

The Crescent Moon Joins Jupiter in the constellation Pisces at Dusk

On the night of **January 25th**, the waxing crescent Moon joins the gas giant planet Jupiter in constellation Pisces, the Fishes. If you have a clear view low to the W-SW horizon at dusk, brilliant Venus and much fainter Saturn will join the planetary lineup. Venus is now climbing higher each night in our sky, while Saturn is descending lower each night toward the horizon – soon to depart until late summer.

Jupiter is located some 502 million miles (45 light minutes) behind the Moon, and it's in excellent position for telescopic observation of its 4 large Galilean moons and the striking atmospheric bands on its cloud tops. If you are fortunate, Jupiter may also be rotated so that its famous “great red spot” is visible.



The view from Asheville, NC
on January 25th at 6:30 p.m.

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