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00:00:00,250 --> 00:00:02,002  
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00:00:03,820 --> 00:00:05,205  
What's Up for October?

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00:00:05,205 --> 00:00:07,591  
International Observe  
the Moon Night!

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00:00:08,308 --> 00:00:10,344  
Hello and welcome! I'm  
Jane Houston Jones from

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00:00:10,344 --> 00:00:13,864  
NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory  
in Pasadena, California.

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00:00:14,448 --> 00:00:16,884  
This year's International  
Observe the Moon Night

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00:00:16,884 --> 00:00:18,886  
is on October 20th,

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00:00:18,886 --> 00:00:21,188  
when astronomy clubs  
and science centers

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00:00:21,188 --> 00:00:24,224  
invite you to view the moon  
at their star parties.

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00:00:24,608 --> 00:00:26,994  
The 11-day-old  
waxing gibbous moon

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00:00:26,994 --> 00:00:30,781  
rises in the late afternoon

and sets before dawn.

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00:00:30,781 --> 00:00:32,616

There are great  
features to enjoy

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00:00:32,616 --> 00:00:35,335

whether you're observing  
with the unaided eye,

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00:00:35,335 --> 00:00:37,955

through binoculars, or  
through a telescope.

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00:00:38,088 --> 00:00:40,540

Sinus Iridum--the  
Bay of Rainbows--

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00:00:40,540 --> 00:00:42,543

is the little half-circle  
visible near

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00:00:42,543 --> 00:00:46,947

the lunar terminator: the  
line between light and dark.

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00:00:46,947 --> 00:00:49,466

The Jura Mountains ring  
the western edge

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00:00:49,466 --> 00:00:51,501

and catch the morning sun.

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00:00:51,885 --> 00:00:55,555

Mare Imbrium is the large  
lunar mare--or sea--

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00:00:55,555 --> 00:00:57,758

just south of Sinus Iridum.

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00:00:57,758 --> 00:00:59,576

As the moon approaches full,

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00:00:59,576 --> 00:01:03,680

the large crater Copernicus and  
Tycho take center stage.

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00:01:03,797 --> 00:01:06,767

Copernicus is 93  
kilometers across,

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00:01:06,767 --> 00:01:09,987

and its impact crater rays  
will be much more visible

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00:01:09,987 --> 00:01:13,740

at full moon, although they  
are impressive on the 20th.

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00:01:13,740 --> 00:01:17,377

Tycho lies in a field of craters  
near the south limb.

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00:01:17,377 --> 00:01:21,865

Its massive ray system spans  
over 1500 kilometers.

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00:01:21,865 --> 00:01:26,470

At 85 kilometers across, it's a  
little smaller than Copernicus.

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00:01:26,870 --> 00:01:28,538

On the 20th, you can check off

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00:01:28,538 --> 00:01:32,676

all 6 of the Apollo lunar  
landing locations, too!

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00:01:32,676 --> 00:01:33,644

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00:01:33,644 --> 00:01:36,663

You can still catch the great  
line up of bright planets

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00:01:36,663 --> 00:01:37,764

in October,

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00:01:37,764 --> 00:01:40,567

with Jupiter, Saturn, and Mars  
meeting up with the moon

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00:01:40,567 --> 00:01:42,135

again this month.

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00:01:42,135 --> 00:01:46,490

Early birds can catch Venus  
just before dawn by month's end.

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00:01:47,274 --> 00:01:48,675

You can find out more about

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00:01:48,675 --> 00:01:53,947

International Observe the Moon  
Night at: [moon.nasa.gov/observe](http://moon.nasa.gov/observe)

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00:01:54,197 --> 00:01:57,851

And you can catch up on all of  
NASA's current--and future--

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00:01:57,851 --> 00:02:01,421

missions at: [www.nasa.gov](http://www.nasa.gov)

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00:02:01,421 --> 00:02:04,091

That's all for this month.

I'm Jane Houston Jones.

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