

## NASA SpaceX Crew-11 Returns Early After Medical Issue



Published on January 15, 2026

Document Date: Wed, Jun 17 2026 11:28:59 pm

Category: ,English,International - ,Snippets

Show on website : [Click Here](#)

---

rki.news

Los Angeles, January 15 – NASA’s SpaceX Crew-11 astronauts returned safely to Earth early

Thursday after the mission was concluded ahead of schedule due to a medical issue involving one crew member aboard the International Space Station (ISS).

The four-member crew traveled back aboard a SpaceX Dragon spacecraft, which splashed down off the coast of California at approximately 3:41 a.m. local time (1141 GMT) following a journey

lasting around 10 hours.

Crew-11 included NASA astronauts Zena Cardman and Mike Fincke, Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency astronaut Kimiya Yui, and Roscosmos cosmonaut Oleg Platonov. The astronauts had arrived at the ISS on August 2 last year and were originally expected to remain on the orbital laboratory for about six months.

NASA decided to end the mission earlier than planned after one astronaut experienced a medical issue on January 7. The agency did not disclose further details, citing privacy considerations, and confirmed that the crew returned safely.