

Last full lunar eclipse for 3 years this weekend

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In this Thursday June 16, 2011 file photo, the moon exhibits a deep orange glow as the Earth casts its shadow in a total lunar eclipse as seen in Manila, Philippines, before dawn. The last total lunar eclipse of the year is Saturday, Dec. 10, 2011. And there won't be another one for three years. Viewers in the western half of the United States will have the best views Saturday well before dawn, Pacific and Mountain Standard Time. The farther west the better. (AP Photo/Bullit Marquez)

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The scene from the Pacific - Australia and parts of Asia - will be prime. The action will be unfolding there Saturday night, local time.

This is the second [total lunar eclipse](#) this year, when the entire [moon](#) is in Earth's darkest shadow and will appear red. The first was in June. That's it now until 2014. Until then, stargazers will have to settle for partial eclipses.

More information: NASA: <http://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/lunar.html>

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