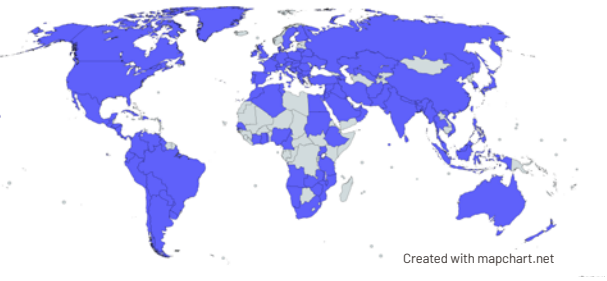
International Observe the Moon Night

2026 BY THE NUMBERS



2026 participating countries in purple

4,401
TOTAL REGISTRATION

1,553 EVENTS

2,848 INDIVIDUALS & HOUSEHOLDS

6 CONTINENTS

121 COUNTRIES

50 U.S. STATES
+ Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico & Washington, D.C.

1.1 MILLION
PARTICIPANTS WORLDWIDE*

*Estimated from registration data, host survey data, and online events

OVER 0.5 MILLION ENGAGEMENTS
on NASA social media posts

International Observe the Moon Night is a worldwide celebration of lunar science and exploration and the Moon in arts and culture. Each year, everyone on Earth is invited to observe and learn about the Moon together, and to honor cultural and personal connections with our nearest celestial neighbor.

Find resources, register your participation, and learn more at **go.nasa.gov/ObserveTheMoon**.

PARTICIPATE

Host or join an event, or observe on your own! Events range in size from small family gatherings to community celebrations, and can be held virtually or in person.

OBSERVE

We encourage you to interpret 'observe' broadly. Go out and look at the Moon, tell your favorite Moon stories, listen to some Moon tunes, paint a lunar landscape, eat through the Moon's phases with cookies—the possibilities are endless. For hands-on activity ideas, NASA lunar science updates, and tips for participating, visit **go.nasa.gov/ObserveTheMoon**.

EXPLORE

Through the Artemis and Moon Base programs, NASA will send astronauts on increasingly difficult missions to explore more of the Moon for scientific discovery, economic benefits, and to build on our foundation for the first crewed missions to Mars. A fleet of robotic spacecraft is helping us understand the Moon's resources and environment so our astronauts can safely explore and address the highest science priorities while on the lunar surface. International Observe the Moon Night is an opportunity to discuss the past, present, and future of planetary science and exploration.

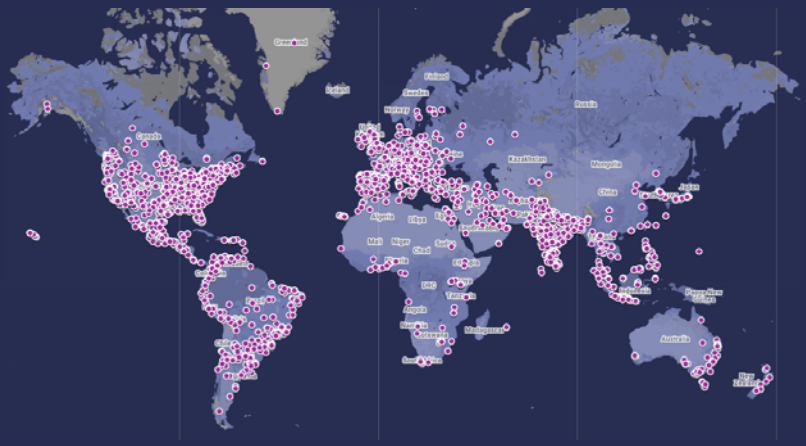
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Save the date

Friday, September 10, 2027

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2026 map of registered locations of
International Observe the Moon Night events and observers:



Join the worldwide celebration of the Moon!

After International Observe the Moon Night, participants reported...

Learning something new about lunar science and exploration

84%
of survey respondents

Interest in learning more about planetary science

93%
of survey respondents



Tokyo, JAPAN
Mitsutaka Fujita

> This was a very awesome first time experience looking at the Moon through a telescope! Kids loved it! All the resources NASA provided for this event were wonderful and helped us keep engagement high.



Passo Fundo, BRAZIL
Caroline Maria Ghiggi



Jhapa, NEPAL
Kiran Khatiwada

> It was an unforgettable experience, and I want to continue learning about NASA, the Moon, and everything related to planetary and space science.

> Because the observatory is located in a rural area, the activity provided an important opportunity for the local community to directly experience astronomy and interact with astronomy professionals.



Maryland, USA
James Tran

> This event is excellent for the public, especially for educational purposes. It allows us to learn about the Moon through NASA's website and YouTube channel.



Cambrune, PERU
Erick Meza



Pigeon Lake, CANADA
Joel Weatherly



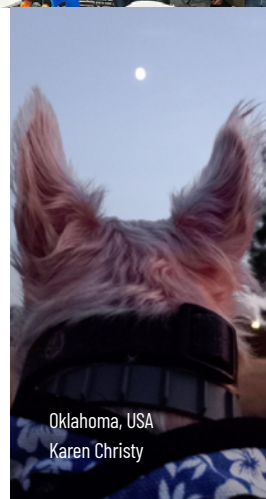
ENGLAND
Erin-Mae

> It was a fantastic night with many participants now having a greater appreciation for the Moon and space in general.



ITALY
Maurizio Chiappi/Museo di Storia Naturale di Rosignano Marittimo

> Combining a planned public astronomy event with the International Observe the Moon Night event boosted our public engagement significantly. I look forward to doing the same next year.



Oklahoma, USA
Karen Christy