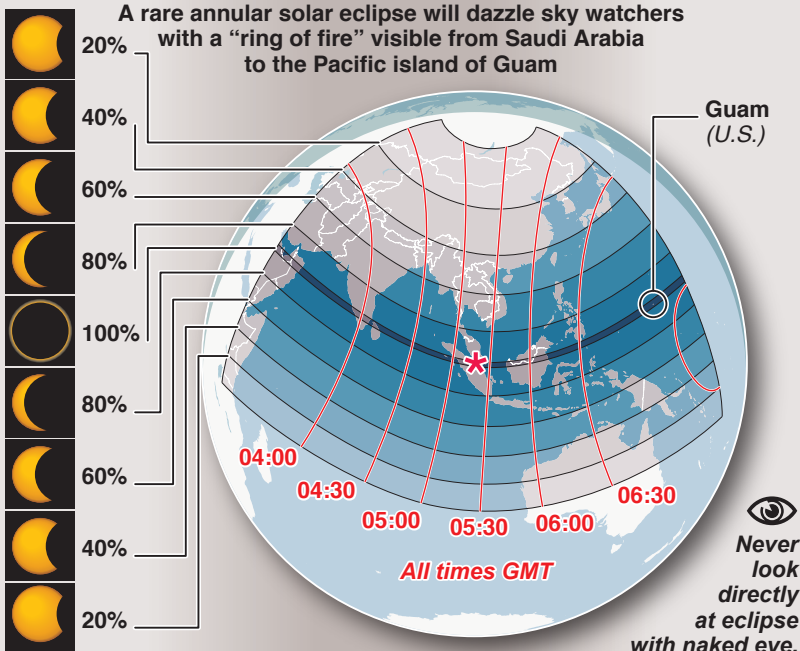


# "Ring of fire" eclipse to dazzle Asia

A rare annular solar eclipse will dazzle sky watchers with a "ring of fire" visible from Saudi Arabia to the Pacific island of Guam



★ **Greatest eclipse:** 05:17:36GMT, Dec 26

**Duration:** 3 minutes, 39.5 seconds

**Path width:** 117.9km

**Never look directly at eclipse with naked eye, binoculars, cameras or telescopes without specialized solar filters**

## TOTAL ECLIPSE

Moon's umbral shadow obscures Sun completely

## ANNULAR ECLIPSE

Moon is further away from Earth, so outer edge of sun (annulus) is visible, creating "ring of fire"

