



WHAT A WEEK

**Of course we all came for the eclipse.
But what a week we had around it.**

Aguilar de Campoo • Total Solar Eclipse • 12 August 2026

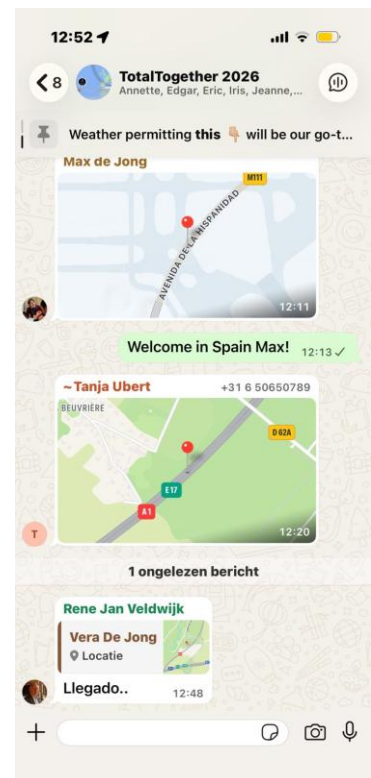
After months of messages, spreadsheets, bookings and weather watching, everyone finally made it to Aguilar. Around 60 friends and family, all there for the same reason.

For this last 2026 newsletter, we are keeping the words short and letting the photos do most of the talking. Here is our week in Aguilar: the people, the preparations, the waiting and finally those 100 seconds.

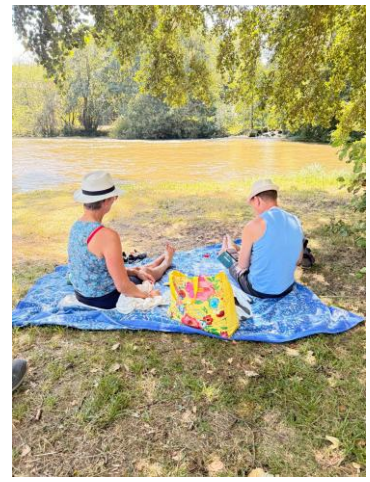
GETTING TO AGUILAR

Before 12 August

People arrived from [all directions](#).



There were stroopwafels to make, meals to plan, talks to enjoy and plenty of time together.



And quite a few of the best moments were never on the programme.

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The day we had been waiting for

By late afternoon there was nothing more to organize (except for the telescopes & photographers). We stayed put and waited.



Surviving the hot afternoon (35°C / 95°F).



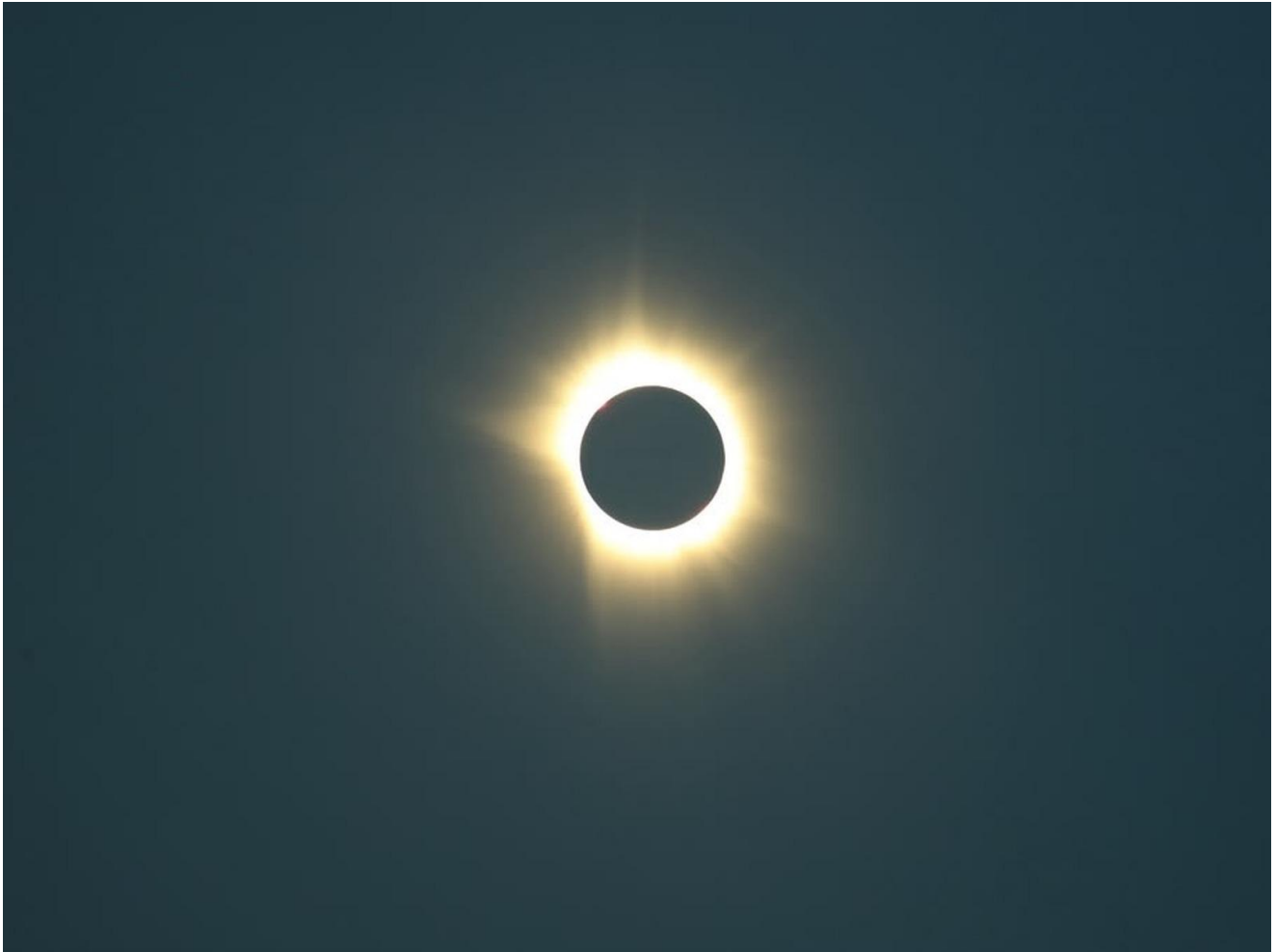
Shuttle to totality.



At first, not much seemed to happen. Cameras and telescopes were ready, people looked up.

TOTALITY

And then it happened. We had talked about totality for months and thought we knew what to expect. The reactions around us probably say more than we ever could.

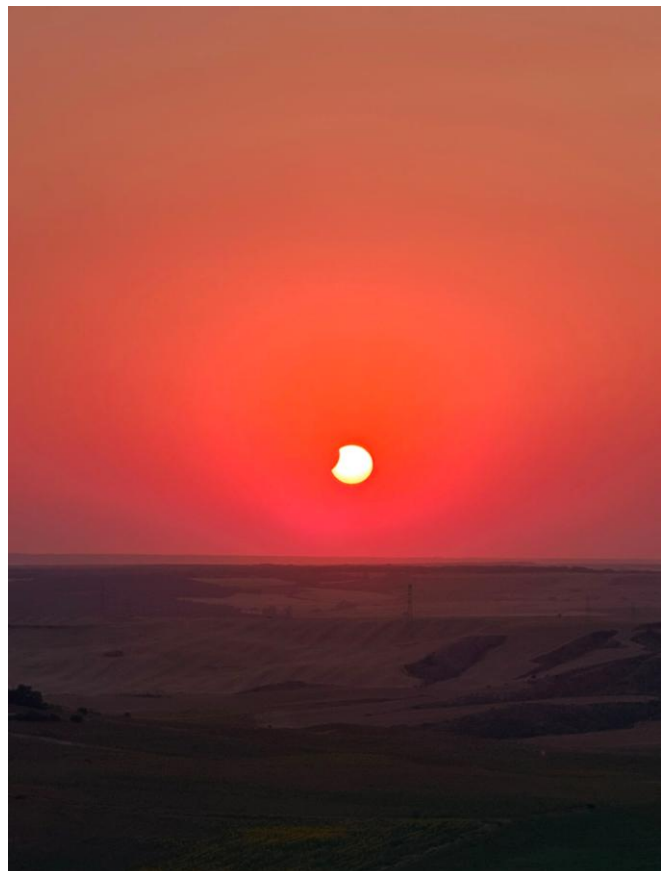
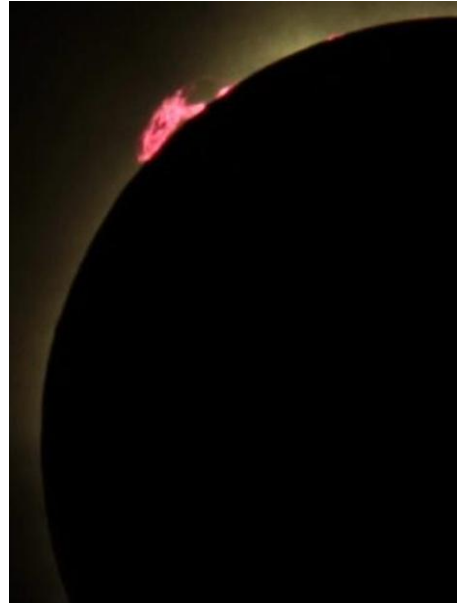


TOTALITY

The reason we were all there.

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About 100 seconds. Far too short.



The end of totality—Protuberances — and the eclipse in sunset.

THE PEOPLE

Everyone experienced it differently

Some shouted. Some cried. Some went completely quiet. And as soon as the Sun came back, almost everyone turned to someone else for a hug. We loved watching how differently people experienced the same 100 seconds.



Same eclipse. Very different reactions.

HALO — actually used during totality

After months of building and testing, people were actually using HALO before, during and after the eclipse.



ONE LAST LOOK BACK

Thank you

This week only worked because so many people pitched in: driving, shopping, carrying things, scouting, explaining, photographing, solving problems and changing plans when needed.

Thank you to everyone who came to Aguilar and everyone who helped make the week happen. We hope these photos bring back some of your own memories of 12 August.



AND YES... WE ARE ALREADY LOOKING SOUTH.

2 August 2027 • Tarifa

See you under the shadow again.