

It is possible to observe the Northern Lights in France!

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Close your eyes and imagine a sky tinged with millions of dancing lights, where blue, green and red follow one another for a few moments of intense beauty. This fabulous light show, which is thought to be observable only from the Nordic countries, can sometimes take place in France.

A rare but not impossible phenomenon, the aurora borealis can indeed be observed from France. No need to go on a road trip through Iceland, Lapland or Alaska to admire this natural phenomenon. We'll give you all the destinations in France to live this unique experience. For the most passionate among you, you can even organize a road trip in France around this theme!



Summary [[See](#)]

Aurora borealis in the Nord and Pas-de-Calais regions

The Nord department benefits from a favourable geographical situation, as it has the northernmost coast of France. What does that mean? The opal coast is the area closest to the polar circle. The towns of Calais and Dunkirk are particularly favourable for observing the magnificent Northern Lights, especially in winter. So, to enjoy the show in the best conditions, dress warmly.

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Northern Lights in Alsace

Alsace is also one of the privileged territories for the observation of the Northern Lights. And the border with the Vosges valleys would seem to be the most suitable place to observe this exceptional phenomenon. In 2015, in the Bas-Rhin region, a photographer immortalized the sky covered with an unusual red colour. This phenomenon was due to the solar eruptions that took place that year.



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Despite their distance from the Arctic Circle in the northern hemisphere, certain sites such as the Tarn in the south of France offer this unique spectacle. Simply the lights will be sharp and above all less visible to the naked eye. We therefore advise you to use a camera with a sensitive sensor to take advantage of the contrast of the lights.



Aurora borealis in Vendée

In the Vendée, you might as well know that opportunities are rare! Indeed, during periods of intense solar activity, the solar wind can extend as far as the Vendée. But as it will probably be solar wind dust, a northern lights visible to the naked eye is extremely rare. This is why in the Vendée, the quality of the weather conditions is essential to have a good view of the aurora borealis. In this case, the use of a capture device and a camera equipped with sophisticated sensors will help you to clearly distinguish the coloured lights illuminating the sky.



In summary, to observe the aurora borealis in France the favourable conditions are :

- Wait for days of intense solar activity, there is a good chance that the solar wind will blow into this area.
- Wait until the geomagnetic activity is high.
- Wait for night to set in and scan the sky.
- Stand high up and favour places far away from the light pollution of big cities.

- And above all, put all the odds in your favour, by watching the Northern Lights forecast map [here...](#)

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