

Astronomy Calendar 2026

Date	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
1						
2	Full Moon in Libra♌	Full Moon in Scorpio♏				
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7					July 30–August 12: Best Chance to see Mercury (low in the ENE before dawn)	
8						The Moon Approaches Mars and Jupiter
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10			Venus & Jupiter Coming Close (8–10)	The Moon Approaches Saturn, the Pleiades, and Mars (before sunrise, eastern sky)		New Moon in Virgo♍
11			Moon approaches Saturn & Mars (10–13, 1 hr before sunrise)			
12						
13					New Moon in Leo♌	Perseids Meteor Shower
14				New Moon in Cancer♋		The Moon Approaches Venus, Venus at Greatest Brilliance (after sunset)
15			New Moon in Gemini♊			
16					The Moon Approaches Venus	
17	New Moon in Aries♈	New Moon in Taurus♉	The Moon Approaches Mercury, Jupiter, and Venus	The Moon Approaches Venus (around sunset)		
18						
19	The Moon Approaches Venus	The Moon Approaches Venus and Jupiter				
20						
21			Summer Solstice			
22	The Moon Approaches Jupiter					
23	the Lyrid Meteor Shower (around 3–5 a.m.)					
24						
25						Mid-Autumn Moon
26						
27						The Moon approaches Saturn(25–29)
28					Full Moon in Pisces♓	Full Moon in Aries♈(27)
29				Full Moon in Aquarius♒		
30			Full Moon in Capricorn♑			
31		Sagittarius Full Moon (the farthest full moon of 2026)	May 31 – June 24: Mercury is best seen just after sunset in the western sky			

Recommended Viewpoints

- 【Oyano Town】 Iwa Sakura-Hana Park, Yushima, Miyazu Seaside Park
 - 【Matsushima Town】 Kumamoto Prefectural Amakusa Youth Center, Senganzan Mountain, Pearl Sun Beach
 - 【Himedo Town】 Shiratake Forest Park Campsite
 - 【Ryugatake Town】 Myui Astronomical Observatory, Ryugatake Mountain Park Campsite
- 〈How to watch well〉 For stargazing, choose a dark place as much as possible. It's more clear to watch the starry sky if you avoid looking at the moonlight, especially on the day of the new moon. ✨ Also, we recommend lying down for stargazing.

Therefore, it might prevent neck strain 😊

Kamiyamakusa's Moon Phase & Astronomy Calendar

Kamiyamakusa city is located at the gateway to Amakusa archipelago in the southwest of Kumamoto prefecture. Most of this area has been designated as Unzen-Amakusa National Park. Amakusa is blessed with fantastic shimmering seas with a cluster of islands and nature, which can be seen from the Amakusa Kankai Alps. Enjoy those wonderful sceneries with the clear skies.

Sunrise



Sunrise from Mt. Ryugatake

Sunset



Sunset from Mt. Takabuto

Please share any information, such as location or date and time with your pictures including [\[#Kami_ama\]](#)

Star & Moon

The Starry Sky at Mt. Ryugatake, Designated as "Japan's Best Starry Sky"



Sunrise Calendar

Date	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
1	6:07	5:32	5:12	5:14	5:32	5:53
2	6:06	5:31	5:12	5:15	5:33	5:54
3	6:05	5:30	5:11	5:15	5:34	5:54
4	6:03	5:29	5:11	5:16	5:34	5:55
5	6:02	5:28	5:11	5:16	5:35	5:56
6	6:01	5:27	5:11	5:17	5:36	5:56
7	5:59	5:27	5:11	5:17	5:36	5:57
8	5:58	5:26	5:11	5:18	5:37	5:57
9	5:57	5:25	5:11	5:18	5:38	5:58
10	5:56	5:24	5:10	5:19	5:39	5:59
11	5:54	5:23	5:10	5:19	5:39	5:59
12	5:53	5:23	5:10	5:20	5:40	6:00
13	5:52	5:22	5:10	5:20	5:41	6:01
14	5:51	5:21	5:10	5:21	5:41	6:01
15	5:50	5:20	5:11	5:22	5:42	6:02
16	5:48	5:20	5:11	5:22	5:43	6:02
17	5:47	5:19	5:11	5:23	5:43	6:03
18	5:46	5:18	5:11	5:23	5:44	6:04
19	5:45	5:18	5:11	5:24	5:45	6:04
20	5:44	5:17	5:11	5:25	5:45	6:05
21	5:43	5:17	5:11	5:25	5:46	6:06
22	5:42	5:16	5:12	5:26	5:47	6:06
23	5:40	5:16	5:12	5:26	5:47	6:07
24	5:39	5:15	5:12	5:27	5:48	6:08
25	5:38	5:15	5:12	5:28	5:49	6:08
26	5:37	5:14	5:13	5:28	5:49	6:09
27	5:36	5:14	5:13	5:29	5:50	6:09
28	5:35	5:13	5:13	5:30	5:50	6:10
29	5:34	5:13	5:14	5:30	5:51	6:11
30	5:33	5:13	5:14	5:31	5:52	6:11
31		5:12		5:32	5:52	

Recommended Viewpoints

- 【Oyano Town】 Mt. Takayama in Iwa, Zozo Port in Iwa, Yushima Community Center
- 【Matsushima Town】 Mt. Jiromaru-dake
- 【Himedo Town】 Kojima Park Campsite
- 【Ryugatake Town】 Top of Mt. Ryugatake

〈How to watch well 〉

The sun rises from the opposite shore, so it appears a little later than the timetable, but if you wait for the sunrise with the morning glow about five minutes in advance, you won't miss it.

Sunset Calendar

Date	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
1	18:39	19:00	19:22	19:31	19:18	18:44
2	18:40	19:01	19:22	19:31	19:17	18:43
3	18:40	19:02	19:23	19:31	19:16	18:42
4	18:41	19:03	19:23	19:31	19:15	18:41
5	18:42	19:03	19:24	19:30	19:14	18:39
6	18:42	19:04	19:24	19:30	19:13	18:38
7	18:43	19:05	19:25	19:30	19:12	18:37
8	18:44	19:05	19:25	19:30	19:12	18:35
9	18:45	19:06	19:26	19:30	19:11	18:34
10	18:45	19:07	19:26	19:29	19:10	18:33
11	18:46	19:08	19:27	19:29	19:09	18:31
12	18:47	19:08	19:27	19:29	19:08	18:30
13	18:47	19:09	19:27	19:29	19:07	18:29
14	18:48	19:10	19:28	19:28	19:06	18:27
15	18:49	19:10	19:28	19:28	19:05	18:26
16	18:50	19:11	19:28	19:27	19:03	18:25
17	18:50	19:12	19:29	19:27	19:02	18:23
18	18:51	19:13	19:29	19:27	19:01	18:22
19	18:52	19:13	19:29	19:26	19:00	18:21
20	18:52	19:14	19:30	19:26	18:59	18:19
21	18:53	19:15	19:30	19:25	18:58	18:18
22	18:54	19:15	19:30	19:25	18:57	18:17
23	18:55	19:16	19:30	19:24	18:56	18:15
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Recommended Viewpoints

- 【Oyano Town】 Miyazu Seaside Park, Amakusa Shiro Park, Tosengahama, Yushima Lighthouse
- 【Matsushima Town】 Mt. Takabuto, Fisharena Amakusa, Mt. Sengan, Amakusa Gokyo(2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th bridges)
- ※Location of sunset changes throughout the year.
- 【Ryugatake Town】 Top of Mt. Ryugatake

〈How to watch well 〉

If you start watching the sun setting about 15 minutes before the time noted above, you can clearly see the change in the color of the sky.