

Glowing galaxies in telescopic timelapse

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A screenshot from “StarryNights”, a video showing several observatories at work. Credit: Jan Hattenbach / Vimeo

We often speak of the discoveries and data flowing from astronomical observatories, which makes it easy to forget the cool factor. Think of it—huge telescopes are probing the universe under crystal-clear skies, because astronomers need the dark skies to get their work done.

That's what makes this astronomical video by Jan Hattenbach such a treat. He's spent the past three years catching stunning video shots at observatories all over the world, showing timelapses of the Milky Way galaxy and other [celestial objects](#) passing overhead.

"The time-lapses were a [byproduct](#) of our visual observing – because obviously, these sites are also the best in the world for visual observing and astrophotography. If you ever have the chance to spend a night at one of these observatories, consider yourself very lucky!" wrote Hattenbach on Vimeo.

And often you don't even need a telescope to appreciate the beauty of the cosmos. Earlier this summer, we posted another video showing the stunning sky above Desert National Park.

Source: [Universe Today](#)

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