

The Northern Lights, or <u>aurora borealis</u>, happen after the sun ejects a cloud of gas. The cloud, called a coronal mass ejection, slowly travels to Earth, and collides with the earth's magnetic field.

- The lighted flows of particles and magnetism are so strong that the Northern Lights have been known to damage satellites in space and even our electrical power grid.
- This <u>natural light show</u> is usually only visible in Alaska and other Arctic regions, like Norway and Iceland. Considering a trip to one of these northerly locations? Check out our <u>Alaska</u> and <u>Iceland</u> itineraries!



• <u>Auroras</u> tend to be more frequent and spectacular during high solar sunspot activity, which cycles over approximately eleven years.