

Astronomy Club of Asheville
April 2025 Sky Events

The Moon Passes above Jupiter

On the night of **April 30th**, the waxing crescent Moon will appear to pass above the planet Jupiter in the direction of the zodiac constellation Taurus. You should also notice the orange giant star, Aldebaran, “eye of the bull”, located well below Jupiter. Just 67 light years away, Aldebaran’s orange tint is easily noticeable to our human eyes.

On these late April nights, the gas giant Jupiter is some 544 million miles (49 light minutes) behind the Moon. Using a small telescope, the striped cloud tops of Jupiter and its 4 large Galilean moons always make a dazzling impression.

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