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Maine Observers to See Partial Eclipse August 2

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MAINE, USA – A rare astronomical event is scheduled for August 2, 2027, when a total solar eclipse will be visible across parts of Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East. While the United States lies outside the path of totality, early risers in Maine will be able to witness a brief partial eclipse shortly after sunrise.

NASA reports that this will be the longest total solar eclipse since 1991, with maximum totality lasting up to 6 minutes and 23 seconds. The Moon will align directly between the Earth and the Sun, casting a shadow that will travel across a narrow band of the Earth's surface.

The full eclipse will pass over several nations, including Spain, Morocco, Algeria, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and Yemen. These areas will experience total darkness during the peak of the event. Regions just outside the main path, including parts of Europe and the Middle East, will observe a partial eclipse.

According to astronomical tracking published by Time and Date, northeastern Maine will see a partial eclipse lasting approximately five minutes, from 5:14 a.m. to 5:19 a.m. Eastern Time. Occurring just after sunrise, this moment offers U.S. residents a rare opportunity to view part of a globally significant event, albeit briefly.

The upcoming eclipse will outlast the total solar eclipse seen in the U.S. on April 8, 2024, which peaked at 4 minutes and 28 seconds. However, it will not exceed the record-holding eclipse of July 11, 1991, which lasted 6 minutes and 53 seconds at maximum totality.

NASA has also addressed false claims circulating online that suggest the world will be thrown into darkness in August 2025. These claims are unfounded and have no basis in scientific evidence.

The next major total solar eclipse after this event is scheduled for August 12, 2026, with optimal viewing in Greenland, Iceland, Spain, and Portugal.

Skywatchers in Maine hoping to catch the early morning eclipse are advised to prepare safely, using approved solar filters or eclipse glasses. Checking local weather forecasts in advance will also be key to catching a clear view of the event.