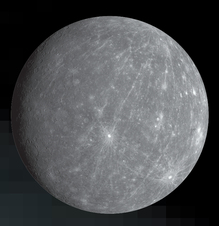
Our Solar System



Mercury

Discovered by: Known by the Ancients
Date of Discovery: Unknown
Average Distance from the Sun: 57,909,175 km (35, 983,095 miles)
Radius: 2439.7 km (1516 miles)
Orbital Period: 88 Earth days
Minimum Surface Temperature: -173 C (-279 F)
Maximum Surface Temperature: 427 C (801 F)
Surface Gravity: 38% of Earth's gravitation pull
Atmosphere: Essentially None

Venus:

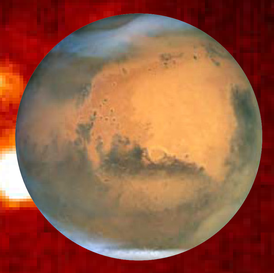
Discovered by: Known by the Ancients
Date of Discovery: Unknown
Average Distance from the Sun: 108,208,930 km (67,237,910 miles)
Radius: 6,051.8 km (3760.4 miles)
Orbital Period: 225 Earth days
Average Surface Temperature: 462 C (864 F)
Surface Gravity: 91% of Earth's gravitational pull
Atmosphere: Essentially none

Earth:

Discovered by: Known by the Ancients
Date of Discovery: Unknown
Average Distance from the Sun: 149,597,890 km (92,955,820 miles)
Radius: 6,378.14 km (3,963.19 miles)
Orbital Period: 365 Earth days
Minimum Surface Temperature: -88 C (-126 F)
Maximum Surface Temperature: 58 C (136 F)
Atmosphere: Nitrogen, Oxygen, Carbon Dioxide, and Argon

Earth's Moon:

Discovered by: Known by the Ancients
Date of Discovery: Unknown
Average Distance from the Sun: 384,400 km (238,855 miles)
Radius: 1737.4 km (1079.6 miles)
Orbital Period: 27 Earth days
Minimum Surface Temperature: -233 C (-387 F)
Maximum Surface Temperature: 123 C (253 F)
Atmosphere: Essentially none



Mars:

Discovered by: Known by the Ancients
Date of Discovery: Unknown
Average Diatance from the Sun: 227,936,640 km (141,633,620 miles)
Equatorial Radius: 3,397 km (2,111 miles)
Orbital Period: 687 Earth days
Minimum Surface Temperature: -87 C (-125 F)
Maximum Surface Temperature: -5 C (23 F)
Surface Gravity: 38% of Earth's gravitational pull
Atmosphere: Carbon Dioxide, Nitrogen, and Argon.

Phobos:

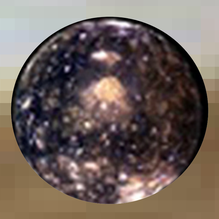
Discovered by: A. Hall
Date of Discovery: 1877
Average Distance from Mars: 9,378 km (5.827 miles)
Equatorial Radius: 3,357 km (2,111 miles)
Orbital Period: 0.319 Earth days

Deimos:

Discovered by: A. Hall
Date of Discovery: 1877
Average Distance from Mars: 23,459 km (14,577 miles)
Equatorial Radius: 237.9 km (147.8 miles)
Orbital Period: 1.262 Earth days

Jupiter:

Discovered by: Known by the Ancients
Date of Discovery: Unknown
Average Distance from the Sun: 778,412,020 km (483,682,810 miles)
Equatorial Radius: 71,492 km (44,423 miles)
Orbital Period: 4,331 Earth days
EffectiveTemperature: -148 C (-243 F)
Surface Gravity: 214% of Earth's gravitational pull
Atmosphere: Hydrogen, Helium

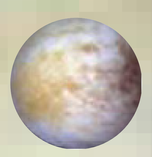


Callisto:

Discovered by: Galileo Galilei
Date of Discovery: 1610
Average Distance from Jupiter: 1,883,000 km (1,170,042 miles)
Equatorial radius: 2,403 km (1,493 miles)
Orbital Period: 16.689 Earth days
Atmosphere: Carbon Dioxide

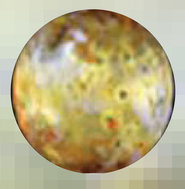
Ganymede:

Discovered by: Galileo Galilei
Date of Discovery: 1610
Average Distance from Jupiter: 1,070, 000 km (664,867 miles)
Equatorial Radius: 2,634 km (1,637 miles)
Orbital Period: 7.155 Earth days
Atmosphere: Oxygen



Europa:

Discovered by: Galileo Galilei
Date of Discovery: 1610
Average Distance from Jupiter:671,000 km
Equatorial Radius: 1565 km
Orbital Period: 3.551 Earth days
Atmosphere: Oxygen



Io:

Discovered by: Galileo Galilei
Date of Discovery: 1610
Average Distance from Jupiter: 422,000 km (262,219 miles)
Equatorial Radius: 6041719581 km (3,754,150,499 miles)
Orbital Period: 1.769 Earth days

Saturn:

Discovered by: Known by the Ancients
Date of Discovery: Unknown
Average Distance from the Sun: 1,426,725,400 km (885,904,700 miles)
Equatorial Radius: 60,268 km (37,449 miles)
Orbital period: 10,756 Earth days
Effective Temperature: -178 C (288 F)
Surface Gravity 106% of Earth's gravitational pull
Atmosphere: Hydrogen and Helium

Phoebe:

Discovered by: W. Pickering
Date of Discovery: 1898
Average Distance from Saturn: 12,952,000 km (8,048,000 miles)
Equatorial Radius: 110 km
Orbital Period: -550.480 Earth days (Retrograde)

Dione:

Discovered by: G.D. Cassini
Date of Discovery: 1684
Average Distance from Saturn: 377,400 km (234,505 miles)
Equatorial Radius: 560 km (348 miles)
Orbital Period: 2.737 Earth days

Iapetus:

Discovered by: G.D. Cassini
Date of Discovery: 1671
Average Distance from Saturn: 3,561,300 km (2,212,889 miles)
Equatorial Radius: 736 km (457 miles)
Orbital Period: 79.330 Earth days

Tethys:

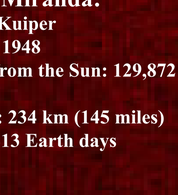
Discovered by: G.D. Cassini
Date of Discovery: 1684
Average Distance from Saturn: 294,660 km (183,093 miles)
Equatorial Radius: 529 km (329 miles)
Orbital Period: 1.888 Earth days

Hyperion:

Discovered by: W. & G. Bond, W. Lassell
Date of Discovery: 1848
Average Distance from Saturn: 1,481,100 km (920,313 miles)
Equatorial Radius: 205 km (127 miles)
Orbital Period: 21.277 Earth days

Enceladus:

Discovered by: William Hershel
Date of discovery: 1789
Average Distance from Saturn: 238,020 km (147,899 miles)
Equatorial Radius: 247 km (153 miles)
Orbital Period: 1.370 Earth days



Titan:

Discovered by: C. Huygens
Date of Discovery: 1655
Average Distance from Saturn: 1,221,830 km (759,210 miles)
Equatorial Radius: 2,575 km (1,600 miles)
Orbital Period: 15.945 Earth days
Atmosphere: Nitrogen, Methane

Mimas:

Discovered by: William Herschel
Date of Discovery: 1789
Average Distance from Saturn: 185,520 km (115,277 miles)
Equatorial Radius: 196 km (122 miles)
Orbital Period: 0.942 Earth days

Oberon:

Discovered by: W. Herschel
Date of Discovery: 1787
Average Distance from the Sun: 583,519 km (362,582 miles)
Equatorial Radius: 761 km (473 miles)
Orbital Period: 13.463 Earth days

Titania:

Discovered by: W. Herschel
Date of Discovery: 1787
Average Distance from the Sun: 436,298 km (271,103 miles)
Equatorial Radius: 789 km (490 miles)
Orbital Period: 8.706 Earth days

Umbriel:

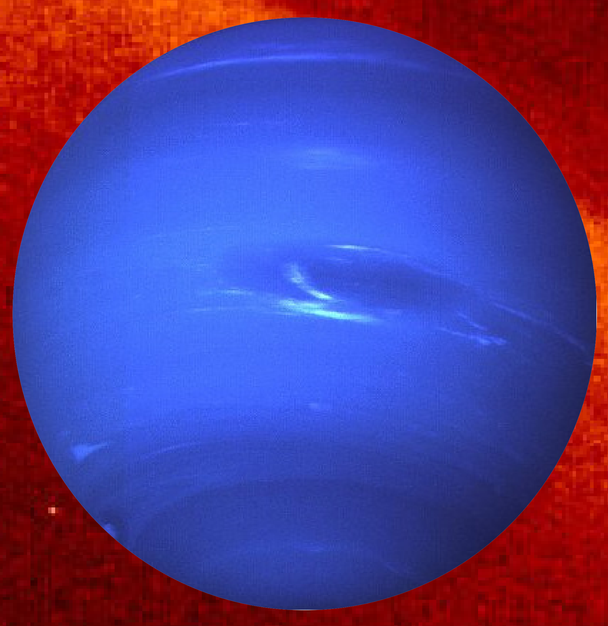
Discovered by: W. Lassell
Date of Discovery: 1851
Average Distance from the Sun: 265,998 km (165,283 miles)
Equatorial Radius: 585 km (364 miles)
Orbital Period: 4.144 Earth days

Miranda:

Discovered by: G. Kuiper
Date of Discovery: 1948
Average Distance from the Sun: 129,872 km (80,699 miles)
Equatorial Radius: 234 km (145 miles)
Orbital Period: 1.413 Earth days

Uranus:

Discovered by: William Herschel
Date of Discovery: 1781
Average Distance from the Sun: 2,870,972,200 km (1,783,939,400 miles)
Equatorial Radius: 25,559 km (15,882 miles)
Orbital Period: 30,687 Earth days
Effective Temperature: -216 C (-357 F)
Surface Gravity: 86% of Earth's gravitational pull
Atmosphere: Hydrogen, Helium, Methane

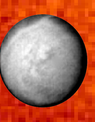


Neptune:

Discovered by: Johann Galle
Date of Discovery: 1846
Average Distance from the Sun: 4,498,252,900 km (2,795,084,800 miles)
Equatorial Radius: 24,764 km (15,388 miles)
Orbital Period: 60,190 Earth days
Effective Temperature: -214 °C (-353 °F)
Surface Gravity: 110% of Earth's gravitational pull
Atmosphere: Hydrogen. Helium, Methane

Nereid:

Discovered by: G. Kuiper
Date of Discovery: 1949
Average Distance from Neptune: 5,513,400 km (3,425,868 miles)
Equatorial Radius: 170 km (106 miles)
Orbital Period: 360 Earth days



Triton:

Discovered by: W. Lassell
Date of Discovery: 1846
Average Distance from Neptune: 354,760 km (220,438 miles)
Equatorial Radius: 1,352 km (804 miles)
Orbital Period: -5.877 Earth days (retrograde)

The Fine Print:
The images of the Sun, planets and moons are to scale. Not all of the moons are listed for Jupiter, Saturn, Neptune, and Uranus. All images are from NASA missions.

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