

The Best Places to Stargaze in America



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Utah's Natural Bridges National Monument at night (Photograph by John Hicks, Corbis)

For 25 years, NASA's orbiting [Hubble telescope](#) has beamed mesmerizing images of our universe. But Earth dwellers can get stellar celestial views, too.

Here are three trip-worthy dark-sky havens in the United States:

> [Lake Powell \(Utah\)](#)

The combination of a thin atmosphere and lack of artificial light for miles gives [Natural Bridges National Monument](#) a bright, clear sky. View the colorful Milky Way through

the “window” of the massive [Owachomo Bridge](#).

> **Mackinaw City (Michigan)**

Located along the shore of Lake Michigan, [Headlands International Dark Sky Park](#) is one of 20 designated night sky parks in the world. See the constellations reflected in the water.

> **Sedona (Arizona)**

Gaze at the sky from [Cathedral Rock](#) in the [Coconino National Forest](#). Recently recognized as the world’s eighth dark sky community, Sedona has clear skies at least 300 days each year.

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