

Watch Intuitive Machines' private Odysseus lander attempt historic moon landing today

The touchdown try is scheduled for 6:24 p.m. ET today (Feb. 22).

We're just hours away from what could be the first moon landing by an American spacecraft in 50 years, a success that would kickstart the nation's hope to eventually establish a long-term presence on the moon as part of its Artemis program.

Odysseus (nicknamed "Odie"), a 14-foot-tall (4.3 meters) lander built and operated by Houston company [Intuitive Machines](#), will attempt to land close to [the moon's south pole](#) today at 6:24 p.m. EST (2330 GMT).

You can tune in to the landing live here at [Space.com](#), courtesy of NASA, or [directly via the space agency](#). Coverage will begin at 5:00 p.m. EST (2200 GMT). Odysseus launched Feb. 15 on a six-day trip to [the moon](#), ferrying 12 payloads, six of which are NASA science and technology instruments. (The agency paid Intuitive Machines \$118 million for the ride to the moon.) After sailing more than 620,000 miles (1,000,000 kilometers), the telephone-booth-sized spacecraft aced maneuvers yesterday (Feb. 21) that [put it in a tight circular orbit around the moon](#) a day ahead of its landing.

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