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... Return to Earth !

On 2 June 2017 **FRANCE** issued a special souvenir booklet of four self-adhesive stamps to celebrate the return to earth of European Space Agency (ESA) astronaut Thomas Pesquet. His six-month mission — which he named Proxima — was conducted on the International Space Station to maintain the weightless research laboratory and run scientific experiments for hundreds of researchers on Earth.

Proxima is the ninth long-duration mission for an ESA astronaut and was named after the closest star to the Sun – continuing a tradition of naming missions with French astronauts after stars and constellations.



Pesquet left Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan on a Soyuz rocket with NASA astronaut Peggy Whitson and commander-cosmonaut Oleg Novitsky on 17 November 2016. He returned to earth on 2 June.



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