



CAN I REALLY SEE THE NORTHERN LIGHTS IN THE UK?

Video transcript: The experience of a lifetime

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So we've got all this rain coming in from the West and we'll see some significant snowfall. We are looking at blizzard-like conditions. Do stay in touch with the weather forecast.

Thanks, Gallery.

I've been presenting the weather here at the BBC weather centre for many years now, and during that time I've seen all different kinds of weather hit our shores. But I've never seen the effects of space weather.

Recently, a survey suggested that seeing the Northern Lights was a top travel experience to have in your lifetime. But what is it about this phenomenon that makes it so special to people?

Well the Northern Lights, or the aurora borealis, is a magical glow in the dark sky. But can you really see it from the UK? And if you can, what should you do to have the best chance of actually seeing it?

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