

Set Your Sights on These Stellar Stargazing Destinations Across America

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After months of **quarantining**, self-isolating, and social distancing, chances are you've spent more time than you'd like to admit staring up at your ceiling. If you have the luxury of backyard access, maybe you've gotten outside to gaze up at the constellations. But between city smog and artificial light pollution, you're likely only seeing a portion of the full night sky's glory. There's something undeniably magical about connecting with the cosmos, and we think it's time to start dreaming about where your next stargazing adventure may (eventually) take you.

Thankfully, the U.S. is home to plenty of stellar star-studded destinations. From far-flung getaways free of crowds, to designated International Dark Sky Places, these stargazing hot spots can be found coast to coast.

The main rule of thumb is simple: the darker, the better. Whether peering through a state-of-the-art telescope or simply gazing up at the celestial wonders overhead, there's no wrong way to do it. Here are seven epic U.S. spots where you can see the stars like never before.



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Courtesy of The Point Resort

Saranac Lake, New York

Looking for a remote escape not too far from New York City? Then jump in the car and head upstate toward the charming village of **Saranac Lake**. Tucked away in the Adirondacks and approximately 300 miles (or a five-hour road trip) north of Manhattan, Saranac Lake is one of the best retreats in the northeast to view the heavenly bodies above. **The Point** serves as the ideal basecamp. Originally built as a Great Camp for William Avery Rockefeller II, the estate is now a rustic resort and became the first Relais and Châteaux hotel in North America. With just 11 distinct guest rooms, visitors are invited to explore the property's expansive 75 acres. A fan favorite is "the point of The Point," a secluded hideaway overlooking Saranac Lake, where telescopes, homemade s'mores, and craft cocktails await.