

The Observatory: June-July, 2025



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THE OBSERVATORY

Sun in Gemini/Cancer Edition: June 15 – July 31, 2025

After several months of non-stop complex planetary movements, the planets settle down to a simpler rhythm as the world pauses for the Summer/Winter solstices on June 20. We are still digesting the changes of the past few months, with Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Rahu and Ketu all changing signs recently.

Mercury begins the month in its own sign Gemini, which it shares with Jupiter, but on June 23, it moves to Cancer and then slows in motion until it reaches stationary retrograde on July 18 at 21deg22 Cancer. We can expect slower mental and communication activity.

Venus spends the entire month in its own sign Taurus, where it is able to express stable, sensory-based values and affection. The only limitation for Venus is a special 1:3 one-way aspect from Saturn, which may introduce some separation or effort in the way of personal relationships or financial boons. But in the scheme of things, the outcome could be worth it. Please take time to enjoy bright Venus high in the east in the pre-dawn sky.

Mars is now in Leo, where it is much happier in a friend's sign, but combined with fiery Ketu. We can expect spiritual breakthroughs, but also dustups of the fiery kind in everyday life as well as in the weather and the news of the world.

Jupiter continues in Gemini, where it aspects one of its own signs, Sagittarius. It conjoins with Mercury and Sun at various times to elevate communication and mental activity. It also makes a special 1:9 aspect to Rahu in Aquarius.

Saturn continues in Pisces, reaching station and retrograde on July 13 at 07deg43 Pisces. Saturn makes an aspect to Sagittarius and to Taurus and Virgo.

Rahu and Ketu have moved more than 3 degrees 20 minutes away from the transition into Aquarius and Leo, respectively. There has been time to adjust to this change of signs. Because all the planets except the Moon are on one side of the Rahu/Ketu axis, the world is still in a *Kala Sarpa* Yoga pattern when the Moon is between Leo and Aquarius: June 18-July 1 (if one counts from the exact conjunction of the Moon with Rahu/Ketu by degree). The final *Kala Sarpa* cycle

for the year, July 15-20, ends when Mars conjoins Ketu on July 20, but there will be lingering effects until Mars enters Virgo on July 29. We can expect some lack of balance in the world during these times.

Throughout the month of the Sun in Gemini, there is an auspicious combination with Venus in Taurus and Mercury in Cancer occupying adjacent signs to the Sun, creating *Ubhayachari* Yoga. In addition, Jupiter shares Gemini with the Sun. There is truly the possibility of some positive things being accomplished. Many good *muhurtas* are possible, especially when the Moon is favorably placed. Please take time to enjoy the *Guru Purnima* Full Moon on July 10-11, when Jupiter will be adding to the auspiciousness of the Full Moon. This may be a good time to begin spiritual practice or auspicious studies such as *Jyotisha*.

The Almanac –June/July 2025

Dates and times are for Eastern Standard/Daylight Time (-4:00h). Some ingresses will take place the following day for those in the Eastern Hemisphere, Asia, and Australia.

June 15, Sun enters Gemini

June 18-July 1, *Kala Sarpa* Yoga in effect (Moon conjoins Rahu)

June 19, Mercury enters *Punarvasu*

June 20, Summer Solstice Northern Hemisphere/Winter Solstice Southern Hemisphere about 10:42 pm EDT

June 20, Mars in Leo makes a 1:8 aspect to Saturn in Pisces at 07deg16

June 21, Rahu in Aquarius makes a 1:5 aspect to Mercury in Gemini at 27deg47

June 22, Sun enters *Ardra*

June 23, Mercury enters Cancer

June 24, Jupiter enters *Ardra*

June 24, Sun conjunct Jupiter at 11:05 am, at 09deg32 Gemini/*Ardra*

June 25, New Moon at 09deg36 Gemini/*Ardra*

June 26, Venus enters *Krittika*

June 27, Mercury enters *Pushya*

June 27, Ketu in Leo makes a 1:5 aspect to Venus in Aries at 27deg14

June 29, Venus enters Taurus

June 30, Mars enters *Purva Phalguni*

July 1, Jupiter enters *Ardra*

July 1, *Kala Sarpa* Yoga ends (Moon conjoins Ketu)

July 6, Saturn 1:3 one-way aspect to Venus is exact at 07deg41 Pisces/Taurus

July 7, Mercury enters *Ashlesha*

July 8, Venus enters *Rohini*.

July 10, Sun enters *Punarvasu*

July 10, Full Moon at 24deg18 Sagittarius/*Purva Ashadha* – *Guru Purnima*

July 13, Saturn stations retrograde at 07deg43 Pisces/*Uttara Bhadrapada*

July 15-20, *Kala Sarpa* Yoga in effect (Moon conjoins Rahu)

July 20, *Kala Sarpa* Yoga ends (Mars conjoins Ketu at 25deg33 Leo)

July 17, Sun enters Cancer

July 18, Mercury stations retrograde at 21deg21 Cancer

July 20, Venus enters *Mrgashira*

July 23, Sun enters *Pushya*

July 23, Mars enters *Uttara Phalguni*

July 24, New Moon at 07deg48 Cancer/*Pushya*

July 26, Venus enters Gemini

July 29, Mercury moves retrograde back into *Pushya*

July 29, Mars enters Virgo

July 31, Sun exact conjunction Mercury by degree at 14deg50 Cancer

August 1, Venus enters *Ardra*

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