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BLINC SPACE AND ACTIONFLIGHT AEROSPACE ANNOUNCE INAUGURAL HUMAN SPACEFLIGHT READINESS EXPERIENCE IN RAS AL KHAIMAH

9 December 2026 experience to combine high-performance Extra 330 aviation with human spaceflight insights from former NASA astronaut Dr. Jeanette Epps and Inspiration4 mission pilot Dr. Sian Proctor

Ras Al Khaimah, UAE — 19 November 2026: BLINC Space and ActionFlight Aerospace are preparing to introduce their inaugural MISSION G Human Spaceflight Readiness Experience in Ras Al Khaimah on 9 December 2026, bringing together high-performance aviation, astronaut expertise and immersive human-performance learning.

Building on the Memorandum of Understanding signed in Ras Al Khaimah in May 2026, the experience combines BLINC Space's human spaceflight training and programme development expertise with ActionFlight's established high-performance aviation capabilities, giving participants the opportunity to explore the physical and operational demands associated with human spaceflight.

The inaugural VIP programme will be hosted at **Sofitel Al Hamra Resort, Ras Al Khaimah**, with aviation activities conducted at **Ras Al Khaimah International Airport**. The event is expected to bring together approximately **40 people**, including Human Spaceflight Readiness Experience participants, invited guests and programme representatives.

Participants in the airborne experience will take part in a carefully curated mission-inspired journey featuring human spaceflight orientation and briefing, flight preparation, a specially developed flight aboard an Extra 330 aerobatic aircraft, and a structured post-flight debrief.

Former NASA astronaut Dr. Jeanette Epps, who served aboard the International Space Station, and commercial astronaut Dr. Sian Proctor, mission pilot of the historic Inspiration4 SpaceX orbital spaceflight, will share their firsthand perspectives with participants during the inaugural experience.

The airborne component will introduce participants to selected acceleration, G-force, spatial orientation and workload experiences through professionally controlled aviation manoeuvres. The programme will explore human-performance concepts relevant to spaceflight readiness, while maintaining the distinction between high-performance aviation and actual spacecraft flight conditions.

The inaugural December programme is designed as a limited-capacity VIP experience, with up to 10 participants in the airborne component, providing a foundation for future offerings that bring together aviation, human spaceflight education and advanced readiness concepts.

Through this collaboration, ActionFlight contributes its specialised aircraft, professional pilots and aviation operations, while BLINC Space brings its human spaceflight programme expertise, astronaut training perspectives and international spaceflight relationships.

Capt. Wayne Jack, Founder and CEO of ActionFlight Aerospace said:

> "Ras Al Khaimah provides an exceptional setting and aviation infrastructure to bring this Human Spaceflight Readiness Experience to life. By combining ActionFlight's high-performance aviation capabilities with BLINC Space's expertise and the perspectives of experienced astronauts, we are creating a distinctive new experience that connects the excitement of flight with the future of human spaceflight."

Mac Malkawi, Founder and CEO of BLINC Space said:

> “Our vision is to help establish the UAE as a global destination for human spaceflight training and readiness. This collaboration with ActionFlight brings together specialised aviation capabilities and real-world astronaut expertise to introduce participants to the physical and human-performance dimensions of spaceflight. It is another meaningful step toward building the UAE’s broader commercial human spaceflight ecosystem.”

Dr. Jeanette Epps said:

> “During my time training with NASA, I experienced firsthand how important realistic training environments are in preparing astronauts for the challenges of spaceflight. From underwater simulations to complex mission scenarios, these experiences helped us develop the skills, confidence, and teamwork needed for space missions. It’s exciting to see elements of this approach now being introduced in the UAE through initiatives like MISSION G, creating new opportunities for people to experience and better understand human spaceflight training.”

Dr. Sian Proctor said:

> “Space exploration begins with curiosity, but it takes preparation, innovation, and the courage to push boundaries to turn that curiosity into reality. Initiatives like MISSION G offer a unique opportunity to bring people closer to the experience of human spaceflight, inspire the next generation, and demonstrate how training and innovation can make space more accessible.”

The inaugural experience represents an important milestone in the companies’ shared vision to introduce innovative spaceflight-inspired experiences in Ras Al Khaimah while supporting the UAE’s growing ambitions in commercial space innovation, human spaceflight education and experiential tourism.

Further information regarding the programme, participation and future experiences will be announced in due course.

About BLINC Space

BLINC Space is a private UAE-based human spaceflight training and readiness company focused on preparing people to live and work in space. The company develops specialised astronaut training, education, research and experiential programmes while building partnerships that support the growth of the UAE’s commercial space economy and human spaceflight ecosystem.
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About ActionFlight Aerospace

ActionFlight Aerospace is a Ras Al Khaimah-based aviation operator providing high-performance aerobatic experiences, professional flight training and adventure aviation services. Through its specialised aviation capabilities and experienced pilots, ActionFlight delivers distinctive flight experiences in the United Arab Emirates.
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