

The top astronomical events in 2018

In 2018 a number of amazing astronomical events will occur. The main events being:

Perihelic apparition of Mars

Throughout July and August, Mars will be the true star of the summer nights: the Red Planet has not been so close to the earth since 2003 and it will be another 15 years before it comes so close again. It will be low on the horizon but very bright.

Planet Parade

Summer nights 2018

Throughout July and August, after sunset four planets will be visible at the same time: Venus, Jupiter, Saturn and Mars in perihelic opposition.

Total Lunar Eclipse

On Friday, 27 July 2018, from 20:30 to 24:00 sky-watchers will be able to follow the entire eclipse. During this event, the moon will slowly travel through the darkest part of the Earth's shadow and turn bright red.

Shooting stars

The Perseids – August 2018

From 8 to 16 August, the Perseid meteor shower. This year promises to be particularly good in terms of performance, since the peak will coincide with a dark, moonless sky.

Venus visible during the day

End of summer 2018

From mid-September to mid-October, in the afternoon, Venus will be very bright and visible in the shape of a crescent.

Venus in the Morning

Venus at sunrise – autumn 2018

From mid-November to mid-December, in the morning, Venus will be very bright and visible in the shape of a crescent.