

Voyager Spacecraft



1977	
	Mariner Jupiter/Saturn 1977 is renamed Voyager
Aug. 20	Voyager 2 launched from Kennedy Space Flight Center
Sept. 5	Voyager 1 launched from Kennedy Space Flight Center Voyager 1 returns first spacecraft photo of Earth and Moon
1979	
Mar. 5	Voyager 1 makes its closest approach to Jupiter
July 9	Voyager 2 comes in for its closest visit of

1980	
Nov. 12	Voyager 1 flies by Saturn Voyager 1 begins its trip out of the Solar System
1981	
Aug. 25	Voyager 2 flies by Saturn
1982	
	Deep Space Network upgrades two 26-m antennas to 34-m
1986	
Jan. 24	Voyager 2 has the first-ever encounter with Uranus Deep Space Network begins upgrades including expansion of 64-m antennas to 70-m
1987	
	Voyager 2 "observes" Supernova 1987A
1988	
	Voyager 2 returns first color images of Neptune
1989	
Aug. 25	Voyager 2 is the first spacecraft to observe Neptune Voyager 2 begins its trip out of the Solar System, below the ecliptic plane
1990	
Jan. 1	Begins Voyager Interstellar Mission
Feb. 14	Last Voyager Images - Portrait of the Solar System
1998	
Feb. 17	Voyager 1 passes Pioneer 10 to become the most distant human-made object in

