

Mysterious Pillars of Light Cover St. Petersburg Night Sky

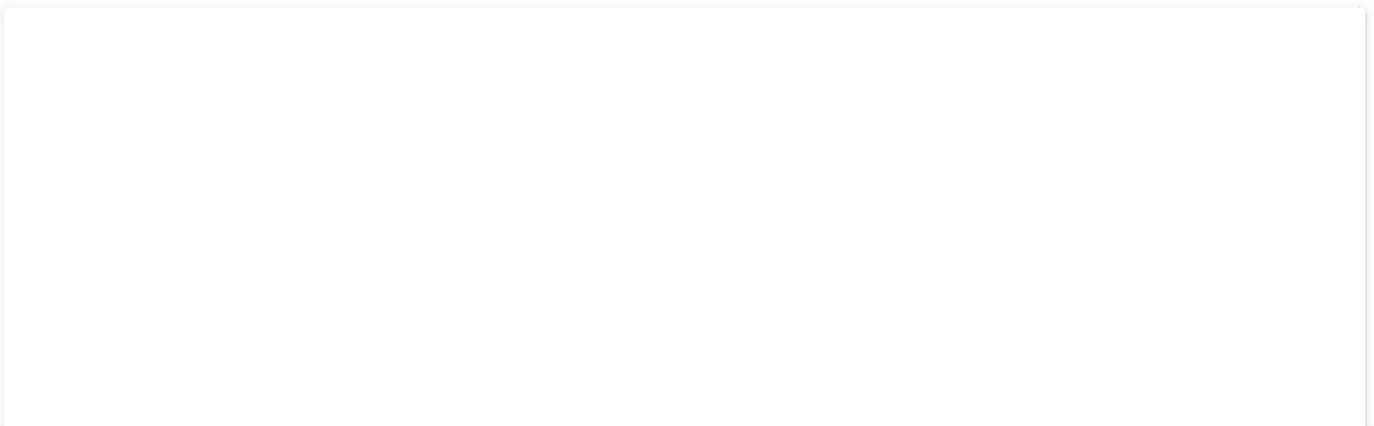
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Residents of St. Petersburg were treated to stunning views of multicolored beams of light adorning the nighttime skies over the weekend.

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Locals took to social media to share photographs of the breathtaking phenomenon known as light pillars.

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Light pillars appear when sunlight, moonlight or streetlights are reflected on falling ice crystals.

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The light hits the crystals and is reflected up or down in a mirror-like effect.

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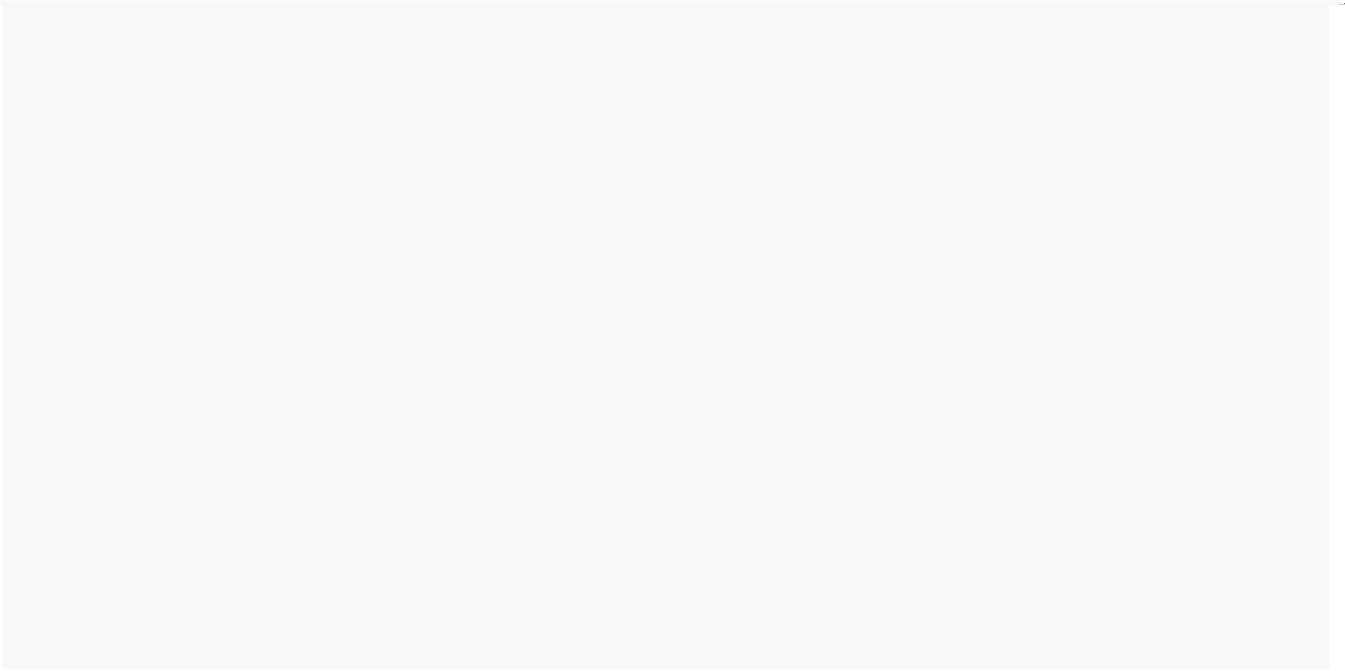


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The phenomenon often occurs at sunset and sunrise.

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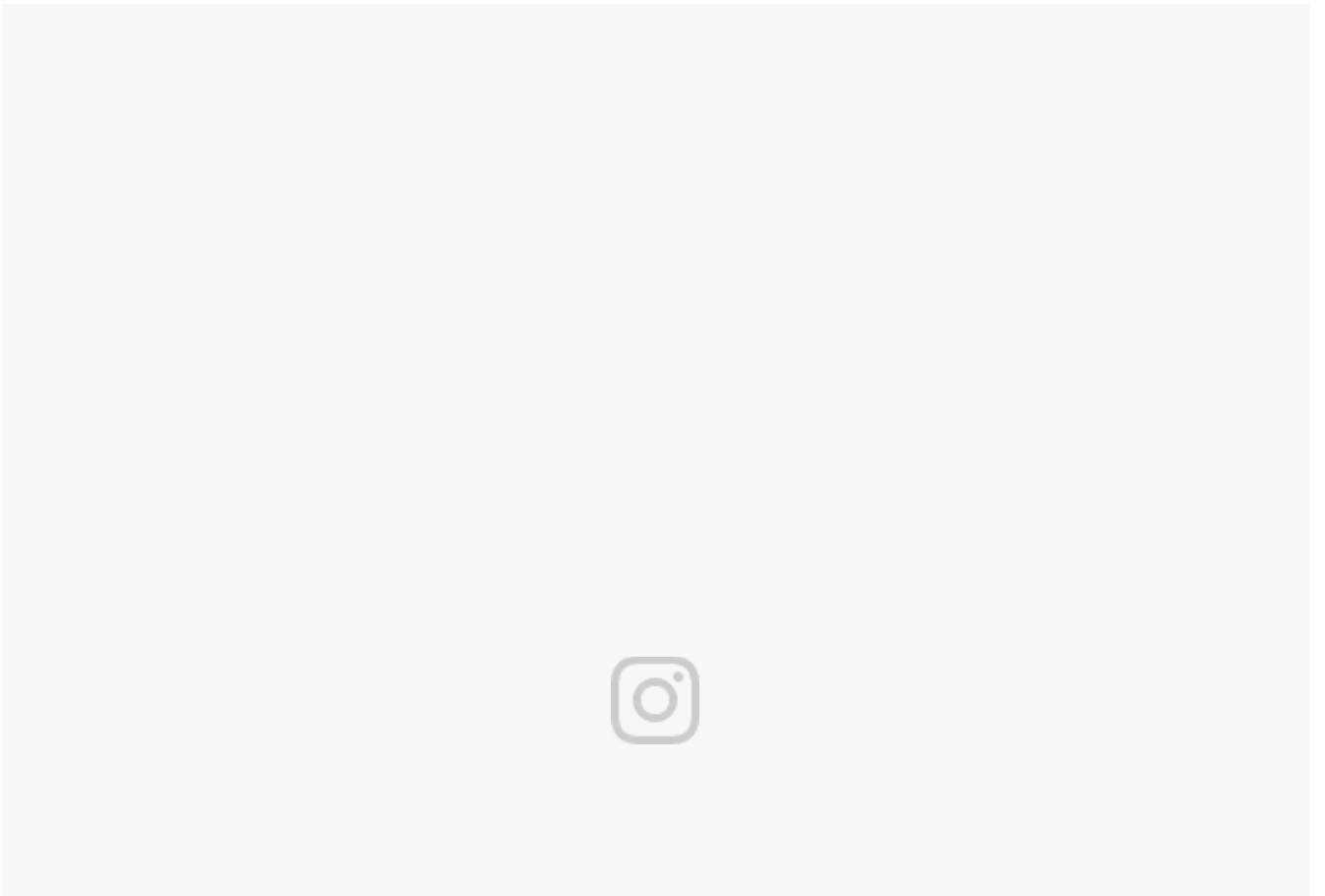




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The vertical bands of light are a rare sight.

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People in St. Petersburg braved the cold to snap their best shots.

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