

## Where to Be on July 22

Six prime places to watch the eclipse as it makes its way from western India to the Pacific Ocean.

### SURAT, INDIA

**Start time** 6:21 A.M.

**Length of total phase**

3 minutes, 12 seconds

The eclipse is first visible just west of Surat, four hours by train from Mumbai. The port's coastal weather helps your chances of finding blue skies in monsoon season.

### VARANASI, INDIA

**Start time** 6:24 A.M.

**Length of total phase**

2 minutes, 54 seconds

Of all the cities graced by the eclipse as it whisks over the Ganges River, this is the most celebrated and accessible. Monsoon clouds, however, may get in the way.

### WUHAN, CHINA

**Start time** 9:24 A.M.

**Length of total phase**

5 minutes, 16 seconds

Though it's a metropolis, Wuhan is in the middle of a lake district with low pollution levels. Here, the sun's corona will look like it's leaping out of the sky.

### JIAXING, CHINA

**Start time** 9:35 A.M.

**Length of total phase**

5 minutes, 51 seconds

Head to this town between Shanghai and Hangzhou for box seats to the eclipse: It'll be nearly at its longest, and Jiaxing's smog-free skies allow peerless views.

### AKUSEKIJIMA, SATSUNAN ISLANDS, JAPAN

**Start time** 10:53 A.M.

**Length of total phase**

6 minutes, 20 seconds

The longest stretch of totality occurs out over the Pacific; the closest island to it is tiny Akusekijima, reachable by ferry.

### UJAE ATOLL, MARSHALL ISLANDS

**Start time** 3:44 P.M.

**Length of total phase**

5 minutes, 38 seconds

For ideal open-water views of the astronomical spectacle in its waning moments, charter a boat from the capital, Majuro.