

To boldly stay...



Nowhere men ... the spacemen play Guitar Hero

RELATED STORIES



[We'll catch space junk in giant net](#)

[A MILE-WIDE metal-fibre net could be catching space junk circling planet in 2yrs](#)

- [Scientists find planet like Earth](#)
- [Humans 'delight at alien visitors'](#)
- [Saucy Apollo 12 pic to fetch £10k](#)

TOP STORIES

- **NEWS**
- **SPORT**
- **BIZARRE**



[Racist Galliano is shown the Dior](#)

[DISGRACED designer sacked after The Sun's video exposed him as a Jew-hating racist](#)

- [Bird to victim: Have a nice day?](#)
- [You're gonna cop it in the packet](#)
- [Lesbian captain 'brought in lover'](#)
- [Dad's the way for Ricky Hatton](#)

- **[More](#)**



[Fergie faces rap – as title race is on](#)

[ALEX FERGUSON faces an FA rap for an astonishing attack on referee Martin Atkinson](#)

- [£23m Luiz looks Blues' best buy](#)
- [Van Persie faces six weeks out](#)
- [Chelsea 2 Manchester Utd 1](#)
- [Everton 0 Reading 1](#)

- **[More](#)**



[Katie has it largie with himbo Argie](#)

[GLAMOUR girl Katie Price's Oscars hunk is an Argentinian model – who's a 'male bimbo'](#)

- [Sheen: Keef has nothing on me](#)
- [Time to Shayk, rattle and goal](#)
- [Justin's getting a God night's sleep](#)
- [Cheryl Cole's smile on LA shoot](#)

- **[More](#)**

[MOST READ STORIES](#)

1. [Cheryl Cole's Beverly Thrills](#)
2. [Katie Price has it largie with himbo Argie](#)
3. [Film of Galliano's racist rant in bar](#)
4. [Shot down](#)

5. [Bini-Me: Tiny rebel 'Osama' is video star](#)



By GARY O'SHEA

Published: 05 Feb 2011

THESE are the voyagers of the Star-shed Mars 500, halfway into their trip – to nowhere.



Mission to Mars ... spacemen's 'shed' in a hangar in Russia

Six spacemen have been shut in a wood-panelled capsule on Earth since June, on a simulated mission to the Red Planet.

Now they are preparing to "land" next Saturday, when they'll walk around a sandpit mocked-up to look like Mars.



Down to Earth ... thumbs-up as Alexei, far left, and crew enjoy a cuppa

They are due "home" in November.



All dressed up ... in space suit

Led by Alexei Sitev, 38, the men can contact loved ones only by email.

They keep their spirits up playing Guitar Hero.

If they survive the 520-day confinement in the pod in a Moscow lab, Russia may send a real mission to Mars in 2037.

g.oshea@the-sun.co.uk