

A Full Moon Rises with Jupiter

On the evenings of **January 2-3**, the Full Moon rises with the gas giant planet Jupiter. This action takes place in the constellation Gemini, the Twins.

On Jan. 3rd, the Moon will appear sandwiched between Jupiter and the bright star Pollux.

Jupiter is located some 394 million miles (35 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. Use a small telescope and observe, over just a few hours, the solar system in motion -- as Jupiter's large moons dance around the planet.

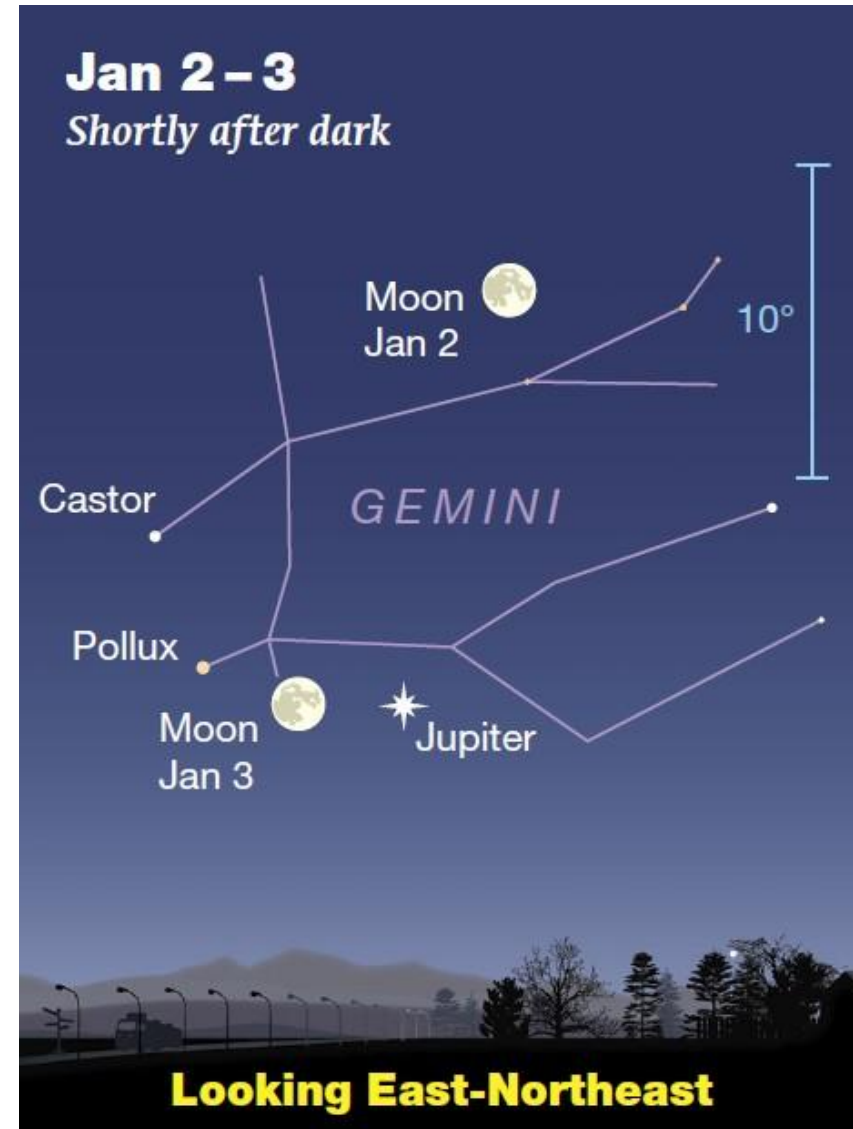


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