

PHOTO GALLERY: Supermoon puts on a show around the world

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The supermoon appears near the Statue of Liberty, Monday, Nov. 14, 2016, in New York. Monday's supermoon, a phenomenon that happens when the moon makes a close pass at the earth, is the closest to earth since 1948. (AP Photo/Julio Cortez)

The moon is putting on a show for sky gazers worldwide.

The phenomenon known as the supermoon occurs because the moon

follows an [elliptical orbit](#) around the Earth. This week, the moon is coming closer to the Earth than at any time since January 1948.

The supermoon appears about 14 percent larger in diameter and about 30 percent brighter than when it's at its farthest distance from the Earth. The moon reached its peak luminescence in North America before dawn Monday. Its zenith in Asia and the South Pacific was Monday night. Across the international dateline in New Zealand, it was to reach its brightest after midnight Tuesday local time.

Here's a look at the supermoon from around the world.



A supermoon sets behind Ocean Beach Pier Monday morning, Nov. 14, 2016, in San Diego. (Peggy Peattie/The San Diego Union-Tribune via AP)



The supermoon sets behind the CN tower in Toronto on Monday, Nov. 14, 2016. The brightest moon in almost 69 years lights up the sky this week in a treat for star watchers around the globe. The phenomenon is known as the supermoon. (Frank Gunn/The Canadian Press via AP)



The moon rises over Victoria Harbour in Hong Kong, Monday, Nov. 14, 2016. The brightest moon in almost 69 years lights up the sky this week in a treat for star watchers around the globe. The phenomenon is known as the supermoon. The tall building is the International Commerce Centre. (AP Photo/Kin Cheung)



The moon rises behind the castle of Almodovar in Cordoba, southern Spain, on Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016. The Supermoon on Nov. 14, 2016, will be the closest a full moon has been to Earth since January 26, 1948. (AP Photo/Miguel Morenatti)



The supermoon rises over Russia's Soyuz-FG booster rocket with the Soyuz MS-03 space ship that will carry new crew to the International Space Station (ISS) installed at the launch pad at the Russian leased Baikonur cosmodrome, Kazakhstan, Monday, Nov. 14, 2016. The start of the new Soyuz mission to the International Space Station (ISS) is scheduled for early Friday, Nov. 18 local time. The Russian rocket will carry French astronaut Thomas Pesquet, Russian cosmonaut Oleg Novitsky and U.S. astronaut Peggy Annette Whitson. (AP Photo/Dmitri Lovetsky)



The moon rises behind the Propylaea at the Acropolis hill in Athens, Monday, Nov. 14, 2016. The brightest moon in almost 69 years will be lighting up the sky this week in a treat for star watchers around the globe. (AP Photo/Yorgos Karahalis)



A full moon rises over the Rome's skyline, Monday, Nov. 14, 2016. Monday's supermoon, a phenomenon that happens when the moon is visible in full as it makes a close pass at the earth, is the closest to earth since 1948. (Alessandro Di Meo/ANSA via AP)



The supermoon rises over Longport, N.J., Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016. (Vern Ogradnek/The Press of Atlantic City via AP)



The Supermoon rises near Tahrir Square in Cairo, Egypt, Monday, Nov. 14, 2016. The brightest moon in almost 69 years lit up the sky, during its closest approach to earth as the "Supermoon" reached its most luminescent phase. The moon won't be this close again until Nov. 25, 2035. (AP Photo/Nariman El-Mofty)



The supermoon rises over the city skyline in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Monday, Nov. 14, 2016. (AP Photo/Kamran Jebreili)



The moon rises over Tehran in Iran, Monday, Nov. 14, 2016. The brightest moon in almost 69 years lit up the sky, during its closest approach to earth as the "Supermoon" reached its most luminescent phase. The moon won't be this close again until Nov. 25, 2035. (AP Photo/Ebrahim Noroozi)



The moon rises over a local mosque in the suburbs of Islamabad, Pakistan, Monday, Nov. 14, 2016. The brightest moon in almost 69 years lit up the sky, during its closest approach to earth as the "Supermoon" reached its most luminescent phase. The moon won't be this close again until Nov. 25, 2035. (AP Photo/B.K. Bangash)



The moon rises from behind the top of an apartment building in Minsk , Belarus, Monday, Nov. 14, 2016. The brightest moon in almost 69 years will be lighting up the sky this week in a treat for star watchers around the globe. (AP Photo/Sergei Grits)



The supermoon backdrops Russia's Soyuz-FG booster rocket with the Soyuz MS-03 space ship that will carry new crew to the International Space Station (ISS) installed at the launch pad at the Russian leased Baikonur cosmodrome, Kazakhstan, Monday, Nov. 14, 2016. (AP Photo/Dmitri Lovetsky)



The moon rises over the Grand Palace in Bangkok, Thailand Monday, Nov. 14, 2016. The brightest moon in almost 69 years lights up the sky in a treat for star watchers around the globe. (AP Photo/Sakchai Lalit)



A statue of an angel playing a horn, at Saint Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, is silhouetted by the moon Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016, in downtown Scranton, Pa. (Butch Comegys/The Times & Tribune via AP)



The moon rises over Victoria Harbour in Hong Kong, Monday, Nov. 14, 2016. The brightest moon in almost 69 years lights up the sky on Monday in a treat for star watchers around the globe. The phenomenon is known as the supermoon. (AP Photo/Vincent Yu)



The supermoon rises through the clouds over a statue of Soviet Union founder Vladimir Lenin at the Russian leased Baikonur cosmodrome, Kazakhstan, Monday, Nov. 14, 2016. (AP Photo/Dmitri Lovetsky)



The moon rises over an office building in Beijing, Monday, Nov. 14, 2016. The brightest moon in almost 69 years lights up the sky this week in a treat for star watchers around the globe. The phenomenon is known as the supermoon. (AP Photo/Andy Wong)



People watch the moonrise from the pier at Fort Taber Park in the south end of New Bedford, Mass., Sunday, Nov. 23, 2016. (Peter Pereira/Standard Times via AP)



The moon rises over an illuminated wooden boat making the way along the Tonle Sap river for a boat race in front of the Royal Palace in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Monday, Nov. 14, 2016, during the annual water festival. The three-day festival that dedicates to the kingdom's ancestral naval warriors coincides with the phenomenon known as the supermoon, the brightest moon in almost 69 years, on Monday. (AP Photo/Heng Sinith)



The moon rises behind Reunion Tower in downtown Dallas, Sunday evening, Nov. 13, 2016. On Monday the supermoon will be the closest full moon to earth since 1948, and it won't be as close again until 2034. (Tom Fox/The Dallas Morning News via AP)



The moon rises behind a neon sign in Sacramento, Calif., Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016. Monday morning's supermoon will be the closest a full moon has been to the Earth since Jan. 26, 1948. (AP Photo/Rich Pedroncelli)



The moon is slightly covered with clouds as it rises over the banking district in Frankfurt, Germany, Monday, Nov. 14, 2016. The brightest moon in almost 69 years is lighting up the sky in a treat for star watchers around the globe. (AP Photo/Michael Probst)



The moon rises over the Arch in St. Louis, as seen from the Compton Hill Water Tower on Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016. On Monday, Earthlings will be treated to a so-called supermoon - the closest full moon of the year. Monday's supermoon will be extra super - it will be the closest the moon comes to us in almost 69 years. And it won't happen again for another 18 years. (David Carson/St. Louis Post-Dispatch via AP)



People stroll along the Tagus riverside in Lisbon as the moon rises Sunday, Nov. 13 2016. The so-called Supermoon on Nov. 14, 2016, will be the closest a full moon will have been to Earth since 1948. (AP Photo/Armando Franca)



The moon rises over the Mediterranean sea as a couple stand by the "Ayious Saranta" church in Cape Greco at the eastern part of the island of Cyprus, Monday, Nov. 14, 2016. The brightest moon in almost 69 years is lighting up the sky in a treat for star watchers around the globe. (AP Photo/Petros Karadjias)

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