

Shuttle Columbia: mission STS 61-C

Launched after four unsuccessful attempts on **January 12, 1986**. Original attempt was Dec. 19, 1985. Mission was supposed to be 7 days, but NASA decided to return after four days because of planned flight of Challenger (51-L). But bad weather prevented return, and landing finally happened on fifth attempt on **January 18**.

NASA wanted to turn around and launch Challenger right away, but:

1	22 Jan 1986, 3:43:00 am	Rescheduled	—	Delays in STS-61-C
2	23 Jan 1986, 3:43:00 am	Rescheduled	1 day	Delays in STS-61-C
3	24 Jan 1986, 3:43:00 am	Scrubbed	1 day	Weather at transatlantic abort site
4	25 Jan 1986, 9:37:00 am	Scrubbed	1 day, 5 hours, 54 minutes	Launch preparation delays
5	27 Jan 1986, 9:37:00 am	Scrubbed	2 days	Equipment failures in orbiter closeout, cross winds at shuttle landing site.
6	28 Jan 1986, 9:37:00 am	Delayed	1 day	Technical issues with fire detection system
7	28 Jan 1986, 11:38:00 am	Loss of vehicle and crew	2 hours, 1 minute	