACE LAUNCH SYSTEM - ORION - EXPLORATION GROUND SYSTEMS**



# Introduction

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**SPACE LAUNCH SYSTEM**

**ORION**

**GROUND SYSTEMS**



# Ground Systems Processing Facilities at KSC

Operations and Checkout  
(O&C) Building

Rotation Processing  
and Surge Facility

Multi-Payload  
Processing Facility

Vehicle Assembly  
Building



*Left: Apollo Command and Service Module in O&C (1960s)*

*Right: Orion Crew and Service Module in O&C (2019)*



# Ground Systems Facilities in the U.S.A.

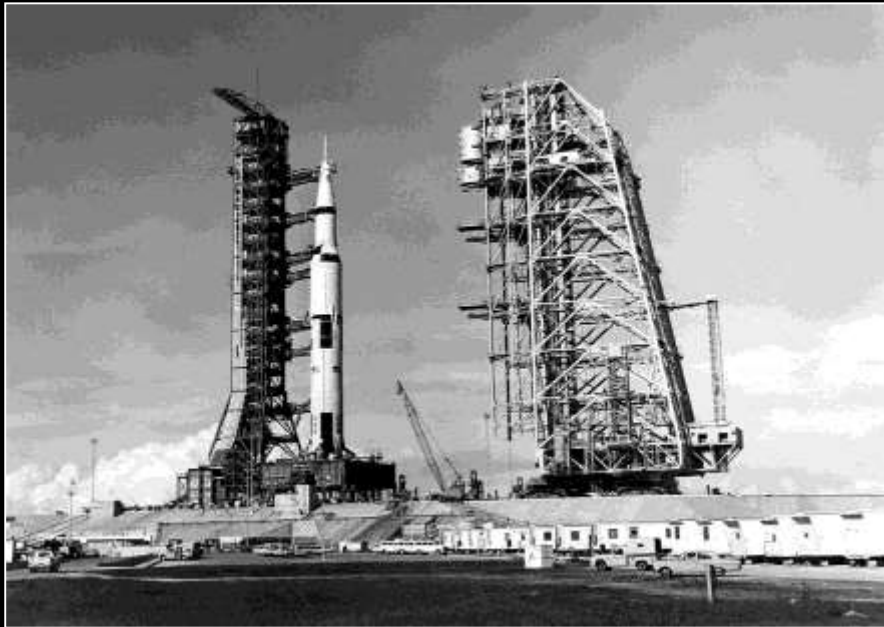
- Michoud Assembly Facility  
(New Orleans)
- B-1/B-2 Test Stand (Stennis)
- Plum Brook Station (Glenn)
- Lunar Landing Research Facility  
(Langley)



*B-1/B-2 Test Stand with Saturn 1-C Test Stage (1960s) and Artemis Core Stage Pathfinder (2019)*

# Ground Systems Launch and Mission Ops

- Space Launch Complex 39B (KSC)
- Launch Control Center (KSC)
- Mission Control Center (JSC)
- Huntsville Ops Support Center (MSFC)



*Space Launch Complex 39B for Apollo (1969), Shuttle (2009) and Artemis (2019)*



# Transportation and Logistics Systems

Pegasus Barge | Super Guppy | Crawler Transporter

*Crawler Transporter*



*Pegasus Barge Arrives at KSC with  
SLS Core Stage Pathfinder (2019)*

*Super Guppy*



# Launch Vehicle Flight Systems

- Boosters
- RS-25 Engines
- Interim Cryogenic Propulsion Stage (ICPS)
- RL-10 Engine



*Heritage Hardware from Space Shuttle to be used on Space Launch System (SLS) – Block 1 configuration shown*



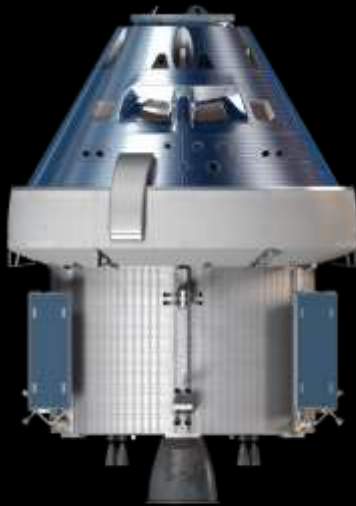
# Spacecraft Flight Vehicle Systems

- Crew Module
- ECLSS

- Service Module
- Engines



*Apollo*



*Orion*



*Automated Transfer Vehicle – Solar Arrays*



*Space Shuttle – Orbital  
Maneuvering System Engines  
and RS-25 Engines*



*Orion solar array testing at  
Plum Brook Station*

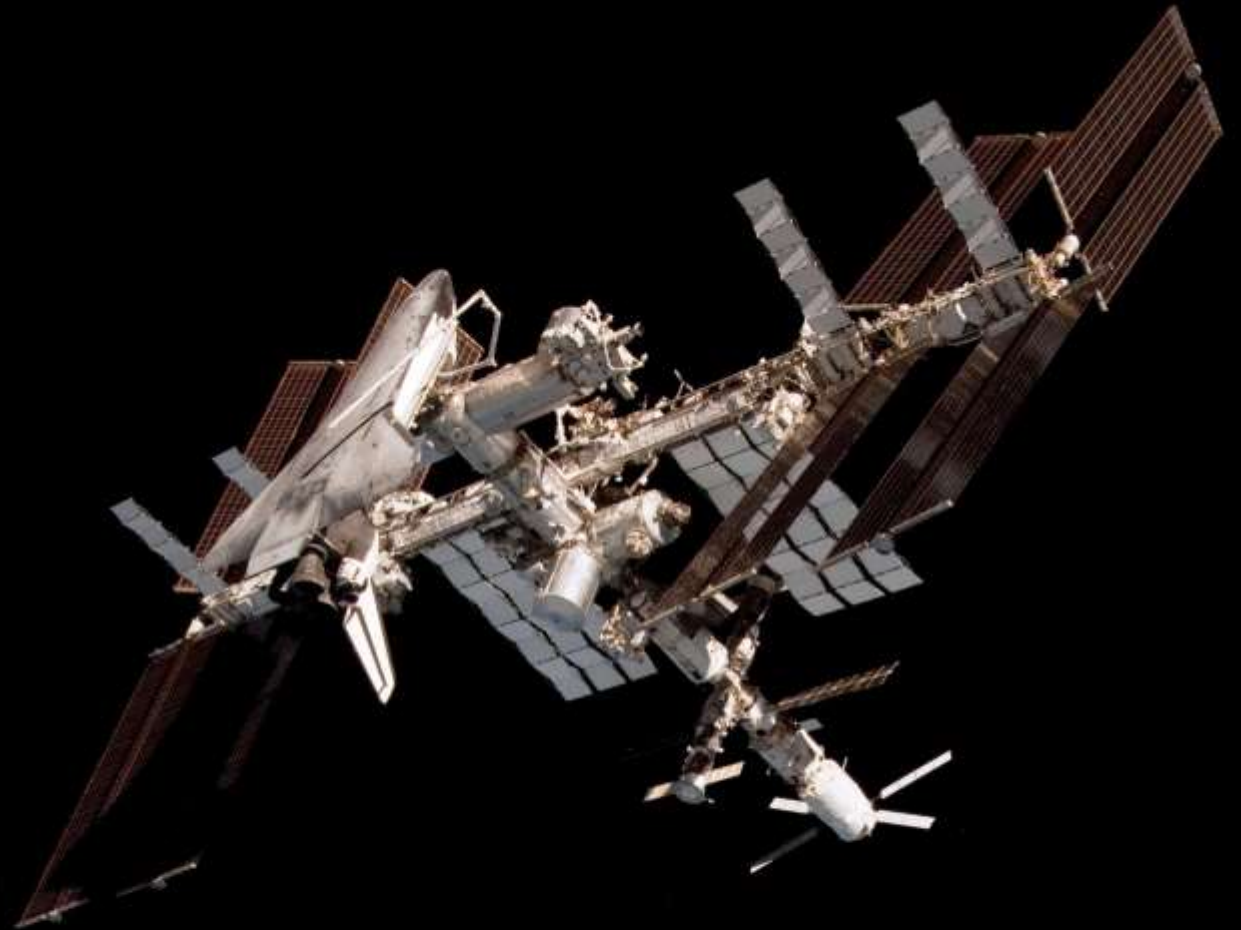


# Conclusions

## Observed Themes:

- Transportation and Logistics
  - Infrastructure
  - Launch Vehicle Systems
  - Spacecraft Systems
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*Leveraging heritage systems  
has both advantages and  
disadvantages.*



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# QUESTIONS?

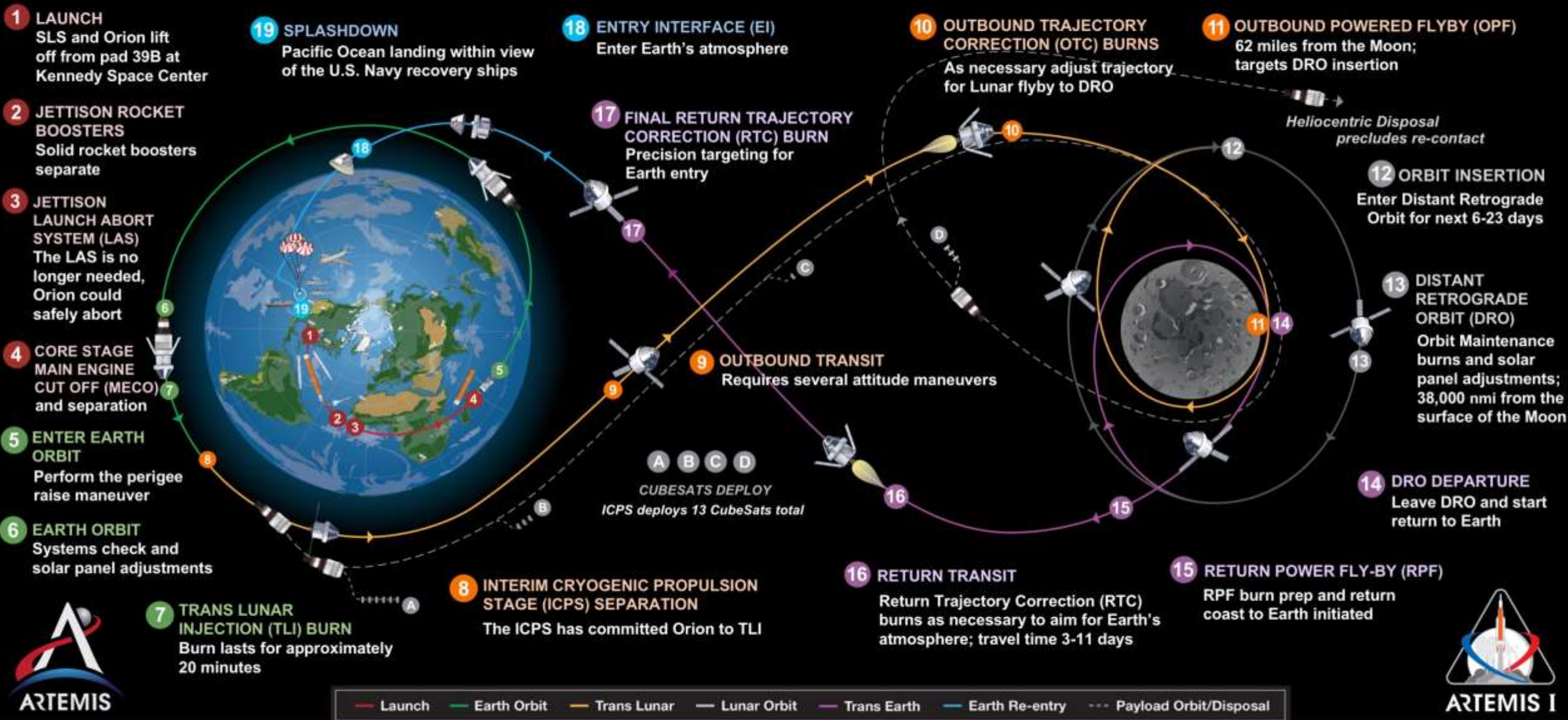
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# ARTEMIS I

The first uncrewed, integrated flight test of NASA's Orion spacecraft and Space Launch System rocket, launching from a modernized Kennedy spaceport

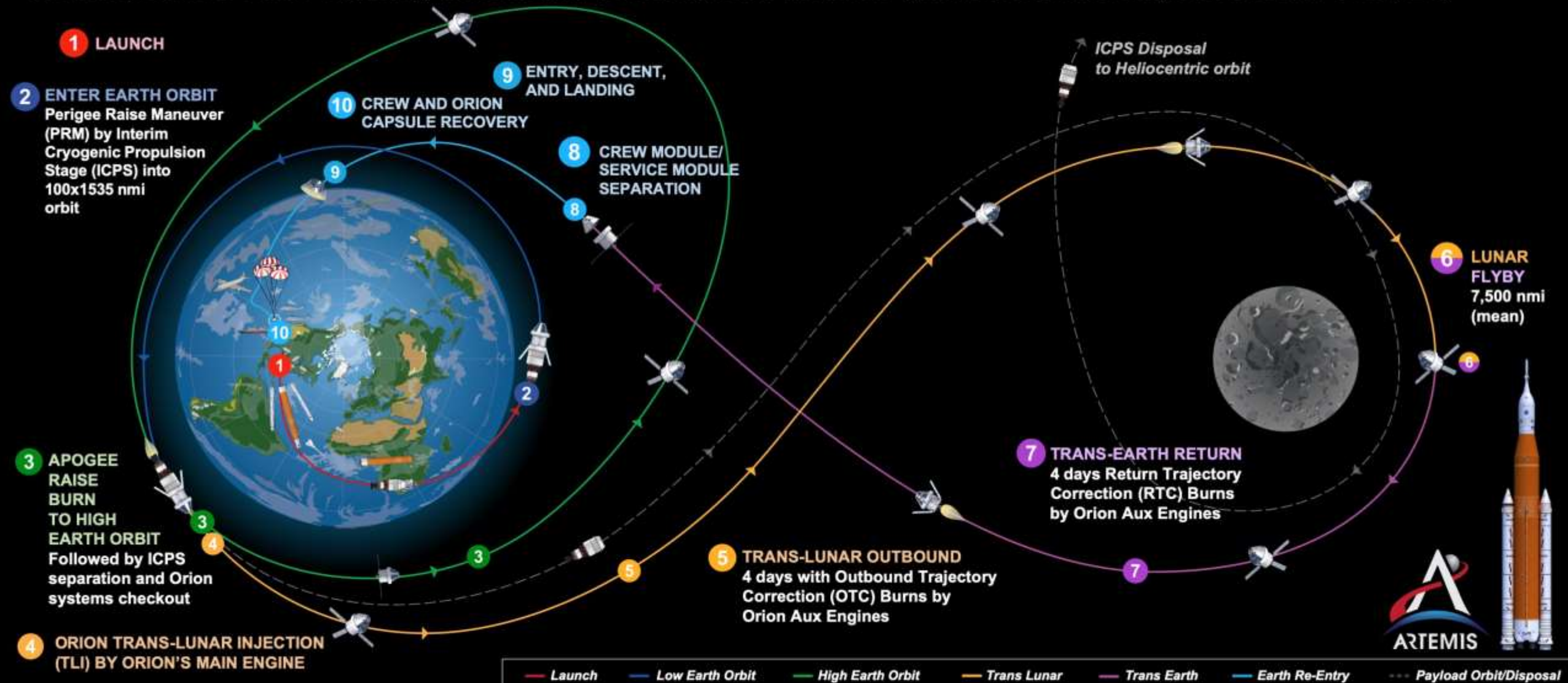


Total distance traveled: 1.3 million miles – Mission duration: 26-42 days – Re-entry speed: 24,500 mph (Mach 32) – 13 CubeSats deployed



# ARTEMIS II

Crewed Hybrid Free Return Trajectory, demonstrating crewed flight and spacecraft systems performance beyond Low Earth Orbit (LEO)



SLS Configuration (Block 1) with Human Rated ICPS | 15x1200 nmi insertion orbit | 28.5 deg inclination

4 astronauts | Mission duration: 10 Days | Re-entry speed: 24,500 mph (Mach 32)