

A Perseid meteor streaks through the sky above a pine forest.

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ASTRONOMY HIGHLIGHTS OF 2026

JAN. 9
Jupiter at opposition

FEB. 17
Annular solar eclipse (visible from Antarctica and southern Indian Ocean)

MAR. 3
Total lunar eclipse (visible from North and South America, eastern Asia, and Australia)

MAR. 20
Equinox

APR. 19–20
Mars-Saturn-Mercury conjunction at dawn

EARLY MAY
Eta Aquariid meteor shower peaks

MAY 31
Blue Moon

JUNE 9
Venus-Jupiter conjunction at dusk

JUNE 21
Solstice

AUG. 12
Total solar eclipse (totality visible from Greenland, Iceland, and Spain)

AUG. 12
Perseid meteor shower

AUG. 27–28
Partial lunar eclipse (visible from North and South America, western Europe, and Africa)

SEPT. 22
Equinox

OCT. 3
Saturn at opposition

OCT. 6
Moon occults Jupiter (early morning)

NOV. 16
Mars near Jupiter (midnight to early morning)

DEC. 13–14
Geminid meteor shower

DEC. 21
Solstice