Exploring Stellarium

1 Get Comfortable
Spend a couple minutes getting comfortable with the controls. Practicing moving the Earth and Sky around (click and drag) and zooming in and out (mouse wheel or ctrl+up/down).

2 Master Time
The key to Stellarium is getting comfortable with controlling time and place. Practice controlling the time of day as well as the month and year. How do these controls change the night sky?

3 Explore Planets, Galaxies and Nebula
If you spot a planet or other interesting space objects, zoom in to get a better look.

4 Travel the World
Stellarium allows you to view the sky from anywhere on Earth. Choose different locations on Earth and explore how the sky is different at each. Are the stars in different places? Does the Sun rise and set at the same time?

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