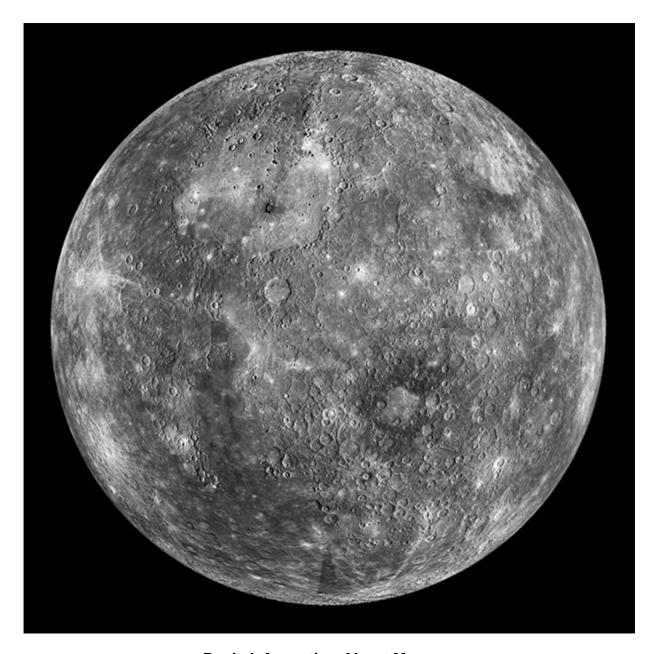
Facts About Mercury



Basic Information About Mercury

- 1. Mercury is the 1st planet from the Sun (36.3 million miles from the Sun).
- 2. The planet is 3032 miles in diameter.
- 3. A "day" on Mercury is 58 days long because it rotates very slowly.
- 4. Mercury takes 88 days to complete one orbit of the Sun.
- 5. Temperature variations on Mercury are the most extreme in the solar system ranging from -170° C (-270° F) to 430° C (800° F).
- 6. Its solid surface is covered with craters and it has almost no atmosphere.
- 7. Mercury's iron core makes up about 75% of the planet. Mercury is the second densest planet in our Solar System next to the Earth.