

## **xenophile** |\_zen\_\_f\_|; \_z\_-|

noun

an individual who is attracted to foreign peoples, manners, or cultures.

## **zenith** |\_z\_ni θ |

noun [in sing. ]

the highest point reached by a celestial or other object : *the sun was well past the zenith* | *the missile reached its zenith and fell.*

• the point in the sky or celestial sphere directly above an observer.

The opposite of **nadir** .

• the time at which something is most powerful or successful : *under Justinian, the Byzantine Empire reached its zenith of influence.*

DERIVATIVES

**zenithal** |-n\_ θ \_|| adjective

ORIGIN late Middle English : from Old French or medieval Latin *cenit*, based on Arabic *samt* (*ar-ra's*) ‘*path (over the head).*’