



First salami launched into outer space: mission accomplished

The mission was planned by the organizers of the Salami Festival (Cremona, October 26-28): 'Gagarin' will be exhibited in a special case

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Mission accomplished for 'Gagarin', the first salami launched into outer space. The special astronaut, which will be exhibited in the historic center of Cremona from October 26th to October 28th for the second [Salami Festival](#), took off yesterday at dawn and landed 'safe and sound' after a flight of about four hours: the salami reached the mesosphere, hooked to a wooden cutting board, thanks to an aerostatic balloon filled with 4 cubic meters of pure helium. Gagarin has reached a height of 28 kilometers and has 'resisted' at a temperature of -54 ° C, before being parachuted into open country. The organizers of the Salami Festival and the members of the Black Whale team, who curated the launch, celebrate the mission: "Everything went well. We have calculated the winds scrupulously and counterbalanced the weight of Gagarin with a polystyrene box in which we placed two cameras and a GPS, plus a few handfuls of salt to cancel the humidity ". Gagarin will be one of the stars of the Salami Festival, a unique exhibition in Italy that, for three days, will bring in the center of Cremona a large variety of salami from all over Italy and will offer a rich program of events including gourmet tastings, scientific meetings on the nutritional value of salami and also a challenge for the election of 'best salami made by a farmer'. The complete flight of Gagarin can be admired on the Facebook page "[FestaDelSalame](#)".

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