

Southern Sky Almanack 2010

The premiere astronomical events, from a southern hemisphere perspective, listed for each day of the year

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January Julian Date at 02:00 SAST = 2,455,196.5 + day of month Mercury is in Sagittarius the entire month. Venus starts the month in Sagittarius crossing into Capricornus on the 19th. Mars is in Leo, crossing into Cancer on January 10. Jupiter is in Capricornus until the 6th when it moves into Aquarius. Saturn is in Virgo. Uranus is in Aquarius until January 16 when it crosses into Pisces. Neptune is in Capricornus.					01 dawn: ☿♈ dusk: ♃♏ ♄ perigee (23 ^h) ♃ southernmost for 2010 (-13.7°) ♃ Io occults Europa (20 ^h 26 ^m)	02 dawn: ☿♈ dusk: ♃♏ Isaac Asimov's birthday (1920).
03 dawn: ☿♈ dusk: ♃♏ ⊕ perihelion (02 ^h) Spirit rover lands on Mars, in 2004.	04 dawn: ☿♈ dusk: ♃♏ ♀ inferior conjunction Regulus 3.7°N of ♃ (04 ^h)	05 dawn: ☿♈ dusk: ♃♏ ♀ 3.4°N of ♀ (13 ^h)	06 dawn: ☿♈ dusk: ♃♏	07 dawn: ☿♈ dusk: ♃♏ ♄ Last Quarter (12:39)	08 dawn: ☿♈ dusk: ♃♏ Spica 3.2°N of ♃ (01 ^h) Stephen Hawking's birthday (1942).	09 dawn: ☿♈ dusk: ♃♏
10 dawn: ☿♈ dusk: ♃♏	11 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♃♏ ♀ superior conjunction ♃ occults Antares (15 ^h) visible in NE USA, E Canada, S Greenland.	12 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♃♏ ♃ furthest south (-25.7°)	13 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♃♏ ♀ 4.5°N of ♃ (18 ^h)	14 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♃♏ ♃ stationary (21 ^h) Huygens probe lands on Saturn's moon Titan, in 2005.	15 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♃♏ ♃ New Moon (09:11) ⊙ annular solar eclipse ♀ stationary (18 ^h) ♀ 1.4°S of ♃ (11 ^h)	16 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♃♏
17 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♃♏ ♃ apogee (03 ^h) ♄ 3.3°S of ♃ (22 ^h)	18 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♃♏ ♃ 4.2°S of ♃ (08 ^h)	19 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♃♏	20 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♃♏ ♂ 5.4°S of ♃ (08 ^h)	21 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♃♏	22 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♃♏	23 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♃♏ ♃ First Quarter (12:53)
24 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♃♏ ♀ aphelion Opportunity rover lands on Mars, in 2004.	25 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♃♏ gamma Normid meteor shower starts (max Mar 13)	26 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♃♏ ♃ furthest north (+25.7°)	27 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♃♏ ♀ greatest (25°) western elongation (07 ^h) ♂ nearest to ⊕ (21 ^h)	28 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♃♏ ♂ brightest (V = -1.28) largest (14.1") and nearest Earth (0.66AU) alpha Centaurid meteor shower starts	29 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♃♏ ♂ opposition (22 ^h)	30 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♃♏ ♃ Full Moon (08:18) ♃ perigee (11 ^h)
31 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♃♏ Regulus 3.7°N of ♃ (15 ^h)	The annular solar eclipse on January 15 will be visible in most of equatorial Africa, the southern tip of India, northern Sri Lanka, the south-eastern part of Bangladesh, Myanmar, and south-east China. From south Africa, all the major centres (with the exception of Cape Town) will be able to observe a very small partial eclipse, best seen around 09:20. This is the only eclipse visible from southern Africa in 2010.		The lunar occultation of Antares on January 11 takes place in daylight over southern Africa. By sunrise, the star-moon pair are still over 4° apart.		Constellations prominent during January Culminate at 21:00: Caelum, Eridanus, Horologium, Perseus, Reticulum & Taurus. Midnight culmination: Auriga, Canis Major, Canis Minor, Gemini, Lynx, Monoceros, Puppis & Volans. Culminate at 03:00: Antlia, Chamæleon, Hydra, Leo, Leo Minor, Sextans, Ursa Major & Vela.	

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February Julian Date at 02:00 SAST = 2,455,227.5 + day of month Mercury starts the month in Sagittarius, crosses over into Capricornus on the 11th and into Aquarius on the last day of the month. Venus is in Capricornus until the 9th; the remainder of the month it is Aquarius. Mars is in Cancer. Jupiter is in Aquarius. On the 28th, Jupiter has the smallest angular diameter this year (33 arcseconds) and it furthest from the Earth (5.98 AU). Saturn is in Virgo, Uranus is in Pisces, and Neptune is in Capricornus this month. The lunar occultation of Antares on February 07 takes place while the Moon is below the southern African horizon. By moonrise, the star-moon pair are already over 3° apart.			Meteor showers active during February The alpha Centaurid meteor shower is active from January 28 to February 21 with maximum activity around February 07. The gamma Normid meteor shower is active from February 25 to March 22 with maximum activity around March 13.			
01 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♂♈ ♃ occults Antares (21 ^h) visible in Aleutian Islands, SW Alaska & Bering Sea.	01 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♂♈ ♀ 1.0°S of ♄ (07 ^h) ♃ furthest south (-25.7°)	02 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♂♈ ♂ 5.4°S of ♃ (16 ^h)	03 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♂♈ H.E. Wood's birthday (1881)	04 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♂♈ Spica 3.2°N of ♃ (08 ^h)	05 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♂♈	06 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♂♈ ♃ Last Quarter (01:48)
07 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♂♈ ♃ occults Antares (21 ^h) visible in Aleutian Islands, SW Alaska & Bering Sea.	08 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♂♈ ♀ 1.0°S of ♄ (07 ^h) ♃ furthest south (-25.7°)	09 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♂♈ ♂ 5.4°S of ♃ (16 ^h)	10 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♂♈ ♀ 0.5°S of ♃ (04 ^h)	11 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♂♈ Vesta at opposition (mag 6.2)	12 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♂♈ ♀ 2.2°S of ♃ (06 ^h)	13 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♂♈ ♃ apogee (04 ^h) ♀ aphelion J.L.E. Dreyer's birthday (1852).
14 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♂♈ ♃ New Moon (04:51) ♄ 3.4°S of ♃ (06 ^h) ♀ 5.0°S of ♃ (22 ^h)	15 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♂♈ ♄ conjunction (01 ^h) ♃ 4.6°S of ♃ (03 ^h)	16 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♂♈ ♂ 5.4°S of ♃ (16 ^h)	17 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♂♈ ♀ 0.5°S of ♃ (04 ^h)	18 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♂♈ Vesta at opposition (mag 6.2)	19 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♂♈	20 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♂♈
21 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♂♈	22 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♂♈ ♃ First Quarter (02:42) Comet 81P/Wild at perihelion (17 ^h)	23 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♂♈ ♃ furthest north (25.6°) Supernova SN 1987A in the LMC explodes.	24 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♂♈	25 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♂♈	26 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♂♈ ♂ 5.2°N of ♃ (05 ^h)	27 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♂♈ ♃ perigee (23 ^h) ♀ 1.7°S of ♄ (15 ^h)
28 dawn: ♀♊ dusk: ♂♈ ♃ Full Moon (18:38) ♃ conjunction (13 ^h) Regulus 3.8°N of ♃ (02 ^h)	Dwarf planets during 2010 Ceres starts the year in northern Scorpius. It is stationary on April 29 (mag 8.2, western Sagittarius). At opposition on June 18 (1.8 AU away, mag 7.2) it is in western Sagittarius. It is stationary on August 09 (mag 8.3, eastern Ophiuchus). The dwarf planet is always brighter than mag 9.3 so is an easy binocular target. Pluto is mag 14.1 in Sagittarius (about 32 AU away), Makemake is mag 16.8 in Coma (~51 AU), Haumea is mag 17.4 in Bootes (~51 AU) and Eris is mag 18.8 in Cetus (~97 AU).		Constellations prominent during February Culminate at 21:00: Auriga, Canis Major, Columba, Dorado, Gemini, Lepus, LMC, Mensa, Monoceros, Orion & Pictor. Midnight: Cancer, Carina, Hydra, Pyxis & Vela. Culminate at 03:00: Coma Berenices, Corvus, Crater, Crux & Musca.		Astronomical symbols ☉ Sun ♂ Mars ♀ Mercury ♃ Jupiter ♀ Venus ♃ Saturn ⊕ Earth ♂ Uranus ♃ Moon ♄ Neptune	

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Julian Date at 02:00 SAST = 2,455,255.5 + day of month March Mercury starts the month in Aquarius and crosses over into Pisces on the 16th. Venus spends the first three days in Aquarius, and is in Pisces from the 4th to the 13th. It is in Cetus on the 14th and 15th before returning to Pisces until the 30th. On the last day of March it is in Aries. Mars is in Cancer, Jupiter is in Aquarius, Saturn is in Virgo, and Uranus is in Pisces the entire month. Neptune is in Capricornus until March 23, crossing over into Aquarius.				Comets in March Comet 81P/Wild is at its brightest in March (around 9th mag) and is located in Virgo.		
Meteor showers active during March The gamma Normid meteor shower is active from February 25 to March 22 with maximum around Mar 13.	01 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♂	02 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♂	03 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♂ Spica 3.0°N of ♎ (18 ^h)	04 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♂ ♀ 0.6°S of ♂ (06 ^h) George Gamow's birthday (1904).	05 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♂	06 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♂ Joseph Fraunhofer's birthday (1787).
07 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♂ ♎ Last Quarter (17:42) Antares 1.3°S of ♎ (04 ^h) ♎ furthest south (-25.6°) John Herschel's birthday (1792).	08 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♂ ♃ 1.1°S of ♃ (03 ^h)	09 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♂	10 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♂ Anniversary of the discovery of the rings of Uranus (1977, Cape Town).	11 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♂ ♂ stationary (11 ^h)	12 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♂ ♎ apogee (12 ^h)	13 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♂ ♃ 3.6°S of ♎ (14 ^h)
14 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♂ ♃ superior conjunction ♃ 5.0°S of ♎ (23 ^h) Albert Einstein's birthday (1879).	15 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♂ ♎ New Moon (23:01) ♃ 0.6°S of ♂ (23 ^h)	16 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♂ ♂ 5.4°S of ♎ (01 ^h) Caroline Herschel's birthday (1750).	17 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♂ ♂ conjunction (09 ^h) ♃ dimmest (mag -2.0) Makemake nearest Earth (51.28 AU)	18 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♂	19 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♂	20 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♂ ⊕ equinox (19:32)
21 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♂	22 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♂ ♃ ♃ opposition (03 ^h) ♎ furthest north (+25.4°)	23 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♂ ♃ ♎ First Quarter (13:00)	24 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♀ ♂ ♃ Walter Baade's birthday (1893).	25 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♀ ♂ ♃ ♂ 4.4°N of ♎ (14 ^h)	26 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♀ ♂ ♃	27 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♀ ♂ ♃ Regulus 3.9°N of ♎ (12 ^h)
28 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♀ ♂ ♃ ♎ perigee (06 ^h)	29 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♀ ♂ ♃ ♃ perihelion	30 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♀ ♂ ♃ ♎ Full Moon (04:25) ♂ aphelion	31 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♀ ♂ ♃ Spica 2.9°N of ♎ (04 ^h)	Constellations prominent during March Culminate at 21:00: Cancer, Canis Minor, Lynx, Puppis, Pyxis & Volans. Midnight culmination: Antlia, Chamaeleon, Crater, Leo, Leo Minor, Sextans & Ursa Major. Culminate at 03:00: Boötes, Canes Venatici, Centaurus & Virgo.		Astronomical symbols ☉ Sun ♂ Mars ♀ Mercury ♃ Jupiter ♀ Venus ♄ Saturn ⊕ Earth ♂ Uranus ♎ Moon ♃ Neptune

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Meteor showers active during April The eta Aquariid meteor shower is active from April 19 to May 28 with maximum around May 06. The Lyrid meteor shower is active from April 16 to April 25 with maximum around April 22. The pi Puppis meteor shower is active from April 15 to April 28 with maximum around April 23.	Voyager space craft update During 2010, Voyager I is located in Ophiuchus, 112.8 AU from the Earth at the beginning of the year, and 116.4 AU away by end-December. Voyager II is in Telescopium, 91.8AU away at the start of the year, increasing to 95.0 AU by year-end.			01 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♀ ♂ ♃ Transvaal Obs. renamed Union Observatory (1912).	02 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♀ ♂ ♃	03 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♀ ♂ ♃ Antares 1.5°S of ♎ (13 ^h)
04 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♀ ♂ ♃ ♎ furthest south (-25.3°) ♃ 3.0° from ♀ (08 ^h)	05 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♀ ♂ ♃	06 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♀ ♂ ♃ ♎ Last Quarter (11:37) J. C. (Jack) Bennett's birthday (1914).	07 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♀ ♂ ♃ Pluto stationary (03 ^h) Adriaan Jan Wesselink's birthday (1909).	08 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♀ ♂ ♃ Haumea closest to Earth (50.13 AU)	09 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♀ ♂ ♃ ♎ apogee (06 ^h) ♃ greatest (19 ^h) elongation east (01 ^h) ♃ 3.8°S of ♎ (23 ^h)	10 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♀ ♂ ♃
11 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♀ ♂ ♃ ♃ 5.5°S of ♎ (19 ^h) Arrival of the Venus Express at Venus, in 2006.	12 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♀ ♂ ♃ ♂ 5.4°S of ♎ (11 ^h) Eris furthest from Earth (97.64 AU)	13 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♀ ♂ ♃	14 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♀ ♂ ♃ ♎ New Moon (14:29)	15 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♀ ♂ ♃ ♃ 1.5°S of ♎ (23 ^h) pi Puppis meteor shower starts (max Apr 23)	16 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♀ ♂ ♃ ♃ 4.0°S of ♎ (12 ^h) Lyrid meteor shower starts (max April 22) Leonardo DaVinci's birthday (1452).	17 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♀ ♂ ♃
18 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♀ ♂ ♃ ♃ stationary (12 ^h) ♎ furthest north (25.2°)	19 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♀ ♂ ♃ eta Aquariid meteor shower starts (max May 06) Lacaille arrives in Cape Town (1751)	20 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♀ ♂ ♃	21 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♂ ♃ ♎ First Quarter (20:20)	22 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♂ ♃ ♂ 4.4°N of ♎ (09 ^h)	23 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♂ ♃ Regulus 4.1°N of ♎ (20 ^h)	24 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♂ ♃ ♎ perigee (22 ^h)
25 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♂ ♃	26 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♂ ♃	27 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♂ ♃ Spica 2.9°N of ♎ (14 ^h)	28 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♂ ♃ ♎ Full Moon (14:18) ♃ inferior conjunction	29 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♂ ♃	30 dawn: ♃ ♄ dusk: ♀ ♂ ♃ Antares 1.7°S of ♎ (22 ^h)	Astronomical symbols ☉ Sun ♂ Mars ♀ Mercury ♃ Jupiter ♀ Venus ♄ Saturn ⊕ Earth ♂ Uranus ♎ Moon ♃ Neptune

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02 dawn: ☾♃ dusk: ♀♃♄	03 dawn: ☾♃ dusk: ♀♃♄	04 dawn: ☾♃ dusk: ♀♃♄ Pallas at opposition (mag 8.7)	05 dawn: ☾♃ dusk: ♀♃♄	06 dawn: ☾♃ dusk: ♀♃♄ ☾ Last Quarter (06:15) Willem de Sitter's birthday (1872).	07 dawn: ☾♃ dusk: ♀♃♄ ☾ apogee (01°) ♃ 4.0°S of ☾ (08 ^h)	08 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄	
09 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄ ♃ 5.9°S of ☾ (14 ^h) ♄ 5.6°S of ☾ (22 ^h)	10 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄ Cecilia Payne-Gaposchkin's birthday (1900).	11 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄ ♀ stationary (02 ^h) Richard Feynman's birthday (1918).	12 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄ ♀ aphelion	13 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄	14 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄ ☾ New Moon (03:04)	15 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄	
16 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄ ♀ perihelion ☾ occults ♀ (12 ^h) ☾ furthest north (25.1°)	17 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄	18 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄ Earliest astrophotograph taken of the Moon, by (Sir) David Gill, in 1869.	19 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄	20 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄ ☾ perigee (11 ^h) ♃ 4.8°N of ☾ (10 ^h)	21 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄ ☾ First Quarter (01:43) Regulus 4.2°N ☾ (01 ^h)	22 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄	
23 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄	24 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄ Spica 3.0°N of ☾ (21 ^h)	25 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄	26 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄ ♀ greatest (25°) western elongation (04 ^h)	27 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄	28 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄ ☾ Full Moon (01:07) Antares 1.8°S of ☾ (07 ^h)	29 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄ ☾ furthest south (-25.0°)	
30 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄ ☾ occults Ceres (00 ^h) visible in Southern Africa, Madagascar, Indian Ocean, SE Asia & Indonesia.	31 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄ ♃ stationary (18 ^h) European Space Agency established (1975).	<p>Venus occultation The occultation of Venus by the crescent Moon on May 16 will not be seen in southern Africa. After sunset the pair will be 2.5° apart low in the north-west.</p>		<p>Meteor showers active during July The eta Aquariid meteor shower is active from April 19 - May 28 with maximum activity around May 06.</p>		<p>Constellations prominent during May Culminate at 21:00: Coma Berenices, Corvus, Crater, Crux & Musca. Midnight culmination: Boötes, Circinus, Libra, Lupus & Serpens. Culminate at 03:00: Ara, Corona Australis, Hercules, Lyra, Ophiuchus, Scutum & Serpens.</p>	<p>Astronomical symbols ☉ Sun ♂ Mars ☿ Mercury ♃ Jupiter ♀ Venus ♄ Saturn ♁ Earth ♅ Uranus ☾ Moon ♆ Neptune</p>

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<p>Galilean Moons during 2010 During the year, 554 events involving Jupiter's four largest moons are visible from southern Africa. The rarest events involve Callisto. A single occultation of Callisto is visible (on Dec 16) and a single transit (on Nov 20). There will be 46 shadow transits by Io, 21 by Europa, 12 by Ganymede, and 5 by Callisto.</p>			02 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄ ♃ stationary (04 ^h)	03 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄ ☾ apogee (19 ^h) ♃ 4.2°S of ☾ (16 ^h)	04 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄	05 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄ ☾ Last Quarter (00:13)
06 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄ ♄ 5.8°S of ☾ (08 ^h)	07 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄ ♃ 0.8°N of Regulus (06 ^h)	08 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄ ♃ 0.4°S of ♄ (14 ^h) ♀ 4.7°S of Pollux (19 ^h)	09 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄	10 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄	11 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄ ♀ 5.2°S of ☾ (02 ^h)	12 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄ ☾ New Moon (13:15) ☾ furthest north (25.0°)
13 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄	14 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄	15 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄ ☾ perigee (17 ^h) ♀ 3.7°N of ☾ (07 ^h) ♀ 4.5°N Aldebaran (19 ^h)	16 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄	17 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄ Regulus 4.3°N ☾ (07 ^h) ♃ 5.3°N of ☾ (16 ^h)	18 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄ Ceres at opposition	19 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄ ☾ First Quarter (06:29) Andrew David Thackeray's birthday (1910).
20 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄	21 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄ ♁ solstice (13:28) Spica 3.1°N of ☾ (03 ^h)	22 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄ Royal Greenwich Observatory established, in 1675.	23 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄	24 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄ Antares 1.8°S of ☾ (14 ^h)	25 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄ ♃ perihelion ☾ occults Ceres (21 ^h) ☾ furthest south (-25.0°)	26 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄ ☾ Full Moon (13:30) ☾ Eclipse (partial) Charles Messier's birthday (1730).
27 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄	28 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄ ♀ superior conjunction	29 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄	30 dawn: ♀♃♄ dusk: ♀♃♄ Cassini-Huygens arrives at Saturn, in 2004.	<p>Constellations prominent during June Culminate at 21:00: Boötes, Canes Venatici, Centaurus & Virgo. Midnight culmination: Apus, Ara, Corona Borealis, Hercules, Norma, Ophiuchus, Scorpius & Triangulum Australe. Culminate at 03:00: Aquila, Cygnus, Pavo, Sagitta, Sagittarius, Telescopium & Vulpecula.</p>		<p>Astronomical symbols ☉ Sun ♂ Mars ☿ Mercury ♃ Jupiter ♀ Venus ♄ Saturn ♁ Earth ♅ Uranus ☾ Moon ♆ Neptune</p>

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p>Julian Date at 02:00 SAST = 2,455,377.5 + day of month</p> <h2>July</h2> <p>Mercury starts the month in Gemini, crossing into Cancer on the 9th and Leo on the 20th. Venus is in Leo the entire month. Mars is in Leo until July 20 when it moves into Virgo. Jupiter and Uranus are in Pisces, Saturn in Virgo, and Neptune in Aquarius this month. The total solar eclipse on July 11 will be visible from the Cook Islands, French Polynesia, and the southern tip of south America.</p> <p>Meteor showers active during July The Piscis Austrinid meteor shower is active from Jul 15 - Aug 10 with max around July 28. The Southern delta Aquariid meteor shower is active from Jul 12 - Aug 19 with maximum around July 28.</p>		<p>Constellations prominent during July Culminate at 21:00: Apus, Circinus, Corona Borealis, Libra, Lupus, Norma, Ophiuchus, Scorpius, Serpens & Triangulum Australe. Midnight culmination: Aquila, Corona Australis, Lyra, Pavo, Sagitta, Sagittarius, Scutum, Serpens & Telescopium. Culminate at 03:00: Aquarius, Capricornus, Delphinus, Equuleus, Grus, Indus, Lacerta, Microscopium, Octans, Pegasus & Piscis Austrinus.</p> <p>Comets during July Comet 10P/Tempel is brightest this month.</p>				<p>Astronomical symbols ☉ Sun ♂ Mars ♀ Mercury ♃ Jupiter ♁ Venus ♄ Saturn ⊕ Earth ♅ Uranus ☾ Moon ♆ Neptune</p>	
<p>04 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♂♄</p> <p>☾ Last Quarter (16:35) Comet 10P/Tempel at perihelion (22^h)</p>	<p>05 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♂♄</p>	<p>06 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p> <p>♁ aphelion (13^h) ♄ stationary (03^h) ♁ 4.9°S of Pollux (10^h)</p>	<p>07 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p>	<p>08 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p> <p>♁ apogee (12^h) ♄ 4.3°S of ♁ (00^h)</p>	<p>09 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p> <p>☾ furthest north (25.0°)</p>	<p>10 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p> <p>♀ 1.0°N of Regulus (13^h)</p>	
<p>11 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p> <p>☾ New Moon (21:40) ☉ eclipse (total)</p>	<p>12 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p> <p>Southern delta Aquariid meteor shower starts (max July 28)</p>	<p>13 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p> <p>☾ perigee (13^h) ♁ 3.9°N of ♁ (00^h)</p>	<p>14 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p> <p>Regulus 4.3°N of ♁ (15^h) ♁ 5.4°N of ♁ (23^h)</p>	<p>15 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p> <p>Piscis Austrinid meteor shower starts (max Jul 28)</p>	<p>16 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p> <p>♂ 5.6°N of ♁ (02^h)</p>	<p>17 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p> <p>Georges Lemaitre's birthday (1894).</p>	
<p>18 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p> <p>☾ First Quarter (12:11) Spica 3.1°N of ♁ (09^h)</p>	<p>19 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p>	<p>20 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p>	<p>21 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p> <p>Antares 1.8°S of ♁ (20^h)</p>	<p>22 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p> <p>☾ furthest south (-25.0°)</p>	<p>23 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p>	<p>24 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p> <p>♃ stationary (06^h)</p>	
<p>25 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p>	<p>26 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p> <p>☾ Full Moon (03:37)</p>	<p>27 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p> <p>♀ 0.3°S Regulus (23^h)</p>	<p>28 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p> <p>♄ 4.2°S of ♁ (05^h)</p>	<p>29 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p> <p>☾ apogee (01^h)</p>	<p>30 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p> <p>♄ 5.9°S of ♁ (23^h)</p>	<p>31 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p> <p>♂ 1.8°S of ♄ (10^h)</p>	

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<p>01 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p> <p>♂ conjunction with ♄</p> <p>Helen Sawyer Hogg's birthday (1905).</p>	<p>02 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p>	<p>03 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p> <p>☾ Last Quarter (06:59)</p>	<p>04 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p>	<p>05 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p>	<p>06 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p> <p>☾ furthest north (24.9°) Comet 2P/Encke at perihelion (12^h)</p>	<p>07 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p> <p>♀ greatest (27°) eastern elongation (03^h)</p>	
<p>08 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p> <p>♁ aphelion ♁ 2.7S of ♄ (19^h)</p>	<p>09 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p>	<p>10 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p> <p>☾ New Moon (05:08) ☾ perigee (20^h) ♁ conjunction with ♄</p>	<p>11 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p> <p>Regulus 4.3°N ♁ (00^h)</p>	<p>12 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p> <p>♀ 2.1°N of ♁ (01^h)</p>	<p>13 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p> <p>♀ 4.1°N of ♁ (11^h) ♂ 5.4°N of ♁ (15^h)</p>	<p>14 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p> <p>Spica 3.0°N of ♁ (16^h)</p>	
<p>15 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p>	<p>16 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p> <p>☾ First Quarter (20:14)</p>	<p>17 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p>	<p>18 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p> <p>Antares 1.9°S of ♁ (01^h) ☾ furthest south (-24.9°)</p>	<p>19 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p> <p>John Flamsteed's birthday (1646).</p>	<p>20 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p> <p>♀ stationary (06^h) ♁ greatest (46°) elongation east (06^h) ♄ opposition (12^h, V=7.8) ♁ 2.0°S of ♂ (21^h)</p>	<p>21 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p>	
<p>22 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p>	<p>23 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p> <p>♀ conjunction with ♂</p>	<p>24 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p> <p>☾ Full Moon (19:05) ♄ 4.2°S of ♁ (10^h)</p>	<p>25 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p> <p>☾ apogee (08^h)</p>	<p>26 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p>	<p>27 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p> <p>♄ 5.8°S of ♁ (04^h)</p>	<p>28 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p>	
<p>29 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p> <p>northernmost for 2010 (+0.96°)</p>	<p>30 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p>	<p>31 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♁♀♂♄</p>	<p>Comets during August Comet 2P/Encke is a fading binocular object visible from mid-August through September.</p>	<p>Constellations prominent during August Culminate at 21:00: Ara, Corona Australis, Hercules, Lyra, Sagittarius, Scutum & Serpens. Midnight culmination: Capricornus, Cygnus, Delphinus, Equuleus, Indus, Microscopium & Vulpecula. Culminate at 03:00: Andromeda, Phoenix, Pisces, Sculptor, SMC & Tucana.</p>	<p>Astronomical symbols ☉ Sun ♂ Mars ♀ Mercury ♃ Jupiter ♁ Venus ♄ Saturn ⊕ Earth ♅ Uranus ☾ Moon ♆ Neptune</p>		

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<p>05 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♂ 2.1°N of Spica (22^h)</p>	<p>06 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♀ aphelion</p>	<p>07 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p> <p>Regulus 4.3°N of ♄ (11^h) ♀ 1.5°N of ♄ (23^h)</p>	<p>01 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♄ Last Quarter (19:22) ♀ 1.0°S of Spica (08^h)</p>	<p>02 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♄ furthest north (24.8°) First comet fly-by, of Giacobini-Zinner, in 1985.</p>	<p>03 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♀ inferior conjunction</p>	<p>04 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p>
<p>12 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♀ stationary (05^h)</p>	<p>13 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p>	<p>14 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p> <p>Pluto stationary (03^h) Antares 2.1°S of ♄ (08^h) John Dobson's birthday (1915).</p>	<p>08 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♄ New Moon (12:30) ♄ perigee (06^h) First observation of Halley's Comet from ZA (1682), by Simon van der Stel.</p>	<p>09 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p>	<p>10 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p>	<p>11 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♄ occults ♀ (15^h) Spica 2.8°N of ♄ (01^h) ♂ 4.7°N of ♄ (07^h)</p>
<p>19 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♀ greatest (18^h) elongation west (19^h) ♃ 0.8S of ♄ (03^h) Makemake furthest from Earth (53.06 AU)</p>	<p>20 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♄ 4.2°S of ♄ (15^h) ♃ maximum brightness (mag -2.94)</p>	<p>21 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♄ apogee (10^h) ♃ opposition (14^h) ♄ opposition (19^h, V=5.7) ♀ perihelion</p>	<p>15 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♄ First Quarter (07:50) ♄ furthest south (-24.7°) ♂ dimmest (mag +1.52)</p>	<p>16 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p>	<p>17 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p>	<p>18 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p>
<p>26 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p>	<p>27 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p>	<p>28 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p>	<p>22 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p>	<p>23 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♄ Full Moon (11:17) ♄ equinox (05:09) ♀ greatest illuminated extent (22^h) ♄ 5.7°S of ♄ (07^h)</p>	<p>24 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p>	<p>25 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p>
<p>Comets in September 103P/Hartley is a binocular object visible in Cygnus this month. 2P/Encke is a fading binocular object visible from mid-August through September.</p>						<p>Astronomical symbols ☉ Sun ♂ Mars ☿ Mercury ♃ Jupiter ♀ Venus ♄ Saturn ♁ Earth ♅ Uranus ♄ Moon ♆ Neptune</p>

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<p>03 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p>	<p>04 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p> <p>Regulus 4.5°N ♄ (21^h)</p>	<p>05 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p>	<p>06 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♄ perigee (16^h)</p>	<p>07 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p> <p>Astron.Twl</p> <p>♄ New Moon (20:44) ♀ stationary (21^h)</p>	<p>01 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♄ Last Quarter (05:52) ♀ conjunction (03^h)</p>	<p>02 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p> <p>Orionid meteor shower starts (max Oct 21)</p>
<p>10 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♂ 3.5°N of ♄ (02^h)</p>	<p>11 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p> <p>Antares 2.3°S of ♄ (17^h)</p>	<p>12 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♄ furthest south (-24.5°)</p>	<p>13 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p>	<p>14 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♄ First Quarter (23:27)</p>	<p>15 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p> <p>Eris closest to Earth (95.67 AU)</p>	<p>16 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p>
<p>17 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♀ superior conjunction ♀ 2.9°N of Spica (09^h) ♄ 4.4°S of ♄ (20^h)</p>	<p>18 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♄ apogee (20^h)</p>	<p>19 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p> <p>Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar's birthday (1910).</p>	<p>20 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♄ 5.7°S of ♄ (12^h) Comet 103P/Hartley 0.121AU from Earth</p>	<p>21 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p>	<p>22 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p>	<p>23 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♄ Full Moon (03:37) Karl Jansky's birthday (1905).</p>
<p>24 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p> <p>Mars Odyssey orbiter arrives at Mars, in 2001.</p>	<p>25 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p>	<p>26 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p>	<p>27 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♄ furthest north (24.4°)</p>	<p>28 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p> <p>Comet 103P/Hartley at perihelion (07^h)</p>	<p>29 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♀ inferior conjunction</p>	<p>30 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♄ Last Quarter (14:46)</p>
<p>31 dawn: ☾ ☽ ☿ ♃ dusk: ☿ ☽ ♃</p>	<p>October anniversaries 09: Kepler's Star (SN 1604) seen, the last supernova observed in our own galaxy. 20: First permanent astronomical observatory in the southern hemisphere established, the Royal Observatory at the Cape of Good Hope, in 1820. Official opening ceremony on October 29.</p>		<p>Meteor showers active during October The Orionid meteor shower is active from October 02 - November 07 with maximum activity around October 21.</p>	<p>Constellations prominent during October Culminate at 21:00: Aquarius, Capricornus, Delphinus, Equuleus, Grus, Indus, Lacerta, Microscopium, Octans, Pegasus & Piscis Austrinus. Midnight culmination: Andromeda, Cetus, Phoenix, Pisces, Sculptor & SMC. Culminate at 03:00: Caelum, Eridanus, Horologium, Perseus, Reticulum & Taurus.</p>	<p>Astronomical symbols ☉ Sun ♂ Mars ☿ Mercury ♃ Jupiter ♀ Venus ♄ Saturn ♁ Earth ♅ Uranus ♄ Moon ♆ Neptune</p>	

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<p>01 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>Regulus 4.7°N of ♋ (05^h)</p>	<p>02 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>☾ occults Juno (02^h) visible in most of Russia, N China, Mongolia, Japan & the Marshall Islands.</p>	<p>03 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♋ perigee (19^h)</p>	<p>04 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♃ aphelion Spica 2.7°N of ♋ (22^h) ♃ moons in compact grouping (23^h)</p>	<p>05 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♀ 0.1°N of ♋ (10^h)</p> <p>Fred Whipple's birthday (1906).</p>	<p>06 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♋ New Moon (06:52)</p>	
<p>07 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♃ stationary (10^h) ♃ 1.7°N of ♋ (23^h) ♀ 1.7°N of ♋ (05^h)</p>	<p>08 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>Antares 2.4°S ♋ (03^h) ♋ furthest south (-24.3°) Edmund Halley's birthday (1656).</p>	<p>09 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♃ stationary (18^h) ♃ 5.9°S of ♋ (18^h)</p>	<p>10 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>Leonid meteor shower starts (max Nov 17) R.T.A. Innes' birthday (1861).</p>	<p>11 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♃ 3.9°N of Antares (01^h)</p>	<p>12 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♃ three moons make tight grouping until Jupiter sets.</p>	
<p>14 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♃ 4.6°S of ♋ (04^h)</p>	<p>15 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♋ apogee (13^h) ♀ 2.5°N of Antares (19^h)</p>	<p>16 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♃ stationary (18^h) ♃ 5.9°S of ♋ (18^h)</p>	<p>17 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p>	<p>18 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p>	<p>19 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♃ stationary (08^h)</p>	
<p>21 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♋ Full Moon (19:27) ♀ conjunction with ♃</p>	<p>22 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p>	<p>23 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♋ furthest north (24.3°)</p>	<p>24 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p>	<p>25 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p>	<p>26 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p>	
<p>28 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♋ Last Quarter (22:36) Regulus 4.8°N ♋ (11^h)</p>	<p>29 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>December Phoenicid meteor shower starts (max Dec 06)</p>	<p>30 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♋ perigee (20^h) ☾ occults Juno (01^h) visible in S India, Sri Lanka, W Indonesia, S & W Australia & New Zealand.</p>	<p>Constellations prominent during November</p> <p>Culminate at 21:00: Andromeda, Phoenix, Pisces, Sculptor, SMC & Tucana.</p> <p>Midnight culmination: Aries, Fornax, Horologium, Hydrus, Perseus, Reticulum & Triangulum.</p> <p>Culminate at 03:00: Auriga, Canis Major, Columba, Dorado, Gemini, Lepus, LMC, Mensa, Monoceros, Orion & Pictor.</p>			<p>Astronomical symbols</p> <p>☉ Sun ☽ Mars ☿ Mercury ♃ Jupiter ♀ Venus ☿ Saturn ♁ Earth ♂ Uranus ♋ Moon ♃ Neptune</p>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p>Julian Date at 02:00 SAST = 2,455,530.5 + day of month</p> <h2>December</h2> <p>Mercury starts the month in Sagittarius before crossing into Ophiuchus on the 22nd. Venus starts the month in Virgo then crosses into Libra on the 13th until year-end. Mars is in Ophiuchus crossing into Sagittarius on the 4th. Jupiter is in Aquarius until the 18th, and in Pisces until year-end. Saturn is in Virgo, Uranus in Pisces and Neptune is in Capricornus this month.</p>			<p>Constellations prominent during December</p> <p>Culminate at 21:00: Aries, Cetus, Fornax, Hydrus & Triangulum.</p> <p>Midnight culmination: Caelum, Columba, Dorado, Eridanus, Lepus, LMC, Mensa, Orion, Pictor & Taurus.</p> <p>Culminate at 03:00: Cancer, Canis Minor, Carina, Lynx, Puppis, Pyxis & Volans.</p>				
<p>The total lunar eclipse on December 21 will be visible from Europe, western Africa, the Americas, the Pacific Ocean, eastern Australia, the Philippines, and eastern and northern Asia.</p>	<p>Meteor showers active during December</p> <p>The December Phoenicid meteor shower is active from Nov 28 - Dec 09 with maximum around December 06.</p> <p>The Geminid meteor shower is active from Dec 07 to Dec 17 with maximum around December 14.</p> <p>The Puppis/Velid meteor shower is active from Dec 01 to Dec 15 with maximum around December 07.</p>			<p>01 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♀ greatest (21°) elongation east (18^h) Puppis meteor shower starts (max Dec 07)</p>	<p>02 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♃ Spica 2.8°N of ♋ (06^h)</p>	<p>03 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p>	<p>04 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♀ greatest illuminated extent (12^h)</p>
<p>05 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♋ New Moon (19:36) Antares 2.5°S ♋ (13^h)</p>	<p>06 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♃ stationary (12^h) ♋ furthest south (-24.3°) ♃ 0.5°S of ♋ (23^h)</p>	<p>07 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♀ 1.7°S of ♋ (10^h) Geminid meteor shower starts (max Dec 14)</p>	<p>08 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p>	<p>09 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p>	<p>10 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♀ stationary (12^h)</p>	<p>11 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♃ 4.7°S of ♋ (13^h)</p>	
<p>12 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♃ moons in compact grouping (22^h)</p>	<p>13 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♋ First Quarter (15:59) ♋ apogee (10^h) ♀ 4.5°S of Pluto (18^h) Tycho Brahe born (1546)</p>	<p>14 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♀ 1.0°N of ♃ (01^h) ♃ 6.0°S of ♋ (02^h) ♃ 5.4S of Pluto (06^h)</p>	<p>15 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p>	<p>16 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>E. E. Barnard's birthday (1857).</p>	<p>17 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>First recorded comet observation from South Africa, by Jan van Riebeeck, in 1652.</p>	<p>18 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♀ perihelion</p>	
<p>19 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p>	<p>20 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♀ inferior conjunction ♋ furthest north (24.2°)</p>	<p>21 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♋ Full Moon (10:13) ♋ eclipse (total)</p>	<p>22 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♁ solstice (01:38)</p>	<p>23 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p>	<p>24 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♃ moons in compact grouping (20^h)</p>	<p>25 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♋ perigee (15^h) Regulus 4.8°N ♋ (17^h)</p>	
<p>26 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p>	<p>27 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♃ Pluto conjunction (03^h) ♀ perihelion Johannes Kepler's birthday (1571).</p>	<p>28 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♋ Last Quarter (06:18) Sir Arthur Eddington's birthday (1882).</p>	<p>29 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♃ Spica 2.8°N of ♋ (12^h)</p>	<p>30 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♀ stationary (10^h)</p>	<p>31 dawn: ☾ ☽ ♃ dusk: ☾ ☽ ♃</p> <p>♃ smallest (3.9^h)</p>	<p>Astronomical symbols</p> <p>☉ Sun ☽ Mars ☿ Mercury ♃ Jupiter ♀ Venus ☿ Saturn ♁ Earth ♂ Uranus ♋ Moon ♃ Neptune</p>	