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## THOMAS PESQUET AT BECOMES THE 1st FRENCH ASTRONAUT TO COMMAND ISS SPACE SHIP

43 YEARS OLD PROUD TO BE FROM NORMANDIE

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THOMAS PESQUET WILL BE 6 MONTHS IN A SPACE STATION WITH HIS BUDDIES A JAPANESE AND TWO AMERICANS-----

The French astronaut, Thomas Pesquet, will be accompanied by a Japanese, an American and an American. The mission will last six months and will be punctuated by field trips and hundreds of scientific missions, some outside. Thomas Pesquet, explains with humility to France TV, "We know that it will be difficult, that it will hurt a little, a little fear, that our loved ones will be missed", indicates Thomas Pesquet. The astronaut is aiming for ... the Moon ! "The ISS is not an end in itself, it is really a step on the road of exploration. It is first of all the ISS which allows us to be in a position to go and say to ourselves: we are going to make a base on the Moon, we are going to have men or women permanently in space, to live there. , to make a scientific program ", concludes Thomas Pesquet.

THOMAS PESQUET IS A FRENCH ASTRONAUT BORN IN ROUEN & GREW UP IN DIEPPE NORMANDY -----

Thomas Pesquet, is a French astronaut, and born February 27, 1978 in Rouen, Normandy. He first trained as an aeronautical engineer in Toulouse, before occupying various positions in the aerospace industry and at the National Center for Space Studies (CNES) before becoming, in 2005, an airline pilot. In 2009, he was one of six candidates selected to form the third group of European astronauts selected by the European Space Agency (ESA).cThomas Pesquet is the son of a math-physics teacher and a teacher. He has an older brother named Baptiste, who is an engineer and a teacher2. After a scientific baccalaureate at the Jehan Ango high school in Dieppe, in Normandy, he entered preparatory class at the Pierre-Corneille high school in Rouen and then obtained his aeronautical engineering diploma in 2001 at Supaéro, in Toulouse3,4. He spent a year in the master's program in aeronautics at the École Polytechnique de Montréal, Concordia University and McGill University. Source: Wikipedia

## **NORMANDY IS PROUD OF THOMAS PESQUET WHO SHARED SKY VIEW PHOTOS OF MONT ST MICHEL & DIEPPE**

Astronaut Thomas Pesquet's adventure in space is also these magnificent photos of the Earth, which he shared on social networks. Normand astronaut Thomas Pesquet returned to greet his friends and family and former buddies in Dieppe, and in Rouen in October 2017, where he studied and grew up during his childhood. Thomas Pesquet then shared his love for Normandy through social networks, from his city of Dieppe to Mont-St-Michel via Le Havre, the loops of the Seine, the Cotentin and Rouen, in French or in English, with the great ease that characterizes this multilingual astronaut.

## **IN 2016 THOMAS PESQUET BECAME THE 10th FRENCH TO LEAVE IN THE BOARD OF SOYOUZ MS-03**

He is the tenth French to go into space, taking off on November 17, 2016 aboard Soyuz MS-03 from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan and whose crew occupies the International Space Station (ISS) from November 2016 to June 2017 as part of the Proxima mission. During this mission, Thomas Pesquet conducted around 100 experiments, half of which developed by ESA or CNES, the other half by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). It performs two six-hour field trips for maintenance missions on the International Space Station. In July 2020, he was selected for a second mission aboard the Crew Dragon capsule, built by the American company SpaceX. He thus becomes the first European assigned to a mission aboard the Crew Dragon1, which ESA calls Alpha. Source: France TV and CNEs, Wikipedia.

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