

Astronomy Calendar 2026

Date	2026			2027		
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
1			Moon near Mars & Jupiter		2-3: Moon near Venus	
2					Jan 31-Feb 8: Mercury at Greatest Eastern Elongation Best viewed after sunset	
3		Moon near Mars & Jupiter		1-4: Moon near Venus		
4	Saturn at Opposition (Best Viewing)			4 (pre-dawn): Quadrantid Meteor Shower Peak		Moon near Venus
5			Moon near Venus			
6	Moon near Mars & Jupiter				New Moon in Aquarius●	
7		Moon near Venus				
8				New Moon in Capricorn●		New Moon in Pisces●
9		New Moon in Scorpio●	New Moon in Sagittarius●			
10					Moon near Saturn	
11	New Moon in Libra●					
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13						
14						
15		Mars near Jupiter	Geminid Meteor Shower Peak	Moon near Saturn		
16						
17						
18			Moon near Saturn			
19					19-21: Moon near Jupiter and Mars 20: Moon closest to Mars	Moon near Jupiter & Mars
20		20-21: Moon near Saturn 15-30: Mercury at Greatest Western Elongation			Full Moon in Leo○	
21				Full Moon in Cancer○		Full Moon in Virgo○
22				Moon near Jupiter & Mars		
23			Full Moon in Gemini○			
24	Moon near Saturn					
25		Full Moon in Taurus○				
26	Full Moon in Aries○		Moon near Jupiter & Mars			
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30		Moon near Mars & Jupiter				
31				Mercury at Greatest Eastern Elongation		

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
〈Stargazing Tips〉 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. We also recommend lying down while stargazing for a more comfortable viewing experience.

Kamiamakusa's

Moon Phases & Astronomy Calendar

Kamiamakusa City is the gateway to the Amakusa Islands in southwestern 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 at Mt. Ryugatake

Sunset

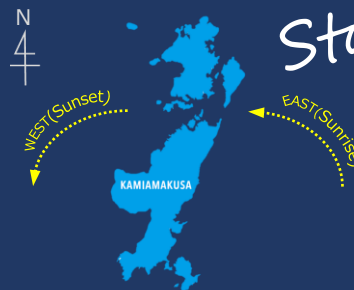


Sunset at Mt. Takabuto

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Starry sky & Moon

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



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Sunrise Calendar

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

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

<Sunrise Viewing Tips👉>

The sun rises behind the opposite shore, so it may appear a few minutes later than the time shown in the table. Arriving about five minutes early will help you enjoy the beautiful colors of dawn.

Sunset Calendar

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

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

<Sunset Viewing Tips👉>

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.