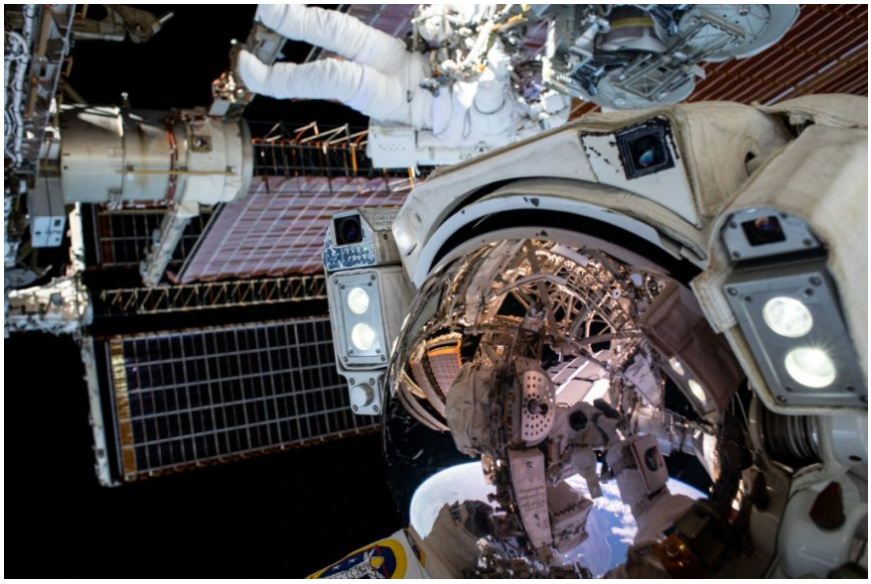
NASA to Cover Two Spacewalks, Hold Preview News Conference



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NASA astronaut Shane Kimbrough and ESA (European Space Agency) astronaut Thomas Pesquet conduct a spacewalk to complete work on the International Space Station on June 25, 2021.

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The second spacewalk is scheduled to begin at 8:15 a.m. on Jan. 23, and last about six and a half hours. NASA will provide live coverage beginning at 6:45 a.m. on NASA+.

NASA astronauts Butch Wilmore and Suni Williams will remove a radio frequency group antenna assembly from the station's truss, collect samples of surface material for analysis from the Destiny laboratory and the Quest airlock to see whether microorganisms may exist on the exterior of the orbital complex, and prepare a spare elbow joint for the Canadarm2 robotic arm in the event it is needed for a replacement. It will be the 274th spacewalk in support of space station assembly, maintenance, and upgrades.

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