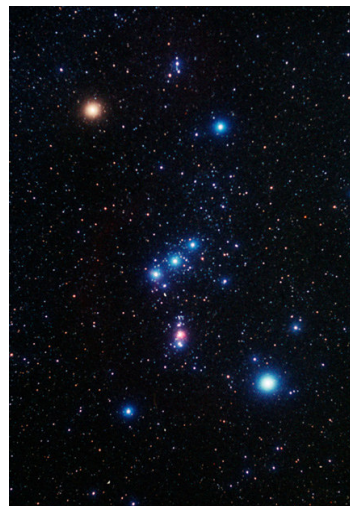


Take a look at Orion

During this month, at 21h00 you will be able to see Orion going up to its heightest nearly in southeast direction. As you know all the sky makes an apparent movement from east to west, but in the northern hemisphere this movement is curved southward. Depending on which latitude you live Orion's rising will have slight differences but about 22h it will be visible in nearly all Europe. In the image bellow yo can see how it will be seen in southern Europe (Portugal, Spain, France, Italy and Greece) at about 21 hours.



Orion at southeast in southern Europe at 21h in the middle of January.
This image was made using *Stellarium*.



The constellation of Orion. The pink nebulosity is the Big Orion Nebula (M42) and can be observed even with small binoculars.

The Orion Nebula (also known as Messier 42, M42, or NGC 1976) is a diffuse nebula situated south of Orion's Belt. It is one of the brightest nebulae, and is visible to the naked eye in the night sky. M42 is located at a distance of $1,344 \pm 20$ light years and is the closest region of massive star formation to Earth. The M42 nebula is estimated to be 24 light years across. Older texts frequently referred to the Orion Nebula as the Great Nebula in Orion or the Great Orion Nebula.

Links:
[Wikipedia - M42](#)
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