

Our Night Sky for May 25 th,2026

I have a suggestion for you if you're planning a vacation trip south of the equator. If your familiarity with our skies is the big dipper and the north star and you travel far enough south you won't even find the big dipper or the north star. I have never been, but I think the moon would bother you. Even if you only have a passing familiarity with the moon. IT would be so different seeing it upside down would keep drawing your attention.

It would be worth checking sky maps because nothing would be familiar. Some constellations we see only in summer will be high in the north and above you constellations you have never seen before like the southern cross. An item I would like to see is a small companion galaxy to the Milky Way. There are actually two, the Large Magellanic Cloud and the small Magellanic cloud, both should be visible a bright hazy patches.

I mentioned the core of the milky way galaxy is just above our southern horizon but in southern skies it prominent overhead. The density of stars and frequent dark obstructions make astronomy in the southern skies a constant series of beautiful objects. If you are going to visit any area in the southern hemisphere it would be a very good idea to look into local astronomy clubs. Try and locate a club with an observatory that offers evening viewing opportunities for the public.

Since it is only dark for a short while each night this time of year our open house is closed until the middle of August. Check our website for more information. Just search "Prince George astronomy"