



Rare Summer Solar Eclipse Promises Unique View

Description

On August 12, 2026, a rare event will happen in eastern Spain and the Balearic Islands, called a sunset eclipse. During this eclipse, the Moon will fully cover the Sun for a short time, just before sunset. For example, from Mallorca, at 8:31 p.m. CEST, viewers can see this total eclipse for 1 minute and 36 seconds.

This eclipse will create a unique experience as the landscape dims suddenly, making it feel like twilight despite it being daytime. The solar corona, which is usually invisible, will appear with a reddish hue. After the total eclipse, the Sun will set into the Mediterranean Sea about 18 minutes later.

Observers in the Balearics will be among the last on Earth to see this total eclipse. As the Moon's shadow passes, it may be possible to see the shadow lifting away from the ground. This can happen if the sky is clear.

A total solar eclipse like this is unusual since it will occur so close to the horizon in a popular holiday area. These conditions are rare and have not been widely captured in modern recordings.

If clouds cover the view on August 12, there will be another chance for a sunset eclipse on November 25, 2030. However, the weather will always be a key factor in seeing such an event.

Vocabulary List:

1. **eclipse** //ɪˈklɪps// (noun): when one object blocks the Sun's light
2. **corona** //kəˈrɒnə// (noun): the outer hot part of the Sun
3. **horizon** //həˈraɪzən// (noun): the line where the sky meets the Earth
4. **twilight** //ˈtwɑɪlaɪt// (noun): time between day and night when light fades
5. **shadow** //ˈʃædɒʊ// (noun): a dark shape made when light is blocked
6. **captured** //ˈkæp.tʃəd// (verb): recorded by a camera or a video device

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What date will the sunset eclipse occur in 2026?



- Option: August 12, 2026
- Option: November 25, 2030
- Option: February 14, 2025
- Option: June 21, 2027

2. How long will the total eclipse last as observed from Mallorca?

- Option: 30 seconds
- Option: 1 minute and 36 seconds
- Option: 2 minutes
- Option: 3 minutes

3. What will appear with a reddish hue during the eclipse?

- Option: The Moon
- Option: The landscape
- Option: The solar corona
- Option: The Mediterranean Sea

4. How many minutes after the total eclipse will the Sun set?

- Option: 10 minutes
- Option: 15 minutes
- Option: 18 minutes
- Option: 20 minutes

5. In which region will this sunset eclipse be visible?

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

6. What factor is crucial for observing the eclipse?

- Option: Cloud cover
- Option: Time of day
- Option: Position of the Moon
- Option: Location

True-False

7. The total solar eclipse will last for 3 minutes.



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8. Observers in the Balearics will see the eclipse before anyone else on Earth.
 9. The solar corona is usually visible during a total solar eclipse.
 10. There will be another chance to see a sunset eclipse on November 25, 2030.
 11. The sunset eclipse will happen in the morning hours.
 12. Weather conditions are important for observing the sunset eclipse.

Gap-Fill

13. The total eclipse can be seen in Mallorca at _____ CEST.
14. The total eclipse will create a unique experience as the landscape dims suddenly, making it feel like _____ despite it being daytime.
15. Observers may see the shadow lifting away from the _____ if the sky is clear.
16. These eclipse conditions are rare and have not been widely captured in modern _____.
17. If clouds cover the view, there is a chance for a sunset eclipse on _____ 25, 2030.
18. The solar corona will appear with a _____ hue during the total eclipse.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. August 12, 2026 2. 1 minute and 36 seconds 3. The solar corona 4. 18 minutes 5. Eastern Spain and the Balearic Islands 6. Cloud cover
True-False: 7. False 8. False 9. False 10. True 11. False 12. True
Gap-Fill: 13. 8:31 14. twilight 15. ground 16. recordings 17. November 18. reddish

Vocabulary quizzes



Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What phenomenon occurs when the Moon passes between the Earth and the Sun?

- Option: Eclipse
- Option: Twilight
- Option: Flare
- Option: Horizon

2. Which part of the Sun is visible during a total solar eclipse?

- Option: Core
- Option: Photosphere
- Option: Corona
- Option: Chromosphere

3. What do we call the line where the Earth meets the sky?

- Option: Zenith
- Option: Horizon
- Option: Meridian
- Option: Equator

4. What is created when an object blocks light?

- Option: Reflection
- Option: Shadow
- Option: Flare
- Option: Twilight

5. What type of events have become popular during the pandemic?

- Option: Physical
- Option: Virtual
- Option: Hybrid
- Option: Outdoor

6. Which term refers to the income generated from business activities?

- Option: Profit
- Option: Expenses
- Option: Revenue
- Option: Cost

7. Which field of study focuses on the behavior of physical systems?

- Option: Aerodynamics
- Option: Chemistry
- Option: Mechanics



Option: Biology

8. What do companies use to achieve specific goals or outcomes?

Option: Resources

Option: Tools

Option: Strategies

Option: Methods

9. What term describes the magnetic field generated by Earth's molten core?

Option: Hydromagnetic

Option: Geomagnetic

Option: Astromagnetic

Option: Electromagnetic

10. Who are the companies that sell goods directly to consumers?

Option: Manufacturers

Option: Wholesalers

Option: Retailers

Option: Distributors

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. Twilight is the time between day and _____ when the sun is below the horizon.

12. The company plans to _____ its operations into new markets.

13. New technologies may _____ traditional industries and consumer habits.

14. Digital content can be obtained through _____ from various platforms.

15. A strong online _____ can enhance brand visibility and engagement.

16. Innovative marketing strategies can _____ sales and customer loyalty.

17. The artist created a painting with a unique _____ that captured everyone's attention.

18. The Sun's surface is composed mainly of hot _____ that emit light and heat.

19. The concert was a _____ event, requiring attendees to purchase tickets in advance.

20. Visitors need special permissions to gain _____ to restricted areas of the museum.



Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The wedding invitation arrived in the mail, inviting us to celebrate a special day.
22. The system experienced an overload, causing it to crash during peak hours.
23. New features were introduced to enhance user experience on the platform.
24. The police conducted a raid to apprehend suspects in the ongoing investigation.
25. The company's expansion into international markets has increased its reach significantly.
26. The digital revolution has transformed how we consume and interact with information.
27. The shadow of the building fell across the park, marking a stark contrast with the sunlight.
28. As the sun set on the horizon, the sky exploded with vibrant colors.
29. Understanding the mechanics of motion is essential for anyone studying physics.
30. Solar flares can disrupt communication satellites and power grids on Earth.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Eclipse 2. Corona 3. Horizon 4. Shadow 5. Virtual 6. Revenue 7. Mechanics 8. Strategies 9. Geomagnetic 10. Retailers

Gap-Fill: 11. darkness 12. expand 13. disrupt 14. downloads 15. presence 16. boost 17. flair 18. plasma 19. ticketed 20. access

Matching sentence: 1. invitation 2. overload 3. enhance 4. raid 5. expansion 6. digital 7. shadow 8. horizon 9. mechanics 10. flare

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