December 2026 Night Sky Calendar

Moon phases, Geminids, solstice and Moon and planet pairings, Eastern time

December 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 (1)	2	3	4 (2)	5 (2)
6 (2)	7 (2)	8 (2) (3)	9 (2)	10 (2)	11 (2)	12 (2)
13 (2) (4)	14 (2) (4)	15 (2)	16 (2)	17 (2) (5) (6)	18	19
20	21 (7)	22	23 (8)	24	25	26
27 (9)	28 (10)	29	30 (11)	31		

(1)	**Tue., Dec. 1**	Last quarter Moon, 1:08 a.m. EST	☐
(2)	**Fri., Dec. 4 to Thu., Dec. 17**	Geminids active; peak is the night of Dec. 13-14	☐
(3)	**Tue., Dec. 8**	New Moon, 7:52 p.m. EST	☐
(4)	**Sun., Dec. 13 to Mon., Dec. 14**	Geminid peak night, about 120 to 150 per hour	☐
(5)	**Thu., Dec. 17**	First quarter Moon, 12:42 a.m. EST	☐
(6)	**Thu., Dec. 17**	Moon 4.6° from Neptune (binoculars)	☐
(7)	**Mon., Dec. 21**	December solstice, 3:50 p.m. EST	☐
(8)	**Wed., Dec. 23**	Full Cold Moon, 8:28 p.m. EST	☐
(9)	**Sun., Dec. 27**	Moon 1.4° from Jupiter, before sunrise	☐
(10)	**Mon., Dec. 28**	Moon 4.7° from Mars, before sunrise	☐
(11)	**Wed., Dec. 30**	Last quarter Moon, 1:59 p.m. EST	☐

My notes

Source: U.S. Naval Observatory (moon phases, seasons); American Meteor Society; our calculation from NASA JPL Horizons data. Times Eastern.