



Rare Solar Eclipse Promises Unforgettable Summer Sunset

Description

On August 12, 2026, people in eastern Spain and the Balearic Islands will see a rare event. This event is a sunset eclipse. It is called a sunset eclipse because the Sun will be hidden by the Moon just before sunset.

In Mallorca, at 8:31 p.m., the Moon will block the Sun for 1 minute and 36 seconds. The Sun will be very close to the horizon. People will see a beautiful sight with unusual colours in the sky. The Moon's shadow will make it feel like twilight, even though it will be nearly sunset.

After the eclipse, the Sun will go down into the Mediterranean Sea. This will happen about 18 minutes later. People will be able to watch the Moon's shadow as it lifts away from the Earth. Observers in the Balearics will be the last to see the total eclipse.

This eclipse will mix the light from the Sun and the Moon. It is expected to be a strange and interesting experience for many.

Vocabulary List:

1. **eclipse** //ɪˈklɪps// (noun): when one object hides another in space
2. **horizon** //həˈraɪzən// (noun): the line where earth meets the sky
3. **twilight** //ˈtwɑɪlaɪt// (noun): the soft light just after sunset or before sunrise
4. **observers** //əbˈzɜːvəz// (noun): people who watch and study an event
5. **shadow** //ˈʃædɒʊ// (noun): dark shape made when light is blocked
6. **expected** //ɪkˈspektɪd// (verb): thought likely to happen or be true

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What date will the sunset eclipse occur?

Option: August 12, 2026

Option: June 21, 2025

Option: January 1, 2027

Option: February 14, 2026



2. How long will the Sun be blocked by the Moon in Mallorca?

- Option: 1 minute and 36 seconds
- Option: 2 minutes and 10 seconds
- Option: 5 minutes
- Option: 30 seconds

3. What will happen about 18 minutes after the eclipse?

- Option: The Sun will rise
- Option: The Sun will go down into the Mediterranean Sea
- Option: The Moon will disappear
- Option: The eclipse will start again

4. Where will the sunset eclipse be visible?

- Option: Eastern Spain and the Balearic Islands
- Option: Western Germany
- Option: Northern Italy
- Option: Southern France

5. How will the sky appear during the eclipse?

- Option: Normal
- Option: With unusual colours
- Option: Completely dark
- Option: Bright and sunny

6. Who will be the last to see the total eclipse?

- Option: Observers in Eastern Spain
- Option: Observers in Balearics
- Option: Observers in Mallorca
- Option: Observers in mainland Spain

True-False

7. The sunset eclipse will occur on August 12, 2026.

8. The Moon will block the Sun for 2 minutes and 36 seconds.

9. Observers in Mallorca will be the last to see the total eclipse.



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10. The eclipse will make it feel like midnight.
 11. The Sun will go down into the Mediterranean Sea after the eclipse.
 12. The event will mix the light from the Moon and the stars.

Gap-Fill

13. The eclipse will be visible in _____ Spain and the Balearic Islands.
14. The Moon will block the Sun for _____ minute and 36 seconds.
14. The Moon will block the Sun for _____ minute and 36 seconds.
15. After the eclipse, the Sun will go down into the _____ Sea.
16. People will see a beautiful sight with unusual _____ in the sky.
17. This eclipse will mix the light from the Sun and the _____
18. Observers in the Balearics will be the last to see the total _____

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. August 12, 2026 2. 1 minute and 36 seconds 3. The Sun will go down into the Mediterranean Sea 4. Eastern Spain and the Balearic Islands 5. With unusual colours 6. Observers in the Balearics

True-False: 7. True 8. False 9. False 10. False 11. True 12. False 14. True

Gap-Fill: 13. eastern 14. 1 15. Mediterranean 16. colours 17. Moon 18. eclipse

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