

Galactic Coaster

Ride Script

Experience Summary

Strap in for a test drive aboard a new solar-powered luxury space cruiser on a high-speed flight around the Space Zone.

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Guest Experience

Approach

While exploring the Space Zone, a powerful roar draws our attention as a coaster train rockets backward out of a nearby tunnel and twists up a towering steel spike, then plunges back down and briefly out of sight.

As we approach the queue, we circle around a CENTRAL DISPLAY showcasing a stunning SCALE-MODEL of the all-new 2250 Galactic Space Cruiser, dynamically posed. A bold step forward for personal spaceflight, this sleek, stylish, six-row, solar-drive spacecraft can carry up to twelve passengers at a time.

Scene 1: Galactic Dealership Corridor (Queue)

Our anticipation skyrocketing, we walk into an inviting corridor themed as a futuristic luxury spacecraft dealership. We're invited to take a test drive of the Galactic Space Cruiser. One of the vehicles, filled with happy, screaming test drivers, blasts past VIEWING PORTALS interspersed along the left-hand wall.

The opposite side of the hallway features several viewing portals looking out at a TWINKLING STARFIELD [simple flats with pinpoint lighting behind portal plex] far beyond Farpoint Station.

As we move down the corridor, we pass BACKLIT MARKETING POSTERS showcasing the 2250 Galactic Space Cruiser. Farpoint Station's own GARY THE SPACE-GOPHER has given the Space Cruiser his celebrity endorsement and is heavily featured in these posters, sometimes posed behind the wheel as he and his HelperBot friends take the Space Cruiser out for a spin across the stars.

The posters are peppered with evocative marketing phrases about the Galactic Space Cruiser: "Harness the Sun"; "Zero to Lightspeed in Five Seconds"; "Full-Reverse Acceleration"; "Light Years Ahead of the Competition"; and "TAKE A TEST DRIVE TODAY!"

Special features of the Galactic Space Cruiser include a QA-5000 atmospheric force-field generator (making it a convertible!) and revolutionary propulsion technology fueled by solar-soaked Qixium crystals — just like Gary's SOLAR-POWERED JETPACK! Stylish graphics show how the Qixium crystal is integrated into the Space Cruiser engine.

As we make our way down the corridor, we hear intermittent, looping announcements from Farpoint Station's AUTOMATED SYSTEM over nearby speakers contrasted with upbeat call-ins from GARY.

As we learn here and elsewhere in the zone, we're visiting Farpoint Station on an especially interesting day. Unusually strong solar storms are emanating from Antares throughout the day, causing the space station to experience intermittent solar flares, an increased chance of asteroid showers and sudden gravitational re-alignments.

Announcement #1:

AUTOMATED ANNOUNCEMENT SYSTEM (V.O.)

Attention all spacecraft. Be advised that Galactic Space Cruiser test drives will be departing throughout the day from Cargo Bay Seven. Please keep clear of test course until further notice.

Announcement #2:

GARY

This is Gary, reporting in! I'm out on patrol around Farpoint Station to make sure those Galactic Space Cruiser test drives go A-OK! For everyone waiting to get behind the wheel, have a great flight!

Announcement #3:

AUTOMATED ANNOUNCEMENT SYSTEM (V.O.)

This is a Farpoint Station environmental alert. Sensors are detecting unusually strong solar storms. Expect intermittent solar flares, sudden asteroid showers and gravitational alignment shifts throughout the day.

Announcement #4:

GARY

Hey everyone! Gary here! Don't sweat those solar storms. If you ask me, that sounds ideal for a Galactic Space Cruiser test drive! You're in for a wild ride!

Announcement #5:

AUTOMATED ANNOUNCEMENT SYSTEM (V.O.)

Attention. All available HelperBots, please report to Hangar Three for a Qixium cleanup.

Scene A: Galactic Showroom (Load/Unload)

The queue spills into the GALACTIC SHOWROOM [load/unload station]. This auxiliary cargo bay for Farpoint Station is used as the start and endpoint for Galactic Space Cruiser test drives. A glowing FORCE-FIELD PORTAL [lighting effect] on either end of the station separates the Showroom's breathable atmosphere from Farpoint Station's EXPOSED OUTER HULL [coaster in-field].

Space Workers (live operators) divide us into rows as a sleek and luxurious GALACTIC SPACE CRUISER slides into the station. We're ready to take a test drive of our own!

As we board, a DIAGNOSTICS PANEL [backlit graphic] on the opposite platform runs through the final systems check for our test drive, lighting up in sequence as each element is checked. ("Atmospheric Force-Field – Enabled", "Qixium Propulsion System – Enabled", "Test Course – Ready," etc.)

Another LARGE BACKLIT GRAPHIC illustrates our test course, which moves from a slow-speed section to an outer-hull Qixium Storage Bay, and then onto a high-speed section —conveniently ignoring that intense vertical spike that we saw as we arrived!

Scene B: Low-Speed Test Course

Once we're secured into our seats, our Galactic Space Cruiser rolls forward, passing through the Force-Field Portal separating the Showroom from the exposed outer hull of Farpoint Station.

As we start our test drive, we hear one more SYSTEMS ANNOUNCEMENT via off-board point-source speakers mounted nearby.

AUTOMATED ANNOUNCEMENT SYSTEM (V.O.)

Attention all spacecraft. Solar storm intensifying to Category Five.
Return to nearest hangar bay and secure the area.

Gary cuts in:

GARY (V.O.)

Did they just say Cat 5? That sounds awesome! Meet me over at the Qixium Storage Bay!

We slowly wind along the first section of the test course and pass through a series of giant RINGS that pulse and thrum in sequence with bright, blue LED light.

Scene C: Qixium Storage Bay (Projection Tunnel)

Our Space Cruiser passes through a final set of glowing rings and slides into the QIXIUM STORAGE BAY, an enclosed, darkened tunnel farther out along Farpoint Station's outer hull. Surplus Qixium is stored here until it can be re-processed and shipped to other space stations throughout the galaxy!

CLEAR CANISTERS filled with drained, pale-pink Qixium crystals line the lower walls. As we enter, the massive metallic ceiling SPLITS OPEN into a pair of RETRACTING BAY DOORS [mix of ceiling and side-wall projections].

AUTOMATED ANNOUNCEMENT SYSTEM (V.O.)

Attention. Observation doors opening.

The parting doors reveal a RED SUPERGIANT STAR (Antares) above and ahead of us, filling our view. The ginormous star's surface glows and roils with unimaginable power. A SOLAR STORM ripples across the star's surface, intensifying as the doors continue to retract down the side walls, revealing an ever-expanding backdrop of twinkling stars.

As we slow to a stop, GARY (fully CGI) zooms across the projected starfield, propelled by his jetpack and accompanied by ROCKIN' INSTRUMENTALS [offboard]. He waves to us while hovering above us.

GARY

Hey, you made it! Check out that solar storm! Truly epic! This should really kick your test drive into high gear!

Suddenly, an immense reddish-orange ENERGY PULSE erupts from the supermassive star. Gary turns to watch as the pulse radius expands, racing toward our vehicle.

AUTOMATED ANNOUNCEMENT SYSTEM (V.O.)

WARNING. Solar pulse-wave incoming.

GARY

Here it comes! Get ready for a solar supercharge!

The energy wave washes over Gary, SUPERCHARGING his solar-powered jetpack, which CATAPULTS him across the stars! He sounds overjoyed at the sudden rush of speed.

GARY

WOOHOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!

In the next instant, the energy pulse washes along the side walls. The pulse IGNITES the Qixium crystals in a FLASH OF BRIGHT PURPLE and hits the Qixium in our car, BLASTING US BACKWARD!

We zoom back and then straight up, piercing the park's ceiling and slowing inside a blacked-out tube high above.

We feel a moment of weightlessness while surrounded by glowing bits of STARDUST [lighting effect]. A moment later, we plummet back down.

We zoom back into the Qixium Storage Bay (now filled with projections of INTENSE SWIRLING PURPLE ENERGY from the supercharged Qixium crystals) and BOOST forward, blasting out of the tunnel and into the high-speed portion of the test course.

Scene D: High-Speed Test Course

Though the remainder of our test drive was intended as a serene cruise around Farpoint Station, our unexpected supercharge sends us twisting and turning through a series of high-speed aerial maneuvers:

- We head towards a large COMMS TOWER and veer to the right through an elevated LED ring, then zoom between tall color-changing (LED) RELAY TOWERS.
- We pass through another elevated LED ring right after the track bunny-hops.
- We spiral through a helix element around a giant glowing BEACON TOWER.
- We then pass close to the Qixium Storage Bay and through a final LED ring.

Near the end of the test course, we start to slow down as we pass an ELEVATED PLATFORM and a large construction sign that reads HELPERBOTS AT WORK.

A portion of Farpoint Station's hull has been heavily damaged by a QIXIUM CONTAINER that blasted out of the Storage Bay and got stuck halfway in the wall. Loose Qixium crystals have spilled out onto the ground, and colorful cables dangle from the damaged hull.

TWO HELPERBOTS near the point of impact are puzzling out how they're going to repair the damage. The HelperBots turn to us and wave their arms, emitting ANNOYED ELECTRONIC CHIRPS.

Near the final right turn is a LARGE WINDOW [monitor] looking into a nondescript interior backdrop. As we approach it, GARY POWER-SLIDES through the space from left to right, hovering in the middle. Like us, his wild flight has come to an end! He addresses us once more.

GARY

Waaaahaha! That was EPIC! See you around!

Gary does a quick salute and zips away toward the right as we approach the Showroom.

Scene A: Galactic Showroom (Load/Unload)

Our Galactic Space Cruiser eases back into the Showroom. Our exhilarating test drive has come to an end. Starry-eyed, we stumble out of our seats and down the exit path in search of more adventures in the park.

Prelim Elements List

- Audio System
 - Queue
 - Load Area
 - Scene B (Low-Speed Test Course)
 - Scene C (Projection Tunnel)
- Video/Projection System
 - Queue
 - Load Area
 - Projection Tunnel
- Animatronics
 - (2) HelperBot animatronics near end of ride