Europe witnesses rare total solar eclipse

On August 12, day will briefly turn to night as Europe witnesses its first total solar eclipse in nearly 30 years. The path of totality will sweep from Greenland across Iceland to Spain, delivering a rare celestial spectacle to millions at the height of the summer tourist season

Start of partial eclipse

Total eclipse Begins 17:00GMT

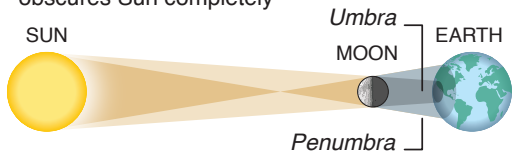
Max duration 2 min, 18 seconds

Ends 18:33GMT

End of partial eclipse

Obscurity: 20% 40% 60% 80%

TOTAL ECLIPSE: Moon's umbral shadow obscures Sun completely



WHERE TO SEE TOTAL ECLIPSE IN SPAIN

Last total solar eclipse in Iberian Peninsula was in 1912



WARNING!
Never look directly at eclipse

Always wear *ISO 12312-2* certified eclipse glasses during all partial and total phases

Do not use regular sunglasses, welder's goggles, X-ray film, or any other non-certified eye protection

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