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Photographing the Northern Lights

Our tips for finding the aurora in Alberta, and the camera settings we use to capture it.



FIND IT AND SHOOT IT

01 Find a dark spot

Get away from city lights. Country roads or the mountains are great places to start.

02 Check the forecast

Clear skies, a high K-index (0–9) and a negative Bz. The SpaceWeatherLive app helps.

03 Use a tripod and remote

A steady tripod plus a remote trigger or phone app keeps every shot sharp.

04 Focus manually

Set your lens to infinity, then zoom in on a bright star on your screen to check focus.

05 Bring extra batteries and cards

Cold nights drain batteries fast, even in summer.

06 Lights off, and be respectful

No headlamps or headlights near other chasers, and never trespass. Then enjoy the show!



Our camera settings

- **Lens:** your widest (we use 24mm or 35mm)
- **Aperture:** as low as it goes (f/1.4–2.8)
- **ISO:** 1,000–3,200
- **Shutter:** 2–30 seconds
- **Focus:** manual, set to infinity