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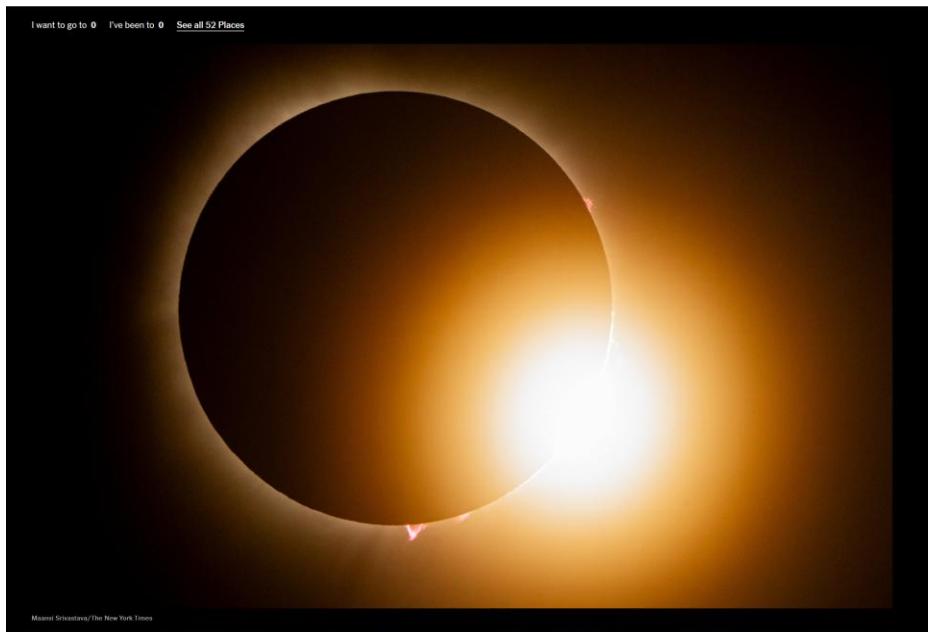


52 Places to Go in 2026

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Savor a total solar eclipse with D.J.s and dancing

On Aug. 12, eclipse chasers can get their fill of totality along a path that swoops through western Iceland and northern Spain. In Iceland, parts of the far-western [Westfjords](#), Snaefellsnes and Reykjanes peninsula will go dark for two minutes or more. To celebrate the occasion, the country will host the four-day [Iceland Eclipse](#) festival on Snaefellsnes, featuring D.J.s, dancing and even a few astronauts in attendance. Ticket holders can also book [limited-capacity excursions](#) to witness the eclipse at the photogenic [Svöðufoss waterfall](#), go to an acoustic concert inside a lava cave or party in tunnels beneath a glacier. Local tour companies are running [jeep tours](#), [bus trips](#) and [photography excursions](#), while luxury cruises like the Ritz-Carlton Yacht Collection's [Evríma](#) and the [Celebrity Silhouette](#) will put passengers in prime positions offshore, far from light pollution. The next total solar eclipse in Iceland won't happen until 2196, making this a once-in-a-lifetime event.

— Nora Walsh