

Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque Centre

The Moon Has a Story... Told by Light

A light experience marking the first day of every Hijri month

On the first day of every Hijri month, as set by the UAE Hijri Calendar issued by Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque Centre, the mosque is dressed in light inspired by the phases of the moon. Across its domes and marble walls, the journey of an entire month, from crescent to full moon, unfolds in a few quiet minutes.

When

Tuesday, 10 November 2026

On the first day of every Hijri month

Duration

Five minutes per show

Showtimes

8:00 | 8:30 | 9:00 | 9:30 | 10:00 pm

Showtimes are scheduled around prayer times. Please check the latest details on the Centre's Instagram before your visit.

What you will see

Each show opens in complete darkness. The light then returns, passing gradually from white to blue and back to white again, in a cycle that completes every twenty seconds and repeats until the show draws to a close.

Where to watch

The lighting embraces the entire mosque, so the show may be enjoyed from many angles around the building. The pins on the map mark a few of them.



Show area: the entire mosque Viewing angles

About the Lunar Lighting System

By night, the mosque's exterior is illuminated by a lighting system inspired by the lunar cycle. Soft, blue-tinted clouds are projected onto its white marble façades and domes, their intensity and brightness following the moon's position and phase across the Hijri month: the clouds appear darker with the crescent, and the light grows brighter night after night until it reaches its fullest radiance with the full moon. Marking time by the phases of the moon is a tradition shared by many civilisations and cultures.

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lighting units	light towers	projectors in each tower