

Phases of the Moon 2023

This poster gives you an at-a-glance view of the Moon's phases on every day of 2023. Use it to plan your stargazing sessions. For the best views of deep-sky objects such as faint clusters, nebulae

and galaxies, observe in the week around new Moon, when the sky is really dark. If the target in your eyepiece is the Moon itself, pick a night when the terminator – the line that marks the boundary

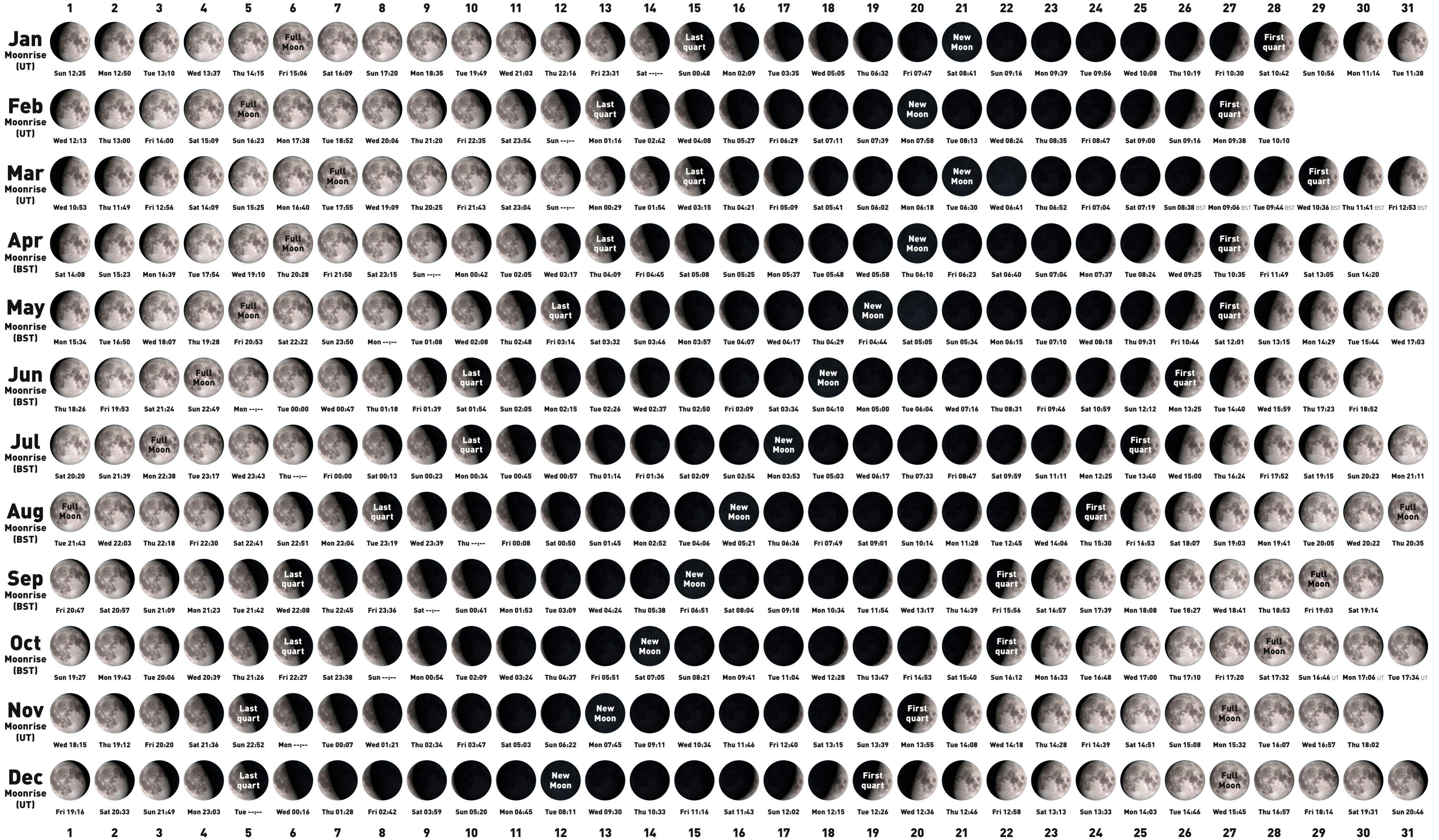
between day and night on the lunar surface – sits near the feature you want to see. At this time the area will be cast in long shadows, which emphasise subtle surface details and make views

more dramatic. In the week around full Moon, its sunlit face is so bright that the glare washes out the lunar landscape and makes deep-sky objects elsewhere in the night sky harder to view.

POPULAR FULL MOON NAMES

Wolf Moon	6 Jan	Flower Moon	5 May	Sturgeon Moon	1 Aug	Hunter's Moon	28 Oct
Snow Moon	5 Feb	Strawberry Moon	4 Jun	(in 2023 a supermoon)	31 Aug	Beaver Moon	27 Nov
Worm Moon	7 Mar	Buck Moon	3 Jul	Super Blue Moon	29 Sep	Cold Moon	27 Dec
Pink Moon	6 Apr			Harvest Moon			

Times correct for the centre of the UK



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