

## Beyond the jumpsuit: the future of space fashion

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At \$95,000 or more a ticket, tourist flights to the edge of space will be a special occasion for even the most privileged of passengers. "You're going to want to wear something special for that once-in-a-lifetime event," says Chuck Lauer of Rocketplane Global, an aerospace firm that plans to offer suborbital tourist flights and helped to organise a recent space-themed fashion show at Couture Fashion Week in New York City.



Space tourists might enjoy this tailored approach to the classic flight jumpsuit, one of the winners of a Tokyo-based design contest co-sponsored by Rocketplane Global. The suit was modelled in February during New York's Couture Fashion Week (Image: CoutureFashionWeek.com)



The modeller of this futuristic getup, which is reminiscent of pulp science-fi comics, seems to be missing her ray gun. The design was one of the winners of the 2006 Space Couture Design Contest, organised with the help of Japan's space agency JAXA. The outfit was modelled in February during New York's Couture Week (Image: CoutureFashionWeek.com)



Where tourists go, destination weddings follow. The diaphanous leaves of this wedding dress are supposed to wave alluringly in microgravity. The design was one of the winners of the 2006 Space Couture Design Contest, organised with the help of Japan's space agency JAXA. The outfit was modelled in February during New York's Couture Week (Image: CoutureFashionWeek.com)

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