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## The Northern Lights

Surely **(0) one** of the most amazing sights on Earth is the display of natural light in the night sky known **(13)** \_\_\_\_\_ the Northern Lights. It is something everyone should see **(14)** \_\_\_\_\_ least once in their life.

These lights, **(15)** \_\_\_\_\_ are mainly visible in the Arctic region, are caused when material from the sun reaches the Earth's magnetic field. On the **(16)** \_\_\_\_\_ the most common colours are green and red, although sometimes blue or purple lights can be seen. They often look **(17)** \_\_\_\_\_ brightly coloured clouds dancing across the sky, in displays that can last several hours.

**(18)** \_\_\_\_\_ you want to observe the Northern Lights, it's best to get as close to the North Pole as possible during the winter, in **(19)** \_\_\_\_\_ of the extreme cold. Seeing the lights in the short Arctic summer is not really possible in view of the **(20)** \_\_\_\_\_ that they are only visible in darkness, and during the months **(21)** \_\_\_\_\_ the sun never sets there is daylight 24 hours a day.

Weather conditions also **(22)** \_\_\_\_\_ a big difference. The lights cannot be seen **(23)** \_\_\_\_\_ the sky is clear, so there must be no fog or heavy clouds. Bright moonlight can also reduce the intensity of the lights and because of **(24)** \_\_\_\_\_ you should avoid any nights that have a full moon.