

Second total lunar eclipse of year coming up Wed.

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More information: NASA:

[www.nasa.gov/watchtheskies/lun ... cclipse-oct-2014.html](http://www.nasa.gov/watchtheskies/lun...clipse-oct-2014.html)

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In this Tuesday, April 15, 2014, file photo, the moon turns an orange hue during a total lunar eclipse in the sky above Phoenix. On Wednesday morning, Oct. 8, 2014, North Americans will have prime viewing of a full lunar eclipse, especially in the West. The total eclipse will last an hour, until sunrise on the East Coast. (AP Photo/Ross D. Franklin, File)

If you missed April's total eclipse of the moon, now's your chance. But you'll need to get up early.

Wednesday morning, if the skies are clear, North Americans will have prime viewing of a full lunar eclipse, especially in the West. The full moon will be obscured by Earth's shadow in the predawn hours. The [total eclipse](#) will last an hour—until sunrise on the East Coast.

It also will be visible across Australia and much of Asia. Only Europe, Africa and the eastern tip of Brazil won't get the show.

The moon will appear orange or red, the result of sunlight scattering off Earth's atmosphere. That's why it's called a blood moon.

There'll be two full [lunar eclipses](#) again next year.

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