

## Tim Peake Biographical Information

- Tim Peake is a British astronaut.
- In 2016 he became the first official British astronaut to walk in space.

### Early Life

- Timothy Nigel Peake was born on April 7, 1972, in Chichester, West Sussex, England.
- Tim became interested in flying after his father took him to air shows.
- When he was 13 years old, Tim joined a military program through his school. Through this program, he learned to fly with the air force section on weekends.
- By the time he was 16, Peake had decided to become a pilot in the army.
- In 1992 Peake graduated from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. He became an officer in the British Army Air Corps.

### Career

- In the army, Peake flew in Germany, Northern Ireland, Kenya, Canada, and the Balkans. He also served as a flight instructor and a platoon commander.
- In 2006 Peake earned a bachelor's degree in flight science from the University of Portsmouth.
- He retired from the British military in 2009.
- Peake was accepted into the European Space Agency (ESA) in 2009.
- He entered basic training in Cologne, Germany.
- He learned Russian, rescue and survival skills, and movement in zero gravity.

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- Peake also spent a week underground in a cave and lived deep underwater for 12 days.
- In 2013 Peake was chosen to participate in a mission to the International Space Station (ISS). His mission launched on December 15, 2015.
- A month later, Peake exited the space station to repair part of the ISS. He therefore became the first official British spacewalker. He spent almost 5 hours outside the ISS.
- While Peake was at the ISS, Queen Elizabeth II honoured him as a member of the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George. He was the first British subject to be honoured by the queen while in space.
- Peake returned to Earth on June 18, 2016.



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