

WHAT A DIFFERENCE 50 YEARS MAKES: FROM COSMONAUTS TO COSMO GIRLS, SPACE TRAVEL APPEALS TO ADVENTURERS OF ALL TYPES



*Alan Shepard: First American in space:
trained astronaut and naval aviator*



*US traveler: in search of new travel
experiences and a unique vacation*

May 5, 2011 marked the 50th anniversary of the first American in space by Alan Shepard. With NASA's last space shuttle launch coming soon, space travel is now poised to progress from government-sponsored research missions to private sector entrepreneurs, making space accessible to adventurers, with or without an astrophysics degree. Innovator of space tourism, **Virgin Galactic**, and leading luxury travel network **Virtuoso**[®], (handpicked by Virgin Galactic as its exclusive retail travel network in the Americas) continue to surge ahead in the development of space travel. With Virtuoso's rigorously selected **Accredited Space Agents (ASAs)** poised and already taking space travel reservations, its time for reflection on just how far the **Consumer Race For Space** has come in making the dream of private space travel a reality.

This elite team of ASA's comprises **84** travel advisors in **12** countries throughout the Americas and Australia, including **1 in Kansas City, Barbara King!** ASA's have been trained to perfection with expert knowledge to guide prospective space travelers. The once-in-a-lifetime experience includes Astronaut training, G-Force acclimatization and a sensational sub-orbital spaceflight. While Virgin Galactic's technology makes space travel more attainable for the everyday adventurer, it takes a talented and skilled travel advisor to sell a trip to space.

So what does it take to be able to visit space in this day and age? How much does it cost? How long does it take? Do I need special training? Who is driving the spaceship (yes, spaceship!)? Just who has paid \$10 million already to ensure their space in space? What will I wear? Can I bring my dog? I digress....King can answer these and a hundred other space questions. Please allow us the opportunity to set up an interview with Barbara King, ASA, who possesses the answers to all of your questions relating to space travel in the 21st Century.

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