



10 magical spots for stargazing around the world

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Can you think of anything more magical than staring at a velvety black sky dotted with a constellation of stars? Don't limit your time outdoors this summer to simply when the sun is out. Step outdoors at these luxe hotels while fireflies and owls also bask in the beauty of dark skies. We have curated a list of the top 10 resorts to stargaze around the world in style.

Stargazing Concierge



Credit: Sandals Dunn's River

Sandals Dunn River, Ochos Rios, Jamaica

A first of its kind, the Coyaba Sky Villa Swim-up Rondoval Suites reinvent the state of luxury with a vast open-air rooftop hideaway featuring a state-of-the-art telescope for stargazing, a private soaking tub, a sun-lounging area and borderless views of the surrounding flora, plus direct access to a river pool. For guests staying in the Coyaba Sky Villa Swim-Up Rondoval Suites, the resort's all-new Stargazing Concierge is a personalized butler experience designed to fulfill celestial dreams. While guests gaze from their rooftop telescopes, the Stargazing Concierge prepares everything from decadent desserts to bottomless champagne all under a canopy of stars.

Canopy Tree House



Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica, Peruvian Amazon

Set in the Peruvian Amazon, Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica is an eco-luxury lodge in front of the Madre de Dios River in the lush Tambopata region in Peru made up of 35 cabins deep in the heart of the Amazon Jungle. Nestled among the treetops and only accessible via the Canopy Walkway is the Inkaterra Canopy Tree House, a remote cabin built on a private platform adjoining the famous Inkaterra Canopy Walkway at 100 feet above the lush floor below. With 24-hour notice, the hotel will transform the Canopy Tree House into a luxury cabana with a full working bathroom and will also prepare a meal to be enjoyed at a beautifully set table on a separate suspended platform nearby. Just in case guests get spooked, there's a cabana already set up for them on the ground and a guide, butler, and driver onsite at their service for the night.

Starstruck Astronomy Dinner



Credit: Soneva Jani

Soneva Jani, Maldives

The environmentally-conscious Soneva Jani is located within a private 3.5-mile lagoon with uninterrupted 360° views of the Indian Ocean. Only reachable by boat, helicopter, and seaplane, the brand's newest luxury resort is comprised of 24 water villas and two island villas, with additional island villas planned at a later stage. Every water villa at Soneva Jani has a private pool and opens to its stretch of lagoon, with some villas featuring slides going directly from the top deck into the lagoon below. The most unique feature of these water villas, though, are the retractable roofs in each master bedroom which allow guests to stargaze directly from bed. The roofs close at the touch of a button or the first drop of rain. Soneva Jani also features the first overwater observatory in the Maldives with state-of-the-art equipment and boasts the largest telescope in the Indian Ocean. The sophisticated telescope rises through the floor of the

observatory deck and is surrounded by four dining tables, which are equipped with screens linked to the view from the telescope, allowing guests to dine with the stars. Visitors can also listen to the in-house astronomy talk or learn more in a private astronomy session.

Glamping and Gazing

Credit: Hoshino Resorts

HOSHINOYA, Fuji, Japan

HOSHINOYA, Fuji is a glamping resort located a stone's throw away from Mt. Fuji on a red pine slop overlooking the picturesque Lake Kawaguchi. Located 100 meters up the slope of a mountain, the resort is comprised of minimalist cabins that jut out from the slope, like telescopes aimed at serene Lake Kawaguchi which lies directly ahead, and Mt. Fuji just beyond.

Minimalist cabins jut out from the slope, like telescopes aimed at the beautiful lake that lies directly ahead–and majestic Mt. Fuji just beyond. Living room-style balconies make up a third of each cabin, blurring the line between exterior and interior. With unprecedented views of the lake, Mt. Fuji, and the sprawling skies above, HOSHINOYA is a stargazer's dream.

Cheers to the Constellations

Credit: Caerula Mar Club

Caerula Mar Club, Bahamas

Nestled on the shores of South Andros – one of The Bahamas' largest, but least inhabited islands – you'll find the postcard-perfect oasis of Caerula Mar Club. This boutique luxury resort sits on 10 acres of beautiful turquoise beach that is just steps from the resort's six private villas and 18 suites. During the day, guests can relax by the pool or under the shade of palm trees, take a walk on the white sands, spend a few hours at the rejuvenating oceanfront spa, and enjoy the Bahamian breeze all from the comfort of this hideaway nestled between the mangroves. Due to the resort's secluded location, guests are in for a treat once the sun sets with unparalleled views of the night sky and some of the best stargazing. Visitors can choose to lounge fireside with a drink in hand to take in the stars or request a private meal under the stars on the patio of their villa.

Midnight Stroll

Credit: Argos Cappadocia

Argos In Cappadocia, Turkey

Located in Central Turkey, Cappadocia is a historical destination famous for its otherworldly landscape all carved into soft volcanic rock, however, the true magic of this destination is unveiled as soon as the sun sets. The region is home to several 'Dark-Sky Preserves', which are areas that are protected to preserve the night sky by restricting light pollution – making Cappadocia the ultimate destination for stargazing. Carved into the cliffs, Argos in Cappadocia is a boutique hotel that immerses its guests in the nature that surrounds the charming town of Uçhisar. At Argos, guests are promised front-row seats to a unique celestial experience as each of the 51 rooms offers a private terrace, balcony, or courtyards with views of the stars illuminating Mount Erciyes, Pigeon Valley, and the surrounding fairy chimneys. Travelers searching for an adventure that will showcase the beauty of the area through a different lens can take part in the hotel's guided strolls under the mystical full moon, known for its meditative and spiritual healing energy.

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Stargazing Sanctuary
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Credit: Jade Mountain Resort

Perched on a cliff overlooking the lush landscape of St. Lucia and the iconic Pitons, Jade Mountain Resort offers an extraordinary experience for celestial enthusiasts. Each sanctuary at Jade Mountain boasts an innovative design, featuring an entire wall open to the night sky, allowing guests to marvel at the celestial wonders from the comfort of their rooms. Guests will find themselves immersed in a cosmic symphony in the resort's selection of Star, Sun, and Galaxy sanctuaries. Indulge in the ultimate stargazing experience as you map out constellations, shooting stars, and celestial phenomena from your private sanctuary. Whether you're a seasoned astronomer or a curious novice seeking to get lost amongst the stars, Jade Mountain promises an unforgettable journey through the cosmos.

Mindful Stargazing

Hotel Rangá, Iceland

Add extra sparkle to your journey in Iceland with the ultimate star bath. An emerging wellness trend, star bathing promotes wellness in a number of ways stress relief, better sleep and overall mental clarity. To truly connect to the sky, Hotel Ranga, a boutique property nestled under the unobstructed night of Iceland's South Coast, not only offers one of the country's most advanced onsite stargazing observatories but also employs an astronomy expert to guide guests through the worlds above on clear nights. He is also available to give guests a special lesson on the ancient constellations and the stories that inspired them, as well as the formation of far-off stars and planets before an evening outdoors. The hotel offers cozy snowsuits to keep guests warm while meditating under the Milky Way, geo-thermal hot tubs and wooden recliners for relaxing, nightly hot cocoa, and of course, Northern Lights wake-up calls, which the iconic property is known for. Starting October 2024 through March 2025, guests can book the "Ultimate Starbath" package, which includes a four-night stay, a private stargazing session alongside the hotel's astronomer with a bottle of bubbly, a special 'Starry Night' cocktail, and a personalized star map of the constellations seen during your stay.

Private Patios and Night Walks

Credit: Boulders

Boulders Resort & Spa, Arizona

The Boulders Resort & Spa is located at a slightly higher elevation than the valley below, in the "dark sky community" of Carefree, Arizona—just north of Scottsdale. Some of the resort's environmentally friendly practices include prohibiting "light pollution" by keeping external lighting at a minimum so guests can view the full brilliance of the stars lighting up the desert night sky.

The Boulders private patios provide a personal oasis for private stargazing using the resort's IPAD complete with the Star Constellation App. Guests can also enjoy night walks. Each guest receives a special flashlight in their Casitas to help guide them through the dimly lit pathways at night.

Written in the Stars Special

Credit: W Fort Lauderdale

W Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Where glittering waves and twinkling skies blend beyond the horizon of the Atlantic, W Fort Lauderdale invites you to its sultry shores to embrace the beauty found within the stillness. Find respite from the everyday hustle and bustle with oceanfront balconies that allow for prime viewing of Florida's breathtaking sunsets, setting the stage for the night's main act while blocking light pollution from the east. Whether balcony-side or rooftop-side, the property offers plenty of spots to bask in the emerging night's glow as the sky comes to life. And if you're looking to bring along your star-chasing gang, the hotel offers the "It Was

Written in the Stars" Package, offering a mystic few days of celestial-inspired excitement. Including everything from Zodiac-inspired cocktails and manicures complete with a henna artist and psychic to complete the moment. From check-in to check-out, W Fort Lauderdale offers guests a uniquely tailored stargazing experience that will leave you starry-eyed.

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