



Planning to see the total solar eclipse?

**The total solar eclipse will take place on Wednesday, 12 August.
The sun will be completely covered by the moon between 17:43 and 17:50,
depending on your location in Iceland.**

**Many people are expected to travel to see the solar eclipse.
Roads and local services will be very busy.**



Arrive early and stay longer

Travel early and avoid leaving straight after the eclipse. This will help reduce traffic and make the roads safer for everyone.



Protect your eyes

Never look directly at the sun during a partial eclipse without certified solar eclipse glasses or an approved solar filter. During totality, remove your eclipse glasses only when the sun is completely covered by the moon.



Be patient

Delays, road closures or restrictions are to be expected. Follow instructions from the police, emergency services and other authorities. Check official sources for the latest information.



Be well prepared

Bring enough food and drinking water for the whole day. Food and drinks may be difficult to buy in the area. Bring any medication you need and warm, water-proof clothing. Plan your route before you leave, allow extra time for your journey and make sure your vehicle has enough fuel or battery charge.



Keep your eyes on the road

Expect more traffic than usual and take extra care when driving. Keep your attention on the road and do not use your phone while driving. Avoid stopping on or beside the road to watch the eclipse.



Accommodation and services are very busy

Most accommodation in and around the eclipse area is already fully booked. Restaurants, shops and other services will also be very busy. If traveling outside the capital area, do not expect to find available accommodation or other services when you arrive at your destination.

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