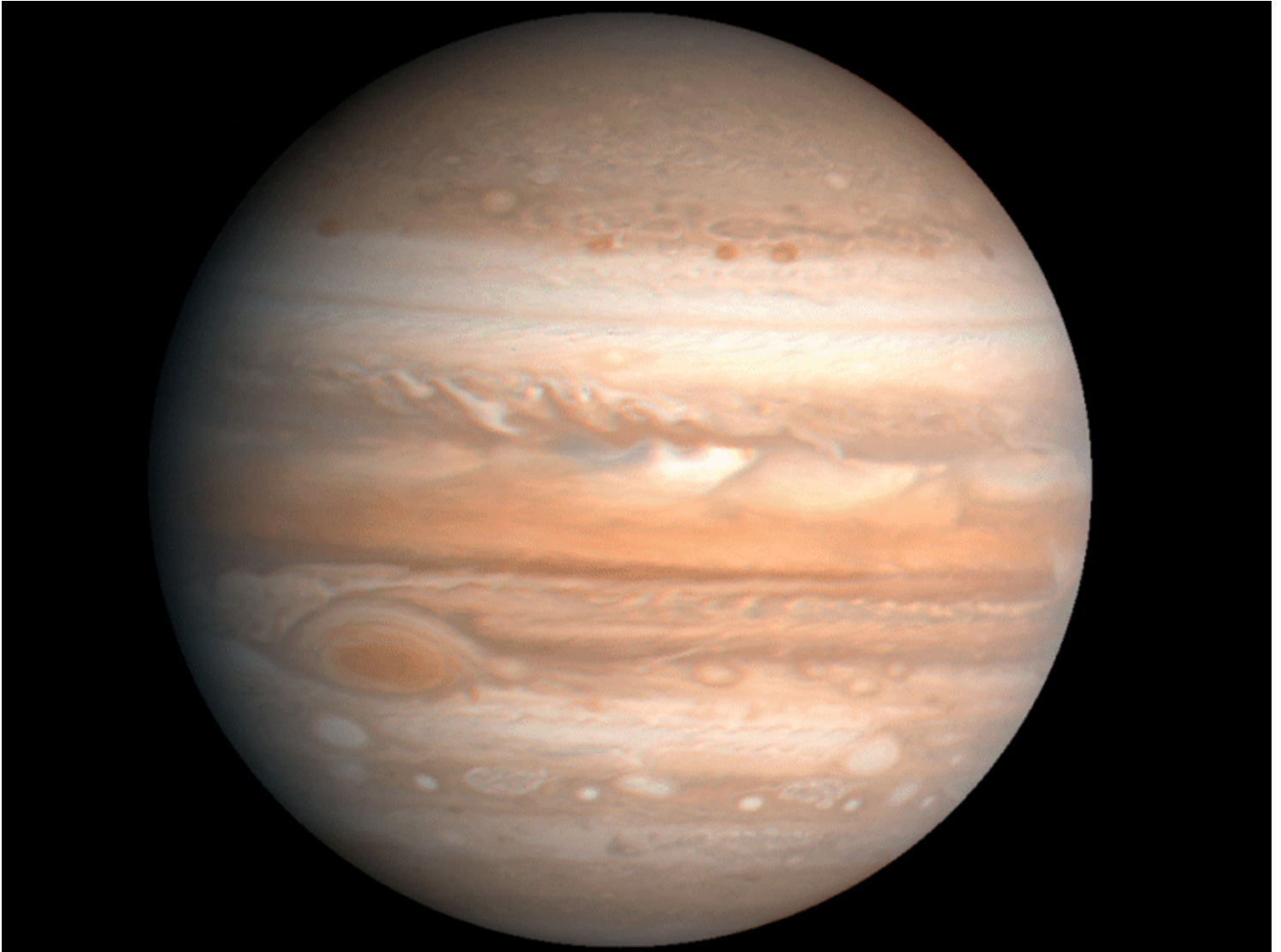


Facts About Jupiter



Basic Information About Jupiter

1. Jupiter is the 5th planet from the Sun (510,000,000 miles from the Sun).
2. The planet is 88,000 miles in diameter (11.2 times that of Earth).
3. A “day” on Jupiter is only 9.8 hours long.
4. The mass of Jupiter is equal to 318 Earths.
5. Jupiter takes 11.9 years to complete one orbit of the Sun.
6. Jupiter can have auroras at its poles, just like Earth.
7. Jupiter’s Great Red Spot is a huge hurricane-like storm that is 30,000 miles long (more than three times the size of the Earth).

The Galilean Moons: Jupiter’s Four Largest Moons

1. The Galilean moons, discovered by Galileo in 1610, include Callisto, Europa, Ganymede, and Io.
2. Io is the only body in the solar system (other than Earth) that is currently volcanically active.
3. Europa has an extremely smooth surface and may have a liquid water ocean under its icy crust.