



Rare Sunset Solar Eclipse Expected This Summer

Description

On August 12, 2026, a rare event will occur in eastern Spain and the Balearic Islands, known as a sunset eclipse. This total solar eclipse will take place just 20 minutes before sunset at 8:31 p.m. CEST, with the Moon completely blocking the Sun for 1 minute and 36 seconds.

From Mallorca's northwest coast, observers will experience a dramatic twilight as the landscape darkens, producing an unusual visual effect where the Sun's corona appears orange against the horizon. Approximately 18 minutes after totality, the eclipsed Sun will dip into the Mediterranean Sea.

This eclipse will attract many eclipse enthusiasts, as it provides a unique perspective. Once totality ends, spectators are advised to look behind them. Dr. Tyler Nordgren notes that they might see the Moon's shadow lifting off the Earth.

The eclipse will create an unusual twilight, contrasting with a normal sunset. As the Moon's shadow approaches, the light will fade more rapidly than during a typical sunset, enhancing the strangeness of the experience.

On August 12, twilight will also be affected. The Sun will set at 8:50 p.m., but the eclipse will continue until 9:22 p.m. As a result, the afterglow usually seen after sunset will be significantly reduced.

This total solar eclipse will be especially exciting due to its visibility from a popular holiday destination, making it accessible to many observers. If the view is blocked, there will be another chance to see a total eclipse on November 25, 2030.

Vocabulary List:

1. **eclipse** //ɪˈklɪps// (noun): when one object blocks another from view
2. **totality** //təˈtælɪti// (noun): time when the Sun is completely hidden
3. **corona** //kəˈrɒnə// (noun): the bright outer part of the Sun
4. **twilight** //ˈtwɑɪlaɪt// (noun): the soft light before sunset or after sunrise
5. **afterglow** //ˈæftərˌɡloʊ// (noun): the light left in the sky after sunset
6. **visibility** //ˌvɪzəˈbɪləti// (noun): how well something can be seen

Comprehension Questions



Multiple Choice

1. What date will the sunset eclipse occur?

- Option: August 12, 2025
- Option: August 12, 2026
- Option: August 12, 2027
- Option: August 12, 2028

2. What time is sunset on the day of the eclipse?

- Option: 8:31 p.m. CEST
- Option: 8:50 p.m. CEST
- Option: 9:22 p.m. CEST
- Option: 7:45 p.m. CEST

3. How long will the total solar eclipse last?

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

4. What unique visual effect will occur during the eclipse?

- Option: The Sun will appear blue
- Option: The Moon will appear larger
- Option: The Sun's corona will appear orange
- Option: The sky will turn green

5. When will the eclipsed Sun dip into the Mediterranean Sea?

- Option: Immediately after totality
- Option: 18 minutes after totality
- Option: During totality
- Option: 1 hour before sunset

6. What event will occur after totality ends during the eclipse?

- Option: The Sun will disappear completely
- Option: The Moon's shadow will lift off the Earth
- Option: Twilight will last indefinitely
- Option: The night will begin



True-False

- 7. The eclipse will last for 2 minutes and 5 seconds.
- 8. The sunset during the eclipse will occur at 8:31 p.m. CEST.
- 9. The eclipse will reduce the brightness of the afterglow seen after sunset.
- 10. The total solar eclipse can be seen from a remote area of Spain.
- 11. Eclipse enthusiasts will be attracted to this unique event.
- 12. There will be another chance to see a total eclipse on November 25, 2030.

Gap-Fill

- 13. The total solar eclipse will take place just 20 minutes before sunset at 8:31 p.m. CEST, with the Moon completely blocking the Sun for _____
- 14. Approximately 18 minutes after totality, the eclipsed Sun will dip into the _____
- 15. On August 12, twilight will also be affected, and the Sun will set at _____
- 16. As the Moon's shadow approaches, the light will fade more rapidly than during a

- 17. The eclipse will create an unusual _____, contrasting with a normal sunset.
- 18. If the view is blocked, observers will have another chance to see a total eclipse on

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. August 12, 2026 2. 8:50 p.m. CEST 3. 1 minute and 36 seconds 4. The Sun's corona will appear orange 5. 18 minutes after totality 6. The Moon's shadow will lift off the Earth

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

Gap-Fill: 13. 1 minute and 36 seconds



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