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Smithsonian Journeys Announces 2027–2028 Solar Eclipse Journeys

Travelers Will Observe Rare Total Eclipses Across Spain, Egypt, Morocco, and Western Australia with Smithsonian Experts, Enriched by In-depth Cultural Exploration and Local Insight

Smithsonian Journeys, the Smithsonian's travel program and a recognized leader in enriching small-group exploration, has announced a collection of extraordinary solar eclipse journeys for 2027 and 2028. Each thoughtfully curated eclipse program pairs prime viewing of these rare celestial events with expert insights and in-depth exploration of each destination's cultural and natural heritage. Travelers will have the opportunity to experience totality in compelling locations across the Mediterranean, North Africa and Australia. Accompanying each departure are experts in astronomy or related disciplines who share their knowledge through engaging lectures and informal discussions that bring both the science of eclipses and the distinct character of each destination to life.

[Smithsonian Journeys](#) has a distinguished legacy in astronomy-focused travel, having led travelers to observe landmark eclipses in some of the world's most remarkable settings, from the dramatic landscapes of Yellowstone in 2017 to the remote waters of the Coral Sea in 2023, the wide-open skies of Texas Hill Country in 2024 and the historic vistas of northern Spain in 2026.

"Astrotourism is one of the fastest-growing segments in experiential travel," said Walter Littlejohn III, senior vice president, Smithsonian Journeys. "These solar eclipse journeys offer travelers a rare chance to witness an extraordinary celestial event in a culturally rich part of the world, elevated by the insight, expertise and engaging experiences that define every Smithsonian Journeys experience."

2027 Solar Eclipse Journeys

The 2027 journeys are centered on one of the rarest events of the century: the total solar eclipse of Aug. 2, 2027. Lasting up to six minutes and 23 seconds at maximum totality, it will be the longest total solar eclipse visible from land in the 21st century. Its path stretches across the Mediterranean and North Africa, offering travelers the opportunity to witness this remarkable phenomenon from exceptional locations within the band of totality, set against some of the world's most iconic and awe-inspiring cultural and natural landscapes

[Solar Eclipse Over Andalusia: A One-Week Stay in Spain](#)

[July 27–Aug. 3, 2027](#)

Eight days starting from \$7,990 per person double occupancy. Call to join waitlist.

Guests will witness the magic of the total solar eclipse amid the villages and historic towns of Andalusia. They will settle into a resort on the Costa del Sol and explore legendary and lesser-known

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sites of southern Spain, take in the views from the Rock of Gibraltar and tour the extraordinary Alhambra. They will also encounter the works of Picasso and the art of flamenco in Málaga, and cap off their stay watching the eclipse alongside astronomers. Full details are [available on the website](#).

[Solar Eclipse in Morocco: Totality in Tangier](#)

July 28–Aug. 3, 2027

Seven days starting from \$6,499 per person double occupancy. Call to join waitlist.

Travelers can experience the 2027 total solar eclipse on a journey that combines the heritage of northern Morocco with this celestial phenomenon. They will stay in Tangier and explore its medina and storied sites. Guests will then venture to the “blue city” of Chefchaouen, nestled in the Rif Mountains, and then gather for a private rooftop eclipse party, watching from a prime spot overlooking the Strait of Gibraltar as the darkness of totality descends on Tangier. Full details are [available on the website](#).

[Solar Eclipse on the Nile: Totality over Ancient Egypt](#)

July 29–Aug. 9, 2027

Twelve days starting from \$15,495 per person double occupancy. Call to join waitlist.

Embarking on a luxury river ship on the Nile, travelers can experience a once-in-a-lifetime journey: witnessing a total solar eclipse over the ancient temples of Egypt. They will celebrate the celestial event in magical Luxor and explore legendary sites from the Valley of the Kings to Karnak. Guests will then sail the Nile through timeless landscapes to Aswan before traveling to Cairo to encounter the Pyramids of Giza and Saqqara. Full details are [available on the website](#).

[Solar Eclipse at Sea: Voyage Along the Iberian Peninsula](#)

July 20–Aug. 6, 2027

Eight days starting from \$9,830 per person double occupancy. Call to join waitlist.

Travelers can take in the wonder of the 2027 total solar eclipse from an elegant small ship while voyaging along Spain and Portugal’s southern shores from the Algarve to the Costa del Sol. They will venture into historic towns such as Coimbra and Cadiz, where they can opt to explore gorgeous coastlines by kayak and catamaran, and savor local wines and tapas. Full details are [available on the website](#).

2028 Solar Eclipse Journeys

Designed around the total solar eclipse of July 22, 2028, these extraordinary Australian journeys offer two distinct ways to experience this rare event. Guests may venture into some of the country’s most remote landscapes on a small-ship cruise along the rugged Kimberley coast or explore three of Australia’s most captivating cities before joining fellow travelers in Sydney.

NEW! [Solar Eclipse over Australia: Melbourne, Adelaide, and Sydney](#)

July 12–24, 2028

Thirteen days from \$13,990 per person double occupancy.

Guests can experience the total solar eclipse from the dynamic shores of Sydney Harbor, the capstone of an unforgettable journey across southern Australia. They will experience the wide-ranging wonders of three cosmopolitan cities, multicultural Melbourne, elegant Adelaide and bustling Sydney, and

venture into stunning coastal landscapes and wildlife habitats. Along the way, travelers will learn about Aboriginal and colonial history, enjoy wine-tastings and witness a “penguin parade.” On eclipse day, they will head to Sydney’s waterfront Taronga Zoo for an exclusive watch party. Full details [available on the website](#).

[Solar Eclipse Over Western Australia: Sailing the Kimberley Coast](#)

July 19–29, 2028

Eleven days starting from \$19,812 per person double occupancy. Call to join waitlist.

Travelers can watch totality engulf the landscapes of Western Australia’s Kimberley coast, where turquoise seas meet red rock cliffs and human history is etched into the landscape. They will experience natural galleries of ancient Aboriginal rock paintings amid wild rock formations, and spot saltwater crocodiles, sea turtles and colonies of sea birds, seeing the power of nature up close, from a horizontal waterfall to the total solar eclipse. Full details are [available on the website](#).

All itineraries include:

- Meals listed in the itinerary
- All activities and excursions, as described in each itinerary
- Lectures and discussions with Smithsonian Journeys Expert(s) and the insights of top local guides
- Premium accommodations
- Services of an experienced tour director
- On tour medical and emergency evacuation coverage

About Smithsonian Journeys

Smithsonian Journeys is a global leader in cultural travel, offering unique, expert-led trips on all seven continents. It offers small-group land journeys, river cruises, small-ship cruises, active journeys, cultural stays, private jet trips and tailor-made journeys for the independent traveler. Smithsonian Journeys is part of Smithsonian Enterprises, a division of the Smithsonian that oversees the Institution’s commercial activities, including the Smithsonian Channel; the retail operation, which includes 35 museum and airport stores and food concessions; *Smithsonian* magazine, which reaches more than 8 million monthly readers; Smithsonianstore.com, an E-Commerce business; consumer and education licensing; and books. For more information, visit www.SmithsonianJourneys.org or call 855-330-1542.

About the Smithsonian

Since its founding in 1846, the Smithsonian Institution has been committed to inspiring generations through knowledge and discovery. It is the world’s largest museum, education and research complex, consisting of 21 museums, the National Zoological Park, education centers, research facilities, cultural centers, libraries and gardens. Two of the 21 museums—the National Museum of the American Latino and the Smithsonian American Women’s History Museum—are in the early planning stages. The total number of objects, works of art and specimens at the Smithsonian is about 157 million. To commemorate America’s 250th anniversary, the Smithsonian is hosting a full slate of special exhibitions, festivals and public events, including the completion of the National Air and Space Museum’s renovation, which opened to the public 50 years ago for the nation’s bicentennial.

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