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# Top seven pop culture aliens



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## 7. Gungan

The annoying walking duck thing in Star Wars, or better known as the infamous Jar Jar Binks is a Gungan, and even though he makes you want to shun the race forever. But the fact is, the Gungans are actually a pretty advanced race. These guys are probably the closest thing to mermaids, or Atlantis that you are going to get.

**Notable figures:** Jar Jar Binks  
**Planet:** Naboo

## 6. The Greys- Probably the only

real aliens out there, so why not have it on the list? These little guys have been depicted on the walls on ancient civilizations, and probably jump started the human race (if you believe that kind of stuff). Although they do occasionally swoop down and abduct a few test subjects, those people should consider themselves lucky to be a part of the experimentation that will lead to the next ruling race.

**Notable figures:** Roger  
**Planet:** Unknown

5. Tamaranean- The warrior race from the DC universe earns a spot on this list for their love of war, and the ability to learn any language from a mere peck on the lips.

**Notable figures:** Starfire, Blackfire  
**Planet:** Tamaran

4. Irken- Nothing will stop the Irken Empire from achieving total galactic control. Equipped with a SIR, they begin developing a secret base and disguising themselves as the natives of a planet, these extraterrestrials take down the planet from the inside. Be very careful with who you associate yourselves with, they can be masters of disguise and are probably living in your very own neighborhood.

**Notable figures:** Zim, The Almighty Tallest, Tak  
**Planet:** Irk

## 3. Evil Hot Alien Chicks

You know these aliens from the movie "Dude, Where's my Car?" Those girls in the spandex clothing, and sexualized to the max. But with the ability to engulf an entire Big Stick in one gulp, and if you take one of them you get them all is enough to put them on the list no matter what argument you use. On the downside, they are hellbent on the destruction of the universe, but I'd prefer them over those Nordic aliens.

**Notable figures:** All of them  
**Planet:** Unknown

2. Cybertronians- The highly advanced race of Cybertron is an automatic list-maker on any alien list, because giant fighting robots are

awesome no matter how many times you slice it. But it's important to note that not all Cybertronians are good. In fact, the whole basis of the story is the never ending war between Autobots and Decepticons.

**Notable figures:** Optimus Prime, Megatron, Starscream  
**Planet:** Cybertron(destroyed)

## 1. Saiyans

Two words and a number. Super. Saiyan. Four. Deal with it.

**Notable figures:** Goku, Vegeta, Broly  
**Planet:** Planet Vegeta(destroyed)

# 'Doctor Who' fan celebrate 25 years at Gallifrey One

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Whovians from all over the world gathered together for the 25th annual Doctor Who Convention, Gallifrey One from Feb. 14-16 at the Marriot Los Angeles Airport Hotel. This year's convention was entitled Gallifrey One: 25 Glorious Years and tickets sold out within the first 12 days.

Gallifrey One offered the fans access to over 40 different panels, vendors, and events. Some of the panels included interviews with the guests, prop making classes, and screenings of various Doctor Who

episodes. The convention even offered events for adults including two nights of karaoke and an after party.

Attendees could even meet, get autographs from, and take pictures with the convention's guests, at a cost.

The headlining guests this year ranged from Colin Baker (6th Doctor), Billie Piper (Rose Tyler), Paul McGann (8th Doctor), and Arthur Darvill (Rory Williams).

Most fans had no trouble meeting new people and making new friends since most of all the attendees were fans of the show, "at a regular convention, there are so many different fandoms whereas at Gallifrey One, everyone is here for

the same thing, it's an awesome experience," one fan explained.

With most conventions, fans usually cosplay, in which the fan attends dressed up as their favorite character. Gallifrey One was the home of some of the most creative costumes.

One fan made a TARDIS costume out of cardboard, others wore costumes they made from scratch, and one group of women dressed as various Doctors but in can-can outfits.

The guests seemed to enjoy themselves as well, as Darvill elaborated, "It's amazing coming to these things 'cuz you get to meet so many people that it means so much to." Nerdist founder Chris Hard-

wick and girlfriend Chloe Dykstra are both fans of Doctor Who and made an appearance on the second day.

One new trend that is appearing at conventions all over the world is the exchanging of ribbons. Attendees customized their own ribbons before the event and exchanged ribbons with other fans. The ribbons have a strip of glue at the top to attach to one's convention badge or another ribbon. For a lot of people, ribbons are not only a trophy symbol, but also a great way to make connections with new people.

In celebration of their 25th anniversary, Gallifrey One made a game for attendees to play the

whole weekend. Every program book listed all the convention themes throughout the years, whovians were to find stickers with years on them (the stickers were scattered throughout the hotel) and put the correct sticker next to the correct year. Fans that completed the challenge won a prize and were entered into a drawing for a bigger prize.

Gallifrey One is the world's largest Doctor Who convention, founded by members of the local Southern California fan organization, The Time Meddlers of Los Angeles back in 1989. Tickets to the 2015 Gallifrey One: the 26 Seasons of Gallifrey One go on sale on March 7 for \$90.

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Guests of Gallifrey One attend the companion's panel, "Traveling with the Doctor."



From left to right, Danica Lisiewicz, Dawn Rose, Bridget Landry, Belle Benson, and Kate Morgenstern as the tenth, fourth, sixth, eleventh, and the fifth doctors.

## GALLIFREY ONE: DOCTOR WHO

The four day annual Doctor Who convention, Gallifrey One, swept creators, fans, and cosplayers off their feet on the weekend of Valentine's Day. Vendors upon vendors were set up at the Marriott Los Angeles Airport Hotel, showcasing many merchandises and memorabilia. Panels were held during the expo and special guests included the beloved Rose Tyler herself, Billie Piper, and Arthur Darvill who portrays Rory Williams.

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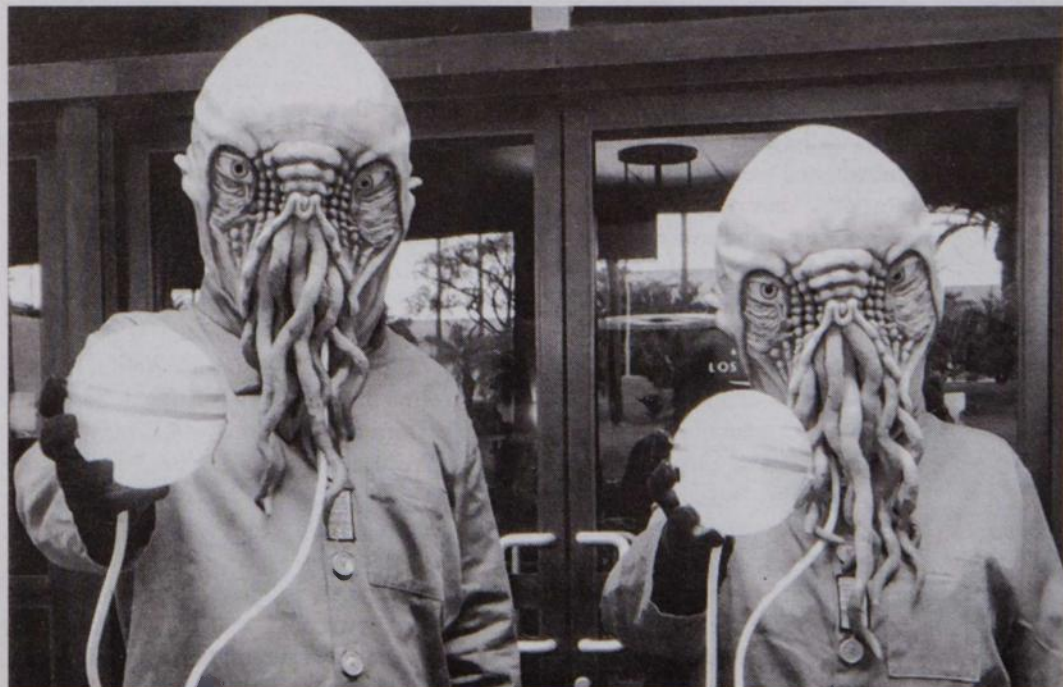
Andrew Elkins, 43, portrays the fourth Doctor played by Tom Baker.



Arthur Darvill and Billie Piper, or better known as the companions Rory Williams and Rose Tyler, attend a panel at Gallifrey One.



Sarah Elmassian, 56, portrays Novice Hame of the sisters of Plenitude.



The Oodkind are a race of telepathic humanoids in the show, Doctor Who.



Hanna Cathcart, 11, dressed as a weeping angel at this year's Gallifrey One.