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Zodiac **2026 Yearly Guide**

All twelve signs read against the biggest transits of 2026. Love, career, health, and the Mercury retrograde survival map you will actually use.

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2026 astrological overview

2026 is a launch year. The collective frequency reduces numerologically to 1 ($2+0+2+6 = 10 = 1$), and the major transits reinforce that theme. Three Mercury retrogrades, a Jupiter shift, and the slow reshaping of outer-planet territories create a year of structural change layered over initiating energy.

The big themes

- **Pluto deepens in Aquarius.** Long-form social and technological restructuring continues. What was uncertain in 2025 begins to clarify.
- **Neptune moves toward Aries.** The dream-field is reshaping. Old spiritual frameworks soften. New vocabulary for the sacred emerges.
- **Saturn in Pisces completes.** A long spiritual maturity process is ending. Structures built on old beliefs get tested one final time.
- **Jupiter in Cancer then Leo.** First half of the year grows home, family, and emotional foundation. Second half expands visibility and creative leadership.

What this means for you

Whatever your sign, 2026 rewards beginnings that are grounded in emotional and spiritual truth rather than beginnings that chase surface excitement. Launches that skip the inner work typically stall by summer. Launches that honor both inner and outer tend to build strong roots for the next nine-year cycle.

Mercury retrograde survival map

Three Mercury retrograde windows shape 2026. Plan major communication, contracts, and technology decisions outside these periods when possible.

FEBRUARY 26 TO MARCH 20

Pisces to Aquarius retrograde. Themes: spiritual clarity, intuition, digital systems, group dynamics. Back up data at the end of February. Delay major software launches and tech rollouts. Excellent window for editing rather than creating.

JUNE 29 TO JULY 23

Leo retrograde. Themes: creative work, visibility, self-expression, romantic communication. Not the window for a big public launch or a major confession. Excellent window for revising, refining, and returning to stalled projects.

OCTOBER 24 TO NOVEMBER 13

Scorpio to Libra retrograde. Themes: intimate partnership, shared finances, long-term contracts. Delay signing major partnership documents until after November 13 when possible. Use this window for honest conversations.

The golden rule

Mercury retrograde is a natural revision cycle. Use the windows for review, reconnection, return, and reassessment. Save the launches for the direct periods in between.

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Aries

Fire - Cardinal - Ruled by Mars

MARCH 21 TO APRIL 19

Your 2026 forecast

2026 is your launch window. Universal Year 1 and Aries both share initiation energy, and the alignment is unusually strong this year. Projects started now carry extra momentum. Personal identity shifts that have been brewing for three years finally get room to express.

Neptune's slow move into Aries begins reshaping your sense of self. This is not disorienting; it is expansive. Your core identity softens in a good way. You become less rigid about who you are and more open to who you are becoming.

LOVE

New connections favored in Q1. Existing partnerships deepen in Q2 when Jupiter in Cancer blesses home themes.

CAREER

Launch window. Claim authority, start the venture, take the leap. Q3 and Q4 reward boldness.

HEALTH

New training regimen takes root easily. Fresh routines compound. Watch for burnout from saying yes to everything.

ARIES CONTINUED

Mercury retrograde impact for Aries

The June 29 to July 23 Leo retrograde touches Aries' fellow fire sign and your creative fifth-house themes. This is a window to refine creative work rather than to launch. Do not debut the big thing in mid-July. Wait until late July or early August.

Monthly highlights

January Fresh identity energy. Start the new chapter publicly.

March Solar return window. Set the year's intentions clearly.

May Financial clarity arrives. A long-running money theme resolves.

July Creative review period. Refine rather than launch.

September Partnership focus. A collaborator enters or deepens.

November Harvest week mid-month. Visible rewards for Q1 efforts.

December Year-end integration. Reflect on what worked.

THE ARIES RULE FOR 2026

Move first. Aries who wait for consensus in a Universal Year 1 miss the alignment. Your instinct to lead is a gift. Use it.

Ta Taurus

Earth - Fixed - Ruled by Venus

APRIL 20 TO MAY 20

Your 2026 forecast

2026 asks you to translate values into structure. Universal Year 1 is a launch frequency, and Taurus is a building frequency - the two meet when you take what you love and give it durable form. This is the year to build the business, buy the property, or lay the financial foundation.

Jupiter in Cancer during the first half of the year blesses your third-house themes - siblings, local community, daily learning. You gain wisdom from short trips and conversations with people nearby.

LOVE

Steady deepening favored. Engagements and moving-in decisions carry unusual staying power this year.

CAREER

Build the foundation. A business started or structured in 2026 has unusually long legs.

HEALTH

Slow consistent routine wins. Crash diets and quick-fix programs do not suit your design.

TAURUS CONTINUED

Mercury retrograde impact for Taurus

The February 26 to March 20 Pisces-Aquarius retrograde lands in your career and community sectors. Hold off on major career announcements until after March 20. Use the window to review contracts and systems.

Monthly highlights

January Financial planning window. Set the year's budget.

April Venus corridor. Love, beauty, and aesthetic projects bloom.

May Solar return. Claim your yearly vision clearly.

July Creative freedom window. Travel if you can.

October Relationship deep dive. Honest conversations close old loops.

November Financial recalibration mid-month.

December Year-end gratitude. Name what grew.

THE TAURUS RULE FOR 2026

Slow is the cheat code. In a Universal Year 1, most people rush. You build. By December, your structure will be ready to scale while others are still recovering from their false starts.



Gemini

Air - Mutable - Ruled by Mercury

MAY 21 TO JUNE 20

Your 2026 forecast

2026 is a voice year for you. Universal Year 1 plus Mercury's three retrogrades make communication both the most important and most tested area of your life. What you say carries more weight this year. What you write circulates further.

Jupiter in Cancer through July blesses your financial and self-worth zones. Money conversations that felt stuck in 2025 resolve. Rates can rise. Investments clarify.

LOVE

Communication is the relationship currency this year. Honest conversation builds intimacy faster than grand gestures.

CAREER

Writing, speaking, teaching, and media work favored. Launch the newsletter, start the podcast, take the speaking gig.

HEALTH

Nervous system is your primary theme. Sleep, breathwork, and reducing input all pay outsized dividends.

GEMINI CONTINUED

Mercury retrograde impact for Gemini

All three Mercury retrogrades touch you more than most signs because Mercury is your ruler. Build these windows into your calendar. During them, lean into revision, reconnection, and editing. Avoid new launches and major contracts.

Monthly highlights

January Voice clarity. The message you have been shaping finds form.

March After March 20, the big communication launch can go.

June Solar return. Set intentions. Speak them aloud.

July Retrograde. Rewrite, do not release.

September Partnership conversations come to a head.

November After the 13th, close major partnership agreements.

December Year-end writing. A personal manifesto is ready.

THE GEMINI RULE FOR 2026

Edit before you publish. Your instinct to share fast serves you all year except in retrogrades. When Mercury turns back, turn inward.



Cancer

Water - Cardinal - Ruled by Moon

JUNE 21 TO JULY 22

Your 2026 forecast

Jupiter in Cancer through July is your headline transit. This is a once-in-twelve-years expansion in your sign. Everything that concerns your identity, confidence, and personal projects gets amplified for the first seven months of the year.

Use the Jupiter window deliberately. Identity shifts, public moves, personal brand work, and bold yes's all carry unusual tailwind. Do not waste the window on passive coasting.

LOVE

Home and family themes are the foundation. Marriage, pregnancy, and deeper family commitments favored.

CAREER

Personal brand window. Your visibility expands naturally. Ride the wave.

HEALTH

Emotional regulation is the health theme. Therapy, somatic work, and nervous system practices all compound.

CANCER CONTINUED

Mercury retrograde impact for Cancer

The October Scorpio-Libra retrograde touches your creative and relational sectors. Romance conversations, creative collaborations, and shared finances get tested. Have patience with misunderstandings; clarity returns after November 13.

Monthly highlights

- January** Jupiter still in Cancer. Set bold personal intentions.
- April** Career visibility window. A public move is supported.
- June** Solar return. Biggest alignment of the year. Use it.
- July** Jupiter shifts to Leo. Transition of energy.
- September** Home and family themes surface. Renovations supported.
- November** After the 13th, relationships stabilize.
- December** Year-end integration. Honor what grew.

THE CANCER RULE FOR 2026

Claim the Jupiter window. The first seven months of 2026 are not subtle. They are your open door. Walk through.

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Leo

Fire - Fixed - Ruled by Sun

JULY 23 TO AUGUST 22

Your 2026 forecast

Jupiter enters Leo in late July and stays through mid-2027. Your major expansion window opens in the second half of 2026 and runs for a full year. The first half is preparation; the second half is bloom.

The June-July Mercury retrograde hits your sign directly. Use it for deep creative revision, not launch. Your most important moves are saved for August onwards.

LOVE

Second half of year favored for deepening. Partnerships formed in Q4 carry long-term weight.

CAREER

Public visibility, leadership roles, and creative projects all expand late in year.

HEALTH

Heart-center practices. Yoga, breath, joyful movement. Avoid burnout from visibility.

LEO CONTINUED

Mercury retrograde impact for Leo

The June 29 to July 23 Leo retrograde is your headline caution window. Creative work, visibility moves, and romantic communication are all tested. Do not launch the big thing until August. Use the retrograde for mentorship, review, and rest.

Monthly highlights

February Foundation phase. Prepare what you will launch later.

May Final prep window. Edit the creative work.

July Retrograde + Jupiter shift. Hold.

August Solar return + Jupiter in Leo. Launch now.

October Creative surge. Publish, perform, ship.

November Recognition arrives.

December Jupiter momentum carries you into 2027.

THE LEO RULE FOR 2026

Patience through June, then full expression. Your year gets better every month after August. The slow first half is earning you the big second half.



Virgo

Earth - Mutable - Ruled by Mercury

AUGUST 23 TO SEPTEMBER 22

Your 2026 forecast

2026 is your service and system year. Virgo excels when the theme is "build the process, refine the craft, serve with precision," and 2026 supports all three. Mercury is your ruler, so the three retrogrades ask more of you than most signs - but so does the creative flow between them.

Jupiter in Cancer blesses your eleventh-house themes - community, groups, long-term vision. Friendships deepen. A new circle forms.

LOVE

Quality over quantity. One deepening relationship beats five surface ones this year.

CAREER

Craft mastery year. The thousandth hour of your skill pays off in visible recognition.

HEALTH

Detail-oriented practice. Small daily improvements. Your body likes precision, not extremes.

VIRGO CONTINUED

Mercury retrograde impact for Virgo

All three windows affect you noticeably as a Mercury-ruled sign. Use them deliberately - they are your review seasons. Virgo loves to refine, and the retrogrades give you permission to do the editing and improving work your sign thrives on.

Monthly highlights

January System year begins. Build the framework.

April Community connections form. New friendships take root.

June Retrograde. Refine your plan.

September Solar return. Claim your craft openly.

October Retrograde. Rework the edges.

November After the 13th, publish the refined version.

December Year-end excellence review.

THE VIRGO RULE FOR 2026

Refinement is the output. What you perfect this year is what pays you for the next five. Do not skip the editing.



Libra

Air - Cardinal - Ruled by Venus

SEPTEMBER 23 TO OCTOBER 22

Your 2026 forecast

Libra is in a relationship-deepening year. 2026 tests and rewards partnerships. Existing relationships either mature or conclude, usually with grace. New partnerships that begin this year often carry long-term weight.

Venus, your ruler, sweeps through several key windows. Use them consciously - Q1 love corridor, April aesthetic expansion, September creative flow.

LOVE

The headline theme. Engagements, marriages, co-founder pacts, and long-term commitments all favored.

CAREER

Collaborative projects outpace solo work. Find the right partner and scale.

HEALTH

Balance practices. Yoga, Pilates, paired workouts. Beauty and aesthetics matter.

LIBRA CONTINUED

Mercury retrograde impact for Libra

October 24 to November 13 hits your sign's energy strongly. Partnership conversations get tangled temporarily. Hold off on major commitments until after November 13. Use the window for honest talks about what is and is not working.

Monthly highlights

February Venus love corridor. Romance blooms.

April Aesthetic expansion. Home, art, body all want tending.

June Partnership clarity arrives.

September Venus blesses creative work.

October Solar return. Set relational intentions. Retrograde follows.

November After the 13th, sign the big agreement.

December Year-end gratitude. Honor your people.

THE LIBRA RULE FOR 2026

Choose your partner carefully. Who you align with in 2026 is who shapes your 2027-2030 significantly.

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Scorpio

Water - Fixed - Ruled by Pluto and Mars

OCTOBER 23 TO NOVEMBER 21

Your 2026 forecast

Pluto continues reshaping your fourth-house foundations throughout 2026. This is deep, long-arc transformation - what you are in 2026 is not who you were in 2022, and the changes accelerate this year. Home, family, and emotional roots are the core territory.

The October Scorpio retrograde is your headline caution window for the year, but also your deepest inner work window.

LOVE

Depth over intensity. Transformational partnership themes surface. Old patterns end.

CAREER

Behind-the-scenes power work. What you build in private in 2026 becomes visible in 2027.

HEALTH

Deep body practices. Somatic work, breathwork, ancestral healing all favored.

SCORPIO CONTINUED

Mercury retrograde impact for Scorpio

October 24 through November 13 is your deep inner work window. Intimate conversations, shared finances, and long-running relational themes all surface. Resist the urge to decide fast; this is reflection time.

Monthly highlights

January Home and family focus. Deep roots matter.

April Financial clarity around shared resources.

June Creative breakthrough if you allow silence first.

September Relationship deepening window opens.

October Solar return + retrograde. Inner work season.

November After the 13th, powerful external moves supported.

December Year-end integration of transformation.

THE SCORPIO RULE FOR 2026

Trust the depth. The surface of your year may feel slow or hidden. Underneath, you are being rebuilt. In 2027, the new you becomes visible.

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Sagittarius

Fire - Mutable - Ruled by Jupiter

NOVEMBER 22 TO DECEMBER 21

Your 2026 forecast

Jupiter, your ruler, moves from Cancer into Leo in late July. The second half of the year opens your ninth-house themes - travel, study, teaching, publishing, long-form meaning-making. The first half is quieter, inviting you to gather the wisdom you will share later.

LOVE

Long-distance, cross-cultural, or meaningful-purpose connections favored in H2.

CAREER

Teaching, writing, publishing, speaking. The second half of year expands your reach.

HEALTH

Movement outdoors. Travel heals. Cooped-up energy hurts.

Monthly highlights

March After retrograde, creative projects resume.

July Jupiter shifts to Leo. Your expansion begins.

September Teaching and publishing surge.

December Solar return. Set intentions for Jupiter's full year in Leo.

THE SAGITTARIUS RULE FOR 2026

Gather in H1, share in H2. Your teaching voice matters most in the second half of the year.



Capricorn

Earth - Cardinal - Ruled by Saturn

DECEMBER 22 TO JANUARY 19

Your 2026 forecast

2026 is your strategic-position year. Saturn is now away from your sign but still shaping your long-term ambitions from Pisces. The work you have been doing since 2020 starts to show durable results. A major career milestone is likely.

LOVE

Long-term partnership clarity. Either commit fully or allow the relationship to conclude.

CAREER

Recognition arrives. The patient building of years past pays out visibly.

HEALTH

Joints, bones, structure. Body work supports longevity.

Monthly highlights

January Solar return. The year's professional plan clarifies.

April Career recognition window.

August Jupiter's Leo shift opens shared-resource themes.

November Legacy project milestone.

THE CAPRICORN RULE FOR 2026

Accept the recognition. Your sign often hides from visibility. This year, step into it. The harvest is earned.

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Aquarius

Air - Fixed - Ruled by Uranus and Saturn

JANUARY 20 TO FEBRUARY 18

Your 2026 forecast

Pluto deepens in Aquarius. You are at the center of a long-arc transformation, both personally and collectively. Your sense of identity, your role in society, and your vision for what the future should look like all get rewritten throughout 2026.

LOVE

Unconventional forms favored. Long-distance, networked, or purpose-driven connections.

CAREER

Innovation year. Tech, community, future-facing work all expand.

HEALTH

Nervous system and sleep. The pace of change is high; rest deliberately.

Monthly highlights

February Solar return. Set the year's bold identity intention.

May Network expansion. A key community forms.

September Innovation milestone.

December Integration of the year's massive changes.

THE AQUARIUS RULE FOR 2026

Keep moving. Pluto's reshaping works better if you cooperate with it rather than resist. Evolve on purpose.



Pisces

Water - Mutable - Ruled by Neptune and Jupiter

FEBRUARY 19 TO MARCH 20

Your 2026 forecast

Saturn completes its long transit through Pisces this year. The spiritual maturity process of the past few years finds its final test. Neptune also starts moving toward Aries, loosening its long grip on your sign. By the end of 2026, you are lighter, clearer, and more grounded than you have felt in years.

LOVE

Emotional truth-telling. Shallow dynamics fade; soul-level connections remain.

CAREER

Creative, healing, and spiritual work favored. Your voice finally lands.

HEALTH

Feet, lymphatic system, subtle body. Water practices heal.

Monthly highlights

February Retrograde begins in your sign. Inner work surge.

March Solar return after retrograde ends. Clarity arrives.

July Mid-year spiritual breakthrough.

October Partnership deepening.

December Saturn completion. A long chapter closes.

THE PISCES RULE FOR 2026

Trust the clearing. What is leaving your life this year is not rejection; it is liberation. The end of 2026 finds you lighter.

Your next step

You have the 2026 map. Here is how to use it through the year and where to go deeper.

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