

Conjunction of the Moon with Saturn and Jupiter

During evening twilight on the nights of **August 20 & 21**, the nearly full Moon will form a most striking conjunction with the gas-giant planets Saturn and Jupiter.

Both Saturn and Jupiter reach “opposition” this month – opposite the Earth from the Sun and closest to us for the year. This also means that both planets will be in our evening skies from dusk to dawn during August. This is a perfect time to observe these 2 spectacular planets up-close with a telescope. Even a modest telescope will reveal in its eyepiece Saturn’s ring system and Jupiter’s 4 large Galilean moons.

So go out on these warm summer evenings and enjoy the view. Don’t forget to also look west at dusk to catch brilliant Venus.

