

The Long Night Moon Glides Past Venus and Saturn

The waxing crescent Long Night Moon glides past the planets Venus and Saturn, in the constellation Capricornus, on the nights of **December 6-8**. This year the Long Night Moon is “full” on December 18th.

On these nights, Venus and Saturn are located some 36 million and 975 million miles, respectively, behind the Moon.

Cloud-covered Venus is the most reflective planet in the solar system which, along with its relative nearness, enhances its brightness as seen from Earth. No other planet outshines Venus!

Even in a small telescope, Saturn will dazzle the observer with its ring system, which extends about 175,000 miles across!

