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March 2025 Sky Events

The Moon Visits Jupiter in Taurus

In the early evening of **March 5th**, look high to the southwest along the ecliptic, in the direction of the zodiac constellation Taurus, to watch a conjunction of the waxing crescent Moon with the planet Jupiter. You will notice that the Pleiades star cluster and the orange giant star, Aldebaran, eye of the bull, have joined this gathering. Just 67 light years away, Aldebaran's orange tint is easily noticeable to our human eyes.

On these nights, the gas giant Jupiter is some 465 million miles (42 light minutes) behind the Moon, while the Pleiades (aka the "seven sisters") are some 440 light years behind Jupiter. Even using a small telescope, the striped cloud tops of Jupiter and its 4 large Galilean moons always make a dazzling impression. The Pleiades is one of the closest open star clusters to our solar system, and their very "young" stars look most spectacular in a pair of binoculars. Find out more about the Pleiades [here](#).

