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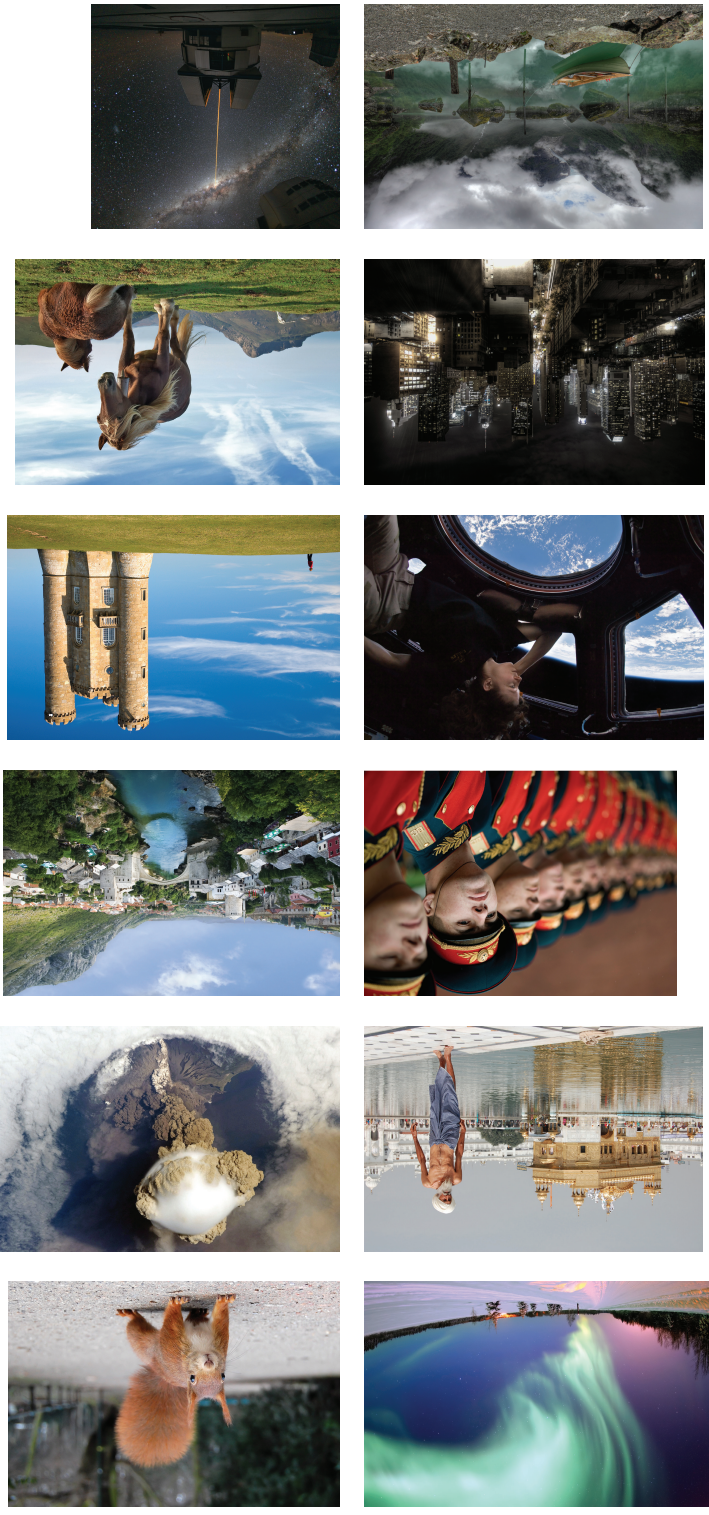
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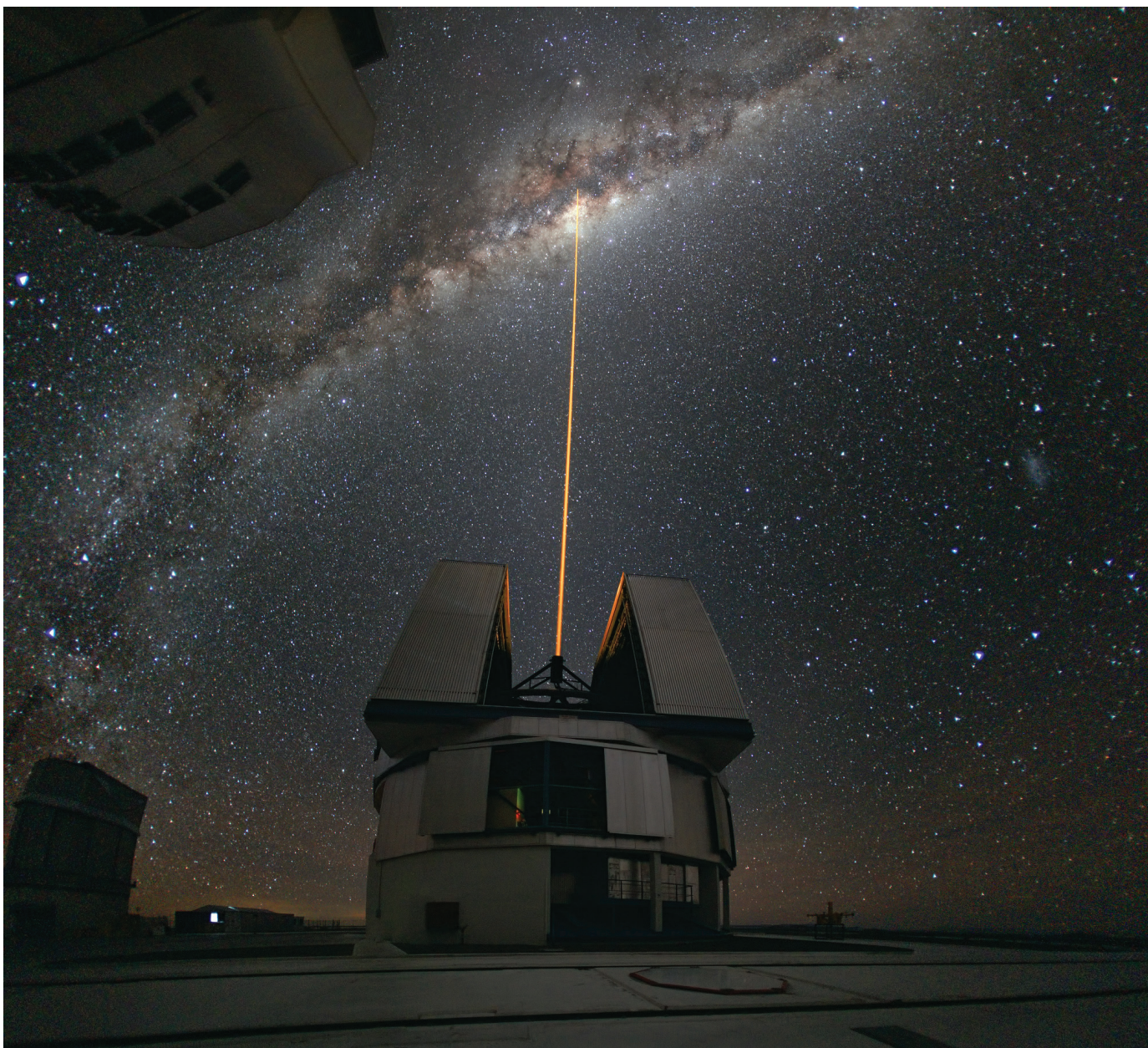
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# December

Sun	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Mon	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Tue	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Wed	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Thu	29	30	31	1	2	3	4
Fri							
Sat							



Yepun's laser beam crosses the southern sky and creates an artificial star at an altitude of 90 km high in the Earth's mesosphere. Taken in mid-August 2010 at the European Southern Observatory (ESO)'s Paranal Observatory, Chile

Yuri Beletsky, ESO  
First place, 2010  
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The Aurora Borealis, or Northern Lights, shines above Bear Lake, Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska

Joshua Strang, U.S. Air Force  
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# November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
1	2	3	4	5	6	7



A view of Lake Bondhus in Norway, and in the background of the Bondhus Glacier, part of the Folgefonna Glacier

Heinrich Pniok (User:Alchemist-hp)  
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# January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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27	28	29	30	31	1	2
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat

# October

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Red Squirrel with pronounced winter ear tufts in the Hofgarten in Düsseldorf,  
 Germany





Horses on Bianditz mountain, in Navarre, Spain. Behind them the Aiako mountains can be seen

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# February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9

# September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12



Sikh pilgrim at the Harmandir Sahib (Golden Temple) in Amritsar, India. The man has just had a ritual bath.

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New York City at night, photographed using the High Dynamic Range technique

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# March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24	25	26	27	28	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6



Sarychev Peak Volcano erupting on June 12, 2009, on Matua Island

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# August

Sun	28	4	11	18	25	1
Mon	29	5	12	19	26	2
Tue	30	6	13	20	27	3
Wed	31	7	14	21	28	4
Thu	1	8	15	22	29	5
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	6
Sat	3	10	17	24	31	7



Broadway Tower in Cotswolds, England

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# April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11



The Russian military honor guard welcomes U.S. Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, during a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Moscow, Russia, June 26, 2009.

Chad J. McNealey, U.S. Navy  
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# July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10



Self portrait of Tracy Caldwell Dyson in the Cupola module of the International Space Station observing the Earth below during Expedition 24

Tracy Caldwell Dyson, NASA  
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# May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8



Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina - Old Town panorama. The picture was taken from the minaret of Koski Mehmed Pasha Mosque, which is just opposite Stari Most ("The Old Bridge") looking on the same part of the Neretva river.

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# June

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6