

Night Sky 27

Meet Aura Sky Tours - Tonight. Live. Anywhere.

14 September 2026 - iCandi Apps is excited to announce Night Sky 27, its fastest and smartest release yet. The update introduces Aura Sky Tours with natural spoken interaction and private, on-device intelligence on supported Apple devices, alongside major performance improvements and full optimisation for iOS 27, iPadOS 27, macOS 27 and visionOS 27.

FEATURE SET

Aura Sky Tours *Night Sky + Aura subscription required*

On iPhone and iPad, three new voice-guided experiences make Aura an active companion under the stars. Aura Tonight creates a personalised spoken tour of the best stars, planets, constellations and celestial events visible from your location tonight. Aura Live delivers real-time spoken guidance as you point your device towards the sky, and lets you interrupt at any moment to ask a question naturally. Aura Anywhere recreates the sky for any location, date and time, then builds an intelligent tour around it.

Private On-Device Intelligence

On supported devices, the new Apple Foundation Models power tour creation and most interactions directly on the device for a fast, responsive experience designed with privacy at its core. Where Apple Foundation Models are unavailable, or a question requires deeper astronomical knowledge, OpenAI provides a fallback.

Natural Voice Interaction

Across iPhone, iPad, Mac and Apple Vision Pro, Aura now speaks throughout a tour, accepts natural spoken questions and responds aloud. Users can choose their preferred voice in Preferences, making it easier to keep their attention on the real sky rather than on the screen.

Dramatically Faster and Lighter

On iOS, iPadOS and visionOS, Night Sky launches up to 60% faster and its initial download size is around 63% smaller, falling from 1.23 GB to approximately 465 MB. Additional content downloads on demand only when it is needed, so users can start exploring sooner.

11 New Languages

Night Sky 27 adds Bangla, Gujarati, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Odia, Punjabi, Slovenian, Tamil, Telugu and Urdu across iOS and iPadOS, macOS, visionOS and tvOS, welcoming even more stargazers around the world.

Siri and Spotlight

On iPhone, iPad and Mac, users can access Night Sky features through Siri with requests such as "What star is that?" and "Where is Mars?" Celestial objects are also indexed in Spotlight, making it easier to find stars, planets, constellations and more.

Designed Across Apple Platforms

iPhone and iPad gain full app resizability and an automatic warning when sky tracking points the device directly at the Sun. Mac brings Aura Tonight and Aura Anywhere to the desktop, while Apple Vision Pro receives immersive Aura-powered tours. Apple TV benefits from the expanded language support and smoother performance throughout the app.

Updated Space Exploration Timeline

On iPhone, iPad, Mac and Apple Vision Pro, an updated timeline adds the latest milestones in humanity's exploration beyond Earth. Night Sky 27 also includes wider improvements to performance, stability and reliability, together with numerous additional enhancements and bug fixes.

"Night Sky 27 brings Aura to life with three personal, voice-guided tours that help people spend less time looking at their screen and more time experiencing the sky. With Apple Foundation Models powering tour creation and most interactions directly on supported devices, this is our most natural, responsive and privacy-focused way to explore the universe yet."

- Andy Weekes, Founder & Company Director, iCandi Apps.

iCandi Apps was founded in 2008 by Andy Weekes after he was inspired by Steve Jobs' introduction of the App Store. Andy went from being a school teacher to creating one of the world's most successful reference apps. Since Night Sky launched in 2011, the team has grown and made it one of the world's most popular astronomy apps, supporting astronomy education and discovery for stargazers around the globe.

Night Sky 27 will be available to download in autumn 2026 for iOS, iPadOS, macOS, visionOS, watchOS and tvOS on the App Store.

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