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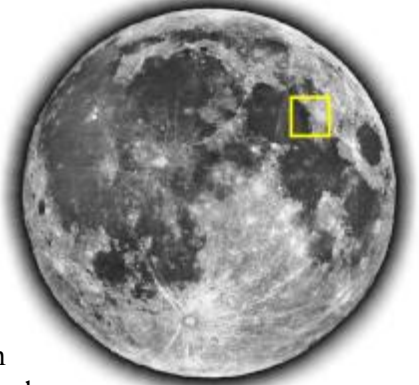
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Mare Serenitatis

The Moon's **Sea Of Serenity** ("Mare Serenitatis" in Latin) is the sixth largest of the lunar seas, encompassing more than 300,000 square kilometers in the northeastern quadrant of the Earth's nearest celestial neighbor. (See *The Full Moon Atlas*, Sector C-5, for more detail on this region.)

Your property is located in a magnificent area on the eastern "shore" of Serenity, near the mouth of crescent-shaped **Crater le Monnier** (near the center of the lower photo), a 60 kilometer-wide flooded crater named for the French astronomer and physicist Pierre Charles le Monnier, who pioneered the development of instruments used to study, map and explore the universe beyond us.



At the mouth of le Monnier is the landing site of *Luna 21*, an unmanned mobile laboratory sent to the Moon in January 1973 by the Soviet Union. *Luna 21* was the next-to-last mission to the Moon in the Twentieth Century, followed only by the *Luna 24* expedition in August 1976.

Beyond le Monnier to the east of your property are the spectacular **Montes Taurus** ("Taurus Mountains"), a series of peaks covering an area of about 500 kilometers that also features numerous prominent craters, as well as the small but splendid **Sinus Amoris** ("Bay Of Love").



In the section of Taurus just south of your property, near **Crater Littrow**, is the landing site of *Apollo 17*. The site, north of rugged **Mons Vitruvius** and known familiarly as "Taurus-Littrow Base," was the destination of the last manned voyage to the Moon to date, in December 1972. Harrison "Jack" Schmitt, the first scientist-astronaut, and Gene Cernan were the last astronauts to visit the Moon in the 20th Century during the final Apollo journey.

Elsewhere around the Serenity basin are numerous beautiful and prominent craters, including **Sarabhai**, **Dawes**, **Plinius**, **Bessel** and **Menelaus**, as well as the **Dorsa Aldrovandi**, **Dorsa Smirnov**, **Dorsum Azara** and **Dorsa Lister**, long chains of "wrinkle ridges" formed by lava flows during the Moon's formation.

For more information on the Moon and its history, geography and natural resources, we invite you to visit the Lunar Republic website (www.LunarRepublic.com).