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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.