

# Partial lunar eclipse visible in western skies

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The Earth casts a shadow over the moon during a partial lunar eclipse that is observed Saturday, June 26, 2010, in Yogyakarta, Central Java, Indonesia.(AP Photo/Slamet Riyadi)

(AP) -- Skygazers got a treat Saturday when a portion of the moon crossed into the Earth's shadow during a partial lunar eclipse visible in the western United States and Canada, the Pacific and eastern Asia.

NASA says that the eclipse occurred in the pre-dawn hours on the West Coast. It began at 3:17 a.m. PDT and ended about three hours later.

During a lunar eclipse, the Earth blocks out some of the sun's rays that would normally reach the [moon](#). Slightly more than half of the moon's surface was shaded at the eclipse's peak, according to NASA's web site.

Saturday's partial eclipse was a preview to the total lunar eclipse in

December that will be visible throughout North America.

**More information:** NASA eclipse page: <http://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov>

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