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ASTROTRAVEL 2026 – YOUR SUSTAINABLE VACATION UNDER THE STARS



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By 2026, travel will be more than ever an expression of one's identity. According to [Booking.com](https://www.booking.com/articles/2026-travel-predictions.html?label=gen173rf-10EghhcnRpY2xlcyjCAkIXMjAyNi10cmF2ZWwtchJIZGJdGlvbnNIB1gDaDulAQGYATO4AQflAQ3YAOQPoAQH4AQGIAeGiAhVncmVlbi10cmF2ZWwtYmxvZy5jb22oAeG4Ap3Em8kGwAlB0gIkZWQ:us&page=1&selected_currency=CNY&soz=1&unpub_ta_id=0&unpub_tat_id=0&lang_click=other&cdl=de&lang_changed=1) (https://www.booking.com/articles/2026-travel-predictions.html?label=gen173rf-10EghhcnRpY2xlcyjCAkIXMjAyNi10cmF2ZWwtchJIZGJdGlvbnNIB1gDaDulAQGYATO4AQflAQ3YAOQPoAQH4AQGIAeGiAhVncmVlbi10cmF2ZWwtYmxvZy5jb22oAeG4Ap3Em8kGwAlB0gIkZWQ:us&page=1&selected_currency=CNY&soz=1&unpub_ta_id=0&unpub_tat_id=0&lang_click=other&cdl=de&lang_changed=1), people are increasingly moving away from standard itineraries and seeking unique experiences and authentic connections with locals. It's no longer just about "where" but "how." Quality matters more than quantity. People want trips that inspire and move them, and make them feel part of something bigger..

And for that, there are moments that only the night can offer: when the sun goes down, the air cools, and the sky fills with twinkling stars, a special magic unfolds that makes you forget everyday life. This is where **Astro Travel** begins—sustainable journeys where you consciously experience the night sky, darkness, and nature. Maybe you want to plan your trip around astrological events, recharge in an "energetic place," or gaze at the stars with others under the open sky. Far from bright cities, the sky reveals its clearest self. Even a simple glance upward can become an unforgettable moment—quiet, intense, and boundless.

TIPS FOR UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS UNDER THE STARS

- **Seek out darkness:** The farther away you are from artificial light, the clearer the starry sky will be.
- **Be patient:** Give your eyes 15–20 minutes to adjust to the darkness, and then you'll be amazed.
- **Use what you have:** Binoculars or a telescope can help, but often, just looking up with your own eyes is enough.
- **Pay attention to the season:** Constellations, planets, and meteor showers change depending on the weather and season, so each night tells its own story.

We asked around for you, where the best places are to stargaze and where there are special offers for **Astro Travel 2026**, so you can experience unique moments in another sphere:

CAMBODIA – NIGHTS ON THE TATAI RIVER



At night, you glide past the floating tents on the Tatai River—a magical experience. ©Canvas & Orchids Retreat

Imagine sitting on the banks of the tranquil Tatai River, surrounded by lush, tropical nature. The air is warm, the water glistens in the moonlight, and a clear, starry sky stretches out above you. At **Canvas & Orchids Retreat** (<https://canvasandorchids.com/>), you can enjoy this moment alone. From your private terrace, gaze at the starry sky while listening to the distant sounds of the jungle. When the fireflies light up the riverbanks, the night seems magical, like a tropical fairy tale. The "Firefly Tour" is particularly popular. A longtail boat silently glides across the river until, at nightfall, thousands of tiny lights dance between the branches. This boat trip offers a quiet, almost meditative experience and showcases a true natural wonder that can only be captured in the heart. Because Cambodia is close to the equator, there are about twelve hours of daylight and twelve hours of night.

BLACK FOREST — WHERE CULTURE MEETS THE NIGHT



Walking night watchman in Bad Herrenalb ©SCHWARZWALD PANORAMA

In the Black Forest, you can experience the night in a unique way. Dark forests and clear starry skies make evening activities unforgettable. The perfect place to start is the **SCHWARZWALD PANORAMA** (<https://www.schwarzwald-panorama.com/en/>), located just steps away from the most beautiful hiking and observation trails. From your hotel balcony you can enjoy the tranquil evening and take in the views of the region before setting out on your nighttime adventures.

NIGHT WATCHMAN HIKE IN BAD HERRENALB

Join a night watchman for a tour of Bad Herrenalb's historic old town, for example. Dressed in traditional garb, the night watchman will take you on a stroll through winding alleys and regale you with exciting anecdotes and lively stories from mystical times long past.

FULL MOON HIKE ON THE TREETOP WALKWAY IN BAD WILDBAD

As you walk along the treetop path under the light of a full moon, you are enveloped in the mysterious atmosphere of the Black Forest at night. While silvery moonlight falls on the high walkways and platforms, experienced guides lead you safely along the way. The forest around you comes to life: you hear the soft rustling of leaves, the distant calls of nocturnal animals, and the deep silence between the treetops. Breathtaking views of the dark forests and expansive Black Forest landscape bathed in an almost magical light by the moon open up again and again.

A special tip for your night under the stars are the full moon nights in 2026, such as January 24, February 23, March 25, April 23, and May 23.

PERU – TWILIGHT WALK IN THE SACRED VALLEY



Inkaterra Hacienda Urumbamba before dark. ©Inkaterra

At the **Inkaterra Hacienda Urumbamba** (<https://www.inkaterra.com/>) hotel, your Twilight Walk through the Sacred Valley begins with the sunset, when the light softens and the colors in the sky appear more intense. It's the perfect starting point for this evening hike. As the sky slowly darkens and the first stars appear, you will learn how the Incas used astronomy. Observing celestial bodies was a science and a spiritual practice that influenced decisions, agricultural cycles, and ceremonies. As the sun disappears behind the mountains, the night sky opens up above you. On clear nights, you can see the Milky Way in all its glory, and with a little luck, you may even spot the planet Mars. Surrounded by silence and starlight, you will feel a deep connection to the Andean cosmos.

SEEFELD IN TIROL – TORCHLIGHT HIKES AND SUNRISE EXPERIENCES

Picture the snow-capped mountains of Seefeld slowly enveloped in silence at dusk. Wrapped in warm jackets and accompanied by the crackling of torches and the glitter of snow beneath your feet, you embark on a winter torchlight hike—pure romance amidst snow-covered nature. With every step along the quiet paths, you feel the magic of the night intensify. The **Hotel Klosterbräu** (<https://www.klosterbraeu.com/en>) is the ideal starting point, offering exactly the peace and comfort you need with its central location in Seefeld, luxurious wellness area, and historic atmosphere.

The early morning hours have their own magic, too. On a sunrise hike, you start in the dark and gradually make your way towards the first light. Once you reach the summit, you are treated to an unforgettable display of colors as the sun slowly rises above the mountain peaks and bathes the entire region in golden light.

SANDROMANCE SKY AT TIMMENDORF BEACH



A fire pit in front of the hotel, a sleeping basket on the hotel roof—here you can experience a romantic microadventure on the Baltic Sea. ©SANDnature

If you want to sleep under a sparkling, starry sky, the [SANDromance Sky](https://www.hotelsand.de/content/95/191/specials-buchen) experience at the [SANDnature](https://sandnature.de/en/) Hotel is perfect for you. Here, nighttime takes on a whole new meaning: You can sleep in a beach chair on the hotel's rooftop terrace under the open sky. The adults-only, sustainable SANDnature hotel is located in Timmersdorfer Strand, just a few meters from the beach of the Baltic Sea (it is located in the second row behind the beach). With the fresh sea air, northern German charm, and Scandinavian flair, you can vacation in natural style and enjoy a wonderful stay with your loved one, complete with a special astro experience.

CROATIA – STARGAZING ON THE ISLAND OF IŽ

As soon as the sun sets over the Croatian island of Iž, a unique natural phenomenon begins. Thanks to minimal light pollution, the starry sky is visible in all its crystal-clear, overwhelming glory to the naked eye. Enjoy the quiet moments lying on the warm rocks, gazing up at the sky, feeling peace and serenity wash over you. In early August, during the Perseid meteor shower — also known as the 'Tears of St Lawrence' — you can watch shooting stars streak across the sky while the gentle sounds of the waves lap the shore around you. Every month on a full moon evening, the [Hotel Korinjak](https://korinjak.com/en/home-en/) invites you to experience gong baths on the beach. Surrounded by moonlight and the sound of the sea, you can immerse yourself in an experience of sound, vibration and silence.

WINTER NIGHTS UNDER THE STARS IN THE ALLGÄU REGION



View of Neuschwanstein Castle and the mountains— even more romantic when the stars come out. ©Hotel Das Rübezahl

EWrapped up in warm jackets, you can enjoy the silence of the Allgäu mountains on winter torchlight hikes. As part of the “Kuschelzeit Romantik” (romantic cuddle time) package, the **Hotel Das Rübezahl – Romantic Hideaway & Boutique Spa** (<https://www.hotelruebezahl.de/en/>) offers guided tours for guests. For a truly special experience, book a night at the **Edelsberghütte** (<https://www.hotelruebezahl.de/en/rooms-offers/chalet-holiday-edelsberghuette/>): Here, you will be surrounded by snow and mountains, with an unobstructed view of the starry sky — a unique chalet experience combining peace and intimacy. Alternatively, you can enjoy an uninterrupted view of the stars from the wellness garden or your room’s balcony, while the mountain panorama unfolds in the moonlight.

TYROL – STARRY PICNIC IN THE PFUNDSEER TSCHEY

At the **Summit Lodges Pfunds** (<https://www.greenpearls.com/vacation-rentals/summit-lodges-pfunds-en/>), you can enjoy the winter landscape up close and personal in two sustainable log cabins with fireplaces and private saunas for up to six people. From January to March, host Marco Spiss recommends the **star picnic in the Pfundser Tschey**: after a short hike, you can experience the untouched high valley far away from any light sources, observe constellations, meteor showers, and shooting stars under expert guidance, and round off the evening with punch, mulled wine, and a small snack (duration approx. 2–3 hours, €25 per person, [register here \(https://www.tiroler-oberland.com/en/News/Events/Moonlight-picnic_ev-11491\)](https://www.tiroler-oberland.com/en/News/Events/Moonlight-picnic_ev-11491)).

UNDER THE STARRY SKY: OBSERVATORIES



The constellation Orion (the three bright stars in the middle are Orion's Belt) can be seen in Europe in winter. In observatories, you can discover even more. BILD: Pixabay

Far from city lights and silence, observatories offer a wonderful opportunity to experience the night sky in all its glory with clear views of stars, planets, and the Milky Way. When gazing at such a sky and surrounded by the vastness and beauty of the universe, one cannot help but feel small yet connected to something greater.

The Bruchmühlen Observatory is a special place where you can find historical telescopes, a planetarium, and state-of-the-art observation instruments. It's ideal for anyone who wants to experience the stars. For more information, visit [planetarium-bruchhausen-vilsen.de](https://www.planetarium-bruchhausen-vilsen.de/Sternwarte/) (<https://www.planetarium-bruchhausen-vilsen.de/Sternwarte/>). And if you want to extend your stay in style, consider visiting the nearby [Hotel Oekelmann](https://okelmanns.de/english.php) (<https://okelmanns.de/english.php>). After a night under the stars, you can relax in a comfortable atmosphere, gaze at the sky from the balcony, and end the day in peace.

Other observatories can be found here:

- Robert Mayer Observatory, Heilbronn (<https://www.sternwarte.org/veranstaltungen/>): Offers regular public tours and special programs.
- Walter Hohmann Observatory, Essen (<https://www.sternwarte-essen.de/de/programm/vortraege-kurse-fuehrungen/der-sternenhimmel-ueber-der-metropole-ruhr-astronomische-ereignisse-von-september-2025-bis-maerz-2026/>): Organizes lectures on topics such as "The starry sky above the Ruhr metropolis" with a view to astronomical events until March 2026.
- Sankt Andreasberg Observatory in the Harz (<https://sternfreunde.de/event/sankt-andreasberger-teleskoptreffen-statt-2026/>): The Telescope Meeting (STATT) will take place here from September 9 to 13, 2026.
- Ubbedissen Public Observatory (<https://www.volkssternwarte-ubbedissen.de/programm.htm?>): Holds monthly observation evenings (e.g., every second Friday).
- Zollern-Alb Observatory (<https://www.sternwarte-zollern-alb.de/oeffentliche-veranstaltungen.html>): Offers regular observation evenings, weather permitting, with registration required.
- Astronomy Day 2026 (<https://astronomietag.de/veranstaltungen-suchen/>) will take place on March 28, 2026. Many observatories across the country will host events in celebration of the day.

FULL MOON CONCERTS IN THE BERCHTESGADENER LAND REGION

A special musical experience awaits you in 2026 at the Wellnesshotel [Klosterhof – Alpine Hideaway & Spa](https://www.greenpearls.com/hotels/klosterhof-alpine-hideaway-spa/) (<https://www.greenpearls.com/hotels/klosterhof-alpine-hideaway-spa/>), in Bayerisch Gmain: the [Full Moon Concerts](https://www.klosterhof.de/en/events) (<https://www.klosterhof.de/en/events>). When the moon is high above the mountains, the Klosterhof transforms into a stage for extraordinary musicians from around the globe. You can enjoy their performances in a unique natural setting. Another highlight is the "New Moon. New Faces" series, which showcases promising young talents during the new moon.



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