

The Hidden Majesty of the  
Sunrise and Sunset  
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There are two hidden treasures that are forgotten, that are overlooked, that are rarely sought after. Although they are hidden most of the day, they each show themselves once every twenty-four hours. They are the sunrise and the sunset. They come and go. They're each a different work of art, a grand composition, that should be valued.

In the morning, every morning, you can take pleasure in soaking up the fiery colors of the sunrise. Sadly, the exquisiteness disappears when the sun gets too high. Just before nightfall, every nightfall, the colors of the rainbow dance across the sky creating the sunset. The sunlight is soon lost behind the curve of the Earth. You have only half an hour to an hour to cherish each magnificent morsel of the sky, before the brilliance slips away from your fingers.

All sunrises and sunsets are unique in some ways, but the same in others. They all are ravishing. They're also like snowflakes; no two will ever be the same. They may not even look alike during one showing. In the far eastern edge of a state, the vast sky may look very different than in the northwestern corner.

If you ever see the most awe-inspiring sunrise or heart swelling sunset you must keep it forever, but hurry. Before the sun moves and the striking scene is gone forever, you must get out your camera or paint set and canvas. Many artists have made priceless works of art with a rising or setting sun in the background.

Sunsets and sunrises are hidden treasures that show themselves only on occasion.

The next time you see a beauty in the sky, whip out your camera, for there will be no others like what you see. This one will be gone soon.

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