

Eclipse 2027 Planning Kit

Spain edition - practical checklist for 2 August 2027

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PLAN EARLY. STAY MOBILE. PROTECT YOUR EYES.

Eye-safety essentials

During the partial phases, use eclipse glasses or handheld solar viewers that conform to ISO 12312-2 and come from a trustworthy supplier. Ordinary sunglasses are not safe. Cameras, binoculars and telescopes need a proper solar filter secured over the front of the optics. Only during complete totality can direct viewing be safe without the viewer; put protection back on as soon as bright sunlight returns.

6-12 months before

- Choose 2-3 possible bases, not just one.
- Prioritise accommodation with flexible cancellation.
- Decide whether maximum totality, transport simplicity or the overall travel experience matters most.
- Save at least one backup area that remains inside the path of totality.

2-6 months before

- Re-check accommodation and transport capacity.
- Buy eclipse viewers that conform to ISO 12312-2 from a trustworthy, vetted supplier.
- Scout likely viewing areas using maps and satellite imagery.
- Check the eastern sky for buildings, hills and trees that could obstruct the Sun.
- Download offline maps for your chosen region.

7 days before

- Start comparing several weather forecasts.
- Focus on low cloud, fog, marine layers and wind, not only rain.
- Keep the final viewing-site decision flexible.

72-48 hours before

- Choose a primary site and a realistic Plan B.
- Compare cloud forecasts along the path, not just at your hotel.
- Check official traffic restrictions, parking plans and public viewing areas.
- Charge power banks, cameras and phones.
- Save offline copies of eclipse timings and maps.

24 hours before

- Re-check forecast trends.
- Confirm transport arrangements.
- Prepare food, water, shade and sun protection.
- Put your safe eclipse viewers with your essential gear.

Eclipse morning

- Arrive substantially earlier than for a normal day trip.
- Use proper solar viewing protection whenever any bright part of the Sun is visible.
- Direct naked-eye viewing is only for the brief total phase; use protection again as soon as bright sunlight returns.
- Avoid unsafe roadside parking or rushed last-minute moves.

Five questions for choosing a Spain base

- 1 Do I want the longest totality or the easiest logistics?
- 2 Can I walk to the viewing site from my accommodation?
- 3 Do I have a weather backup that remains inside totality?
- 4 Am I depending on one vulnerable road, ferry or access route?
- 5 Can I change plans if the medium-range forecast is poor?

Use the Eclipse Explorer, totality ranking and city guides on eclipse2027spain.com. Final access, traffic and event arrangements should always be checked with local authorities.