

International Space Station (ISS) from Manchester

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The link below shows the times when the International Space Station is visible from Manchester.

http://spaceflight.nasa.gov/realdata/sightings/cities/view.cgi?country=United_Kingdom®ion=England&city=Manchester

It is an awesome sight, when seen in binoculars, or a small telescope. It is quite fast moving, so I find binoculars easier than a hand steered telescope.

There are few better man made objects to watch, than tracking the Space Shuttle chasing down the International Space Station just prior to docking when 240 miles above the Earth travelling at approximately 17,500 miles per hour!

When the shuttle is docked, it is quite amazing to think what humans have achieved with the ISS, and the science that is gathered by the astronauts and equipment onboard.

For more information on the ISS:

http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/station/main/index.html

Dates and times when the ISS is visible in Manchester:

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The following link explains how to interpret the sighting information from the Sighting Website:

<http://spaceflight.nasa.gov/realdata/sightings/help.html>