



Winter Solstice 2026: Key Dates and Dec. 21 Sunset Times

Earliest sunset, solstice, latest sunrise and the 2027 seasons

DATE	WHAT HAPPENS	DONE
About Dec. 8	Earliest sunset at 40° N latitude	☐
Mon., Dec. 21	Winter solstice, 3:50 p.m. EST (20:50 UTC)	☐
About Jan. 5, 2027	Latest sunrise at 40° N latitude	☐
Mar. 20, 2027	Saturday: March equinox, 4:25 p.m. EDT (20:25 UTC)	☐
Jun. 21, 2027	Monday: June solstice, 10:11 a.m. EDT (14:11 UTC)	☐
Mon., Dec. 21	New York: sunrise 7:17 a.m., sunset 4:32 p.m., 9 h 15 min	☐
Mon., Dec. 21	Chicago: sunrise 7:15 a.m., sunset 4:23 p.m., 9 h 8 min	☐
Mon., Dec. 21	Denver: sunrise 7:18 a.m., sunset 4:39 p.m., 9 h 21 min	☐
Mon., Dec. 21	Los Angeles: sunrise 6:55 a.m., sunset 4:48 p.m., 9 h 53 min	☐
Mon., Dec. 21	Miami: sunrise 7:03 a.m., sunset 5:35 p.m., 10 h 32 min	☐
Mon., Dec. 21	Seattle: sunrise 7:55 a.m., sunset 4:20 p.m., 8 h 25 min	☐
Mon., Dec. 21	Anchorage: sunrise 10:14 a.m., sunset 3:41 p.m., 5 h 27 min	☐
Mon., Dec. 21	Honolulu: sunrise 7:05 a.m., sunset 5:55 p.m., 10 h 50 min	☐

My notes

Source: U.S. Naval Observatory, Astronomical Applications Department (seasons, rise/set API and the FAQ on sunrise and sunset near the solstices). City times are local standard time; day length is computed by Fresh Calendars.