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WHAT'S IN THE NIGHT SKY THIS MONTH?

Step outside and look up in Stonehenge Aotearoa

Step outside and look up — the night sky is alive with wonder. Each month brings its own celestial rhythms, and from Stonehenge Aotearoa, we're perfectly placed to witness them in a truly special way.

ETA AQUARIID METEOR SHOWER (PEAKS MAY 5-6)

Originating from Halley's Comet, the Eta Aquariids are active from April 15 to May 27, peaking on May 5–6. Best viewed in the pre-dawn hours, observers in the Southern Hemisphere can expect up to 50 meteors per hour under ideal conditions.

Viewing Tips:

- Time: Between 3:00 AM and 5:00 AM NZST.
- Direction: Look towards the east, near the constellation Aquarius.
- Conditions: Find a dark, open area away from city lights.
- Equipment: No telescope needed; just your eyes and patience.

EXPERIENCE AT STONEHENGE AOTEAROA

Stonehenge Aotearoa offers a unique setting to observe these celestial events, with structures aligned to significant astronomical occurrences. Join our guided tours and stargazing sessions to deepen your understanding of the night sky and its cultural significance.



CONSTELLATIONS TO WATCH

May nights are ideal for spotting several bright constellations:

- Virgo: High in the sky, featuring the bright star Spica.
- Leo: Setting in the west, with the prominent star Regulus.
- Crux (Southern Cross): Visible in the southern sky, a key navigation marker.
- Scorpius: Rising in the east, heralding the approach of winter skies.



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