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# NASA Names Artemis III Crew Members for Humanity's Return to the Moon

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NASA has announced the four-member crew for the Artemis III mission, which will conduct mission rehearsals and preparations for humanity's return to the Moon under the Artemis programme.



## **Summary?**

The Artemis III mission is a key component of NASA's lunar exploration programme aimed at returning humans to the Moon for the first time since Apollo 17 in 1972. The crew includes Reid Wiseman, Victor Glover, Christina Koch, and Jeremy Hansen. The mission will help prepare for future lunar exploration and support NASA's long-term objective of sending humans to Mars.

## **Important Points:**

NASA announced the Artemis III crew members.

The mission is part of the Artemis Programme.

Artemis III is expected to be the first crewed lunar landing mission since Apollo 17 (1972).

The mission aims to land astronauts near the Moon's South Pole.

The South Pole region is believed to contain water ice deposits.

The mission will use NASA's Space Launch System (SLS) rocket.

The Orion spacecraft will carry astronauts to lunar orbit.

SpaceX's Starship Human Landing System (HLS) will be used for lunar surface operations.

Christina Koch is expected to become the first woman assigned to a lunar mission.

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Victor Glover is expected to become the first Black astronaut assigned to a lunar mission.

Jeremy Hansen will become the first Canadian astronaut to participate in a Moon mission.

### **Artemis III Crew:**

Reid Wiseman – Commander

Victor Glover – Pilot

Christina Koch – Mission Specialist

Jeremy Hansen – Mission Specialist

### **About Artemis Programme:**

Artemis is NASA's lunar exploration programme.

The programme is named after Artemis, the Greek goddess of the Moon and twin sister of Apollo.

Its objective is to return humans to the Moon and establish a sustainable lunar presence.

The long-term goal is to prepare for future human missions to Mars.

Artemis I (2022) was an uncrewed test mission.

Artemis II will be the first crewed Artemis mission.

Artemis III will attempt the first lunar landing under the Artemis programme.

### **About NASA:**

Full Form: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Established: 29 July 1958.

Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States.

NASA is the civil space agency of the United States.

### **About Moon's South Pole:**

The Moon's South Pole is considered one of the most important regions for future lunar exploration.

It contains permanently shadowed craters.

Scientists believe the region holds significant quantities of water ice.

Water ice can be used for drinking water, oxygen production and rocket fuel.

### **Apollo Programme:**

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Apollo 11 achieved the first human landing on the Moon in 1969.

Neil Armstrong became the first person to walk on the Moon.

Apollo 17 (1972) was the last human mission to the Moon.

### **Exam Focus Points (Quick Revision Notes)**

Mission ? Artemis III

Organisation ? NASA

Objective ? Return Humans to the Moon

Planned Landing Site ? Moon's South Pole

First Crewed Lunar Landing Since ? Apollo 17 (1972)

Rocket Used ? Space Launch System (SLS)

Spacecraft ? Orion

Lunar Lander ? SpaceX Starship Human Landing System (HLS)

Artemis III Commander ? Reid Wiseman

Artemis III Pilot ? Victor Glover

Mission Specialist ? Christina Koch

Mission Specialist ? Jeremy Hansen

First Woman on Lunar Mission ? Christina Koch

First Black Astronaut on Lunar Mission ? Victor Glover

First Canadian Astronaut on Lunar Mission ? Jeremy Hansen

NASA Established ? 29 July 1958

NASA Headquarters ? Washington, D.C., United States

Long-Term Artemis Goal ? Human Mission to Mars

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