

You'll need a full hand of fingers to count how many planets you'll be able to see Tuesday night. Just after sunset, sky watchers will have the opportunity to see Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Mercury and Uranus form an arch stretching into the evening sky. And don't forget to take a peek at the moon, too!

"The heavens are aligning," said Noah Petro, a scientist with the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter project at NASA. "If you have a telescope, you can dust them off or a pair of binoculars; it's a great excuse to get out and look for the night sky. And if you don't, you can still see these [planets]."

Viewers from around the world will be able to see the spectacle — as long as clear skies and a view of the westerly sky permit. The family portrait moment is called a planetary alignment because several planets are gathering on one side of the sun at the same time. In this case, the planets will form a literal line beneath the moon.

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