



Dr. Mae Carol Jemison became the first woman of color to travel into space on September 12, 1992, when she rocketed into Earth orbit on an 8-day mission aboard the spacecraft *Endeavour*.

Raised in Chicago, Mae Jemison went to Stanford at the age of 16 and graduated in 1977. She then earned her medical degree from Cornell University (1981) and became a physician. She practiced medicine as a general practitioner in Los Angeles and served in the Peace Corps in Africa before being approved for astronaut training with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in 1987.

Jemison spent the next six years at NASA, ending up on mission STS-47 aboard the shuttle *Endeavour* in 1992. After leaving NASA in 1993 she founded the Jemison Group, a research and consulting firm, and became active in several educational programs.

Mae Jemison also wrote a memoir for young readers, *Find Where the Wind Goes*, in 2001. Her other books include *Astronaut* (2013) and *Journey Through Our Solar System* (2013).

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