

HUMAN EXPLORATION

NASA's Path to Mars



EARTH RELIANT

MISSION: 6 TO 12 MONTHS
RETURN TO EARTH: HOURS



Learning fundamentals
aboard the
International Space Station

U.S. companies
provide access to
low-Earth orbit

PROVING GROUND

MISSION: 1 TO 12 MONTHS
RETURN TO EARTH: DAYS



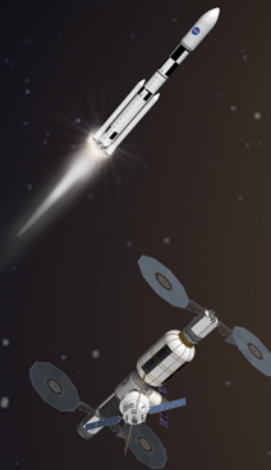
Expanding capabilities
by visiting an asteroid in a lunar
distant retrograde orbit

Traveling beyond low-Earth orbit
with the Space Launch System
rocket and Orion spacecraft



MARS READY

MISSION: 2 TO 3 YEARS
RETURN TO EARTH: MONTHS



Exploring Mars, its moons
and other deep space
destinations