

# ASTROLOGICAL RETURNS



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## Astrological Returns and Return Charts

A solar return is when the transit Sun is at the exact position it was when you were born. This usually happens on your birthday, but can be the day before or after sometimes. You can get your solar return chart for free on [astro.com](https://astro.com). The solar return chart is used in conjunction with your natal chart to help in predicting events more precisely. The solar return chart is only good for one year.

The most important thing in the solar return chart is, of course, the Sun. The house the Sun is located in the solar return chart will show where you can have the greatest potential for growth, self expression, and recognition over the next year. You also want to check which house cusp has Leo on it, because the issues of that house will also become more prevalent.

The rising sign in the solar return chart will seep into your personality a bit, and the house the solar return ascendant falls in your natal chart will become more prevalent as well. If a natal or solar planet conjuncts a house cusp in the solar return chart, it will help show what other influences there will be on the matters of that particular house. A good thing to do too is to see where your natal planets fall in your solar return houses and where your solar return planets fall in the solar return houses. A natal planet in a solar house shows the energy you'll bring into the new period, and a solar planet in a solar house shows what the world is bringing to you (basically, natal/solar- what you give, solar/solar- what you get).

You can also generate Mercury, Venus, and Mars return charts to help you better understand how each will affect you (there are also Jupiter return charts, but that only happens every 12 years, and Saturn return



charts, but that's only once every 28-32 years. There are lunar return charts as well for the Moon, and you have to do 13 of those each year).

Mars returns happen every 22-24 months (roughly every 2 years). Its chart shows where you will be more determined and possibly courageous and daring. Venus returns happen about every 11 months and give some info on the relationships, creative ventures, and experiences that will come to you and how to make them happen. Mercury returns occur every 10-11 months, and shows how your way of thinking and views are changing, and where your mind will be most focused on. You want to check the house location and rulership of the return planet and the aspects it makes to the other planets in the return chart.

There is a possibility that each return will occur more than once in a year if the planet is retrograding in your sign. When this happens, it represents important changes for you based on each planet (like with Mercury, some serious mental changes and possibly breakthroughs, Venus can trigger important events with love or money, and Mars a change in your ways of taking a stand and being aggressive).



## Solar Return Sun in the Houses

Your Solar Return occurs around your birthday (the day before, of, or after), and is when the transit (moving) Sun returns to the exact same position it was at when you were born. You can create a chart for the moment of the return called the Solar Return Chart, and from that chart, you can glean some information about how the next year of your life will go, until your next birthday. What's ruled by the house that the Solar Return Sun is located in the Solar Return Chart can become more prominent for you over the next year of life.

### **Solar Return Sun in the 1st House**

When the Solar Return Sun is in the Solar Return 1st house, you can spend the next year of your life focused more on yourself, your own wants and needs, and what you want to be getting started with. It can be a period full of new beginnings, energy, enthusiasm, and you can feel more pioneering and excited. You can put yourself out there and get more attention or be in the spotlight.

### **Solar Return Sun in the 2nd House**

When the Solar Return Sun is in the Solar Return 2nd house, you can spend the next year of your life focused more on bringing stability and security into your life. You can pursue financial opportunities, and work to improve your confidence, sense of self-worth, and connect more to your values.

### **Solar Return Sun in the 3rd House**

When the Solar Return Sun is in the Solar Return 3rd house, you can spend the next year of your life focused more on your ideas, connecting more to your mind, and using your mental energy. You can be focused on a variety of different projects, plans, and ventures over the next year, and be more curious and open.



### **Solar Return Sun in the 4th House**

When the Solar Return Sun is in the Solar Return 4th house, you can spend the next year of your life focused more on your home and family life, and can work to create a better home life, improve the connection to family, surround yourself with more supportive people, strengthen your internal foundation, or stabilize your emotional self. You may also focus on getting something going from the ground up or feel that you bottom out with something.

### **Solar Return Sun in the 5th House**

When the Solar Return Sun is in the Solar Return 5th house, you can spend the next year of your life focused more on connecting to your heart, what you enjoy in life, and the people you love. Love can be a main theme for the year, and you can spend more time doing what you love and giving more attention to people you love.

### **Solar Return Sun in the 6th House**

When the Solar Return Sun is in the Solar Return 6th house, you can spend the next year of your life focused more on work, what needs to be done, and tending to the little things. You can be more hard-working and focused on smaller tasks and chores, and can work to improve your working environment or situation.

### **Solar Return Sun in the 7th House**

When the Solar Return Sun is in the Solar Return 7th house, you can spend the next year of your life focused more on the people in your life and your relationships. Other people may be more important to you and require more of your time and attention over the next year, so you focus less on yourself. You can work on bringing more balance, peace, and harmony into your life.

### **Solar Return Sun in the 8th House**



When the Solar Return Sun is in the Solar Return 8th house, you can spend the next year of your life focused more on transforming yourself or your life for the better. You may have to deal with more serious issues and matters, and have to dig deep into people and situations. You can also work on financial matters that involve other people.

### **Solar Return Sun in the 9th House**

When the Solar Return Sun is in the Solar Return 9th house, you can spend the next year of your life focused more on bringing freedom into your life, craving the ability to explore, expand, and have new experiences. You can travel more, go to school, learn new things, and be enthusiastic about new opportunities.

### **Solar Return Sun in the 10th House**

When the Solar Return Sun is in the Solar Return 10th house, you can spend the next year of your life focused more on your career, ambitions, goals, and direction. You can work harder for what you want, and put more emphasis on success and achievement. You can be more disciplined and focused on what you want, and put together more plans. You may feel like you hit a high point with something in life, reaching the top or hitting your stride.

### **Solar Return Sun in the 11th House**

When the Solar Return Sun is in the Solar Return 11th house, you can spend the next year of your life focused more on being independent, expanding your social circle, or making an impact on the world. You can meet lots of new people and make new connections, embrace your individuality, and make a contribution.

### **Solar Return Sun in the 12th House**

When the Solar Return Sun is in the Solar Return 12th house, you can spend the next year of your life focused more on letting go, moving on, clearing out your life, and coming to grips with issues from the past. You



can become more aware of subconscious issues, motivations, and desires, and can get more in touch with your intuitive and spiritual sides. You can spend more time in the background over the next year, shying away from the spotlight.





## Solar Return Ascendant

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### **Solar Return Ascendant in Aries**

The next year can have more energy, enthusiasm, and can be more active. You can be more take-charge, impulsive, and excited. You can take the lead or have the courage you need to take the initiative, and you can have a lot of energy that needs to be directed somewhere, otherwise you may be more hot-headed, defensive, or accident-prone.

### **Solar Return Ascendant in Taurus**

The next year can be focused on stability, and you can focus on bringing stability and security to the areas of life that need it. You can be less impulsive, more grounded, and want to take your time. It can be a good year to focus on your finances, your resources, and your possessions, and you can surround yourself with comfort.

### **Solar Return Ascendant in Gemini**

The next year can be a mentally-active one, and you can come up with a lot of new ideas, and want to think about things before you do anything. You can be more open and expressive, and you can be more active and sociable. You can open your mind to new information, and you can share what you know and think with others.



### **Solar Return Ascendant in Cancer**

The next year can be focused on your emotions and foundation, and you can work on connecting to your emotions, tending to emotional needs, and strengthening yourself internally. You may be more sensitive, and need more support and encouragement. You can also be more supportive of others. There may be a bottoming-out of something in your life.

### **Solar Return Ascendant in Leo**

The next year can be more playful, fun-loving, and creative, and you can focus on bringing more joy into your life. You can be less serious and more positive, and want to connect to your inner child and spend more time doing what you love or being with the people you love. You can also find yourself in the spotlight or getting more attention.

### **Solar Return Ascendant in Virgo**

The next year can be focused on the details, work, and daily life. You can bring more structure and order into your life, pay more attention to the fine print, and strive to be more productive and efficient. Work can be more important to you, both professionally and the work of daily life. It can also be a year focused on your health.

### **Solar Return Ascendant in Libra**

The next year can be more about your relationships and the people in your life than it is about you. You can give more time and attention to others, and can be there for them. One or more relationships can be elevated or eliminated. You can also focus on trying to be more balanced, and bring more harmony and peace into your life.

### **Solar Return Ascendant in Scorpio**

The next year can be focused on transformations, of yourself or of your life, and they can start at the core. They may take a while to take root, but can stick around. You can also focus on more serious matters, and



address issues that are deeply-held or a little dark. You may be more intense and passionate in your approach to life.

### **Solar Return Ascendant in Sagittarius**

The next year can be all about expansion in many ways, and you can pursue opportunities that are presented to you to have new experiences, open your mind, and explore the world. You may travel, take a course, or be open to an adventure. You can take a more optimistic view of the world and try to see the silver lining in situations.

### **Solar Return Ascendant in Capricorn**

The next year can be focused on your goals, and you can work harder for what you want, and strive to make progress. You can be more ambitious and disciplined in your approach, and you can feel that success is more important to you. You may experience a high point with something in your life or get praise or recognition over the next year.

### **Solar Return Ascendant in Aquarius**

The next year can be one where you step outside of your comfort zone a little bit, willing to do things in an unconventional way. You can be more independent, and you can be true to the quirkiest parts of yourself. You can also expand your social circle and focus more on your place in the world and how you can contribute. There can be many changes in your life over the next year.

### **Solar Return Ascendant in Pisces**

The next year can be focused on letting go and clearing out your life in many ways. You can deal with issues from the past, subconscious issues, or secrets that need to be brought out. Things that have been hidden to you may come to light. You can also connect more to your spiritual side, intuition, or imagination. You may need more time alone over the next year.



## Lunar Return Chart Moon in the Houses

Want to know what the house location for your Moon in the Lunar Return Chart may mean? Read on:

### **Lunar Return Moon in the 1st House**

You're more self-confident and can take control when needed. Your emotions may be more impulsive but you don't dwell on things long. If the Moon is difficultly aspected, you can experience health problems.

### **Lunar Return Moon in the 2nd House**

Making money and spending money may seem more prevalent this month. You may review your spending habits, or spend money unwisely. If you're feeling down emotionally, you'll likely soothe your wounds by shopping.

### **Lunar Return Moon in the 3rd House**

Interaction with others is sought, and you want to communicate with people as much as possible, or others may seek you out to talk to. Thoughts come faster and you may feel scatterbrained.

### **Lunar Return Moon in the 4th House**

Your emotions are more private and you can be more impacted by experiences. Your home and family may require more of your attention, and you may need to work on your responsibilities.

### **Lunar Return Moon in the 5th House**

You can seem more lighthearted this month, no matter what you're doing. Let yourself have fun and take the time to do what you enjoy most. You may find that things come easily to you when you just let yourself loose.



### **Lunar Return Moon in the 6th House**

This should be a time where you're a busy bee with lots of work to get done. You should be able to do it all well, and probably want to have things to do. Staying busy makes you feel like you have a purpose.

### **Lunar Return Moon in the 7th House**

Being around and spending time with others is wanted this month. You probably don't want to be alone, and even if you do, no one wants to leave you alone. You may spend a lot of time helping people with their problems.

### **Lunar Return Moon in the 8th House**

Issues with money can come up, and you may get a lot of bills or have a lot of money coming your way. Your spouse or business partner may present financial issues. Death can come, usually in the form of something ending to make room for something beginning.

### **Lunar Return Moon in the 9th House**

During this period, you may want to expand your mind through travel or learning. Examine your spirituality and other spiritual beliefs. Let yourself be free to roam a little more than usual.

### **Lunar Return Moon in the 10th House**

You may seek or get recognition for something you've done, especially related to your career. This can also be a time of a gathering that focuses on you. You may be more detached.

### **Lunar Return Moon in the 11th House**

Time can be spent with friends or with groups, and you can feel more social and want to be more social. If the Moon is difficultly aspected, you have a hard time being in social situations and feel like people are shutting you out.



### **Lunar Return Moon in the 12th House**

You're alone a lot this month, spending time alone with yourself. Dig deep and get in touch with your emotions, because it'll be easier now. Rejuvenate yourself and don't try to force things.



## Lunar Return Chart Ascendant

Want to know what the Ascendant sign for your Lunar Return Chart may mean? Read on:

### **Lunar Return Ascendant in Aries**

You're full of energy and have much to do, and you go through all of it at record speed. You get done with things quickly and move on to the next without a moment's pause. Just make sure you're actually getting things done and not just growing impatient and wanting to immediately go on to the next thing.

### **Lunar Return Ascendant in Taurus**

Nothing can stop you once you get going. You're focused like a laser and can't be deviated from your course. You're practical and you stick to your guns, and you're not going to rush through things, preferring to take your time.

### **Lunar Return Ascendant in Gemini**

There can be lots to choose from for you, and it may overwhelm you. Let your mind get you out of any trouble and always remember the truth. You can understand all the little things going on everywhere, and it may confuse you.

### **Lunar Return Ascendant in Cancer**

You may need to try and find middle ground this month otherwise you'll sway between extreme emotional moods that hold you back. Try to remain calm and keep some semblance of stability.

### **Lunar Return Ascendant in Leo**

You're in a friendly mood with everybody and can have a good time anytime. You're enthusiastic and can get things done through those



good-natured feelings. Just make sure you don't let your good mood overrule logic.

### **Lunar Return Ascendant in Virgo**

Everything that you're tasked with gets done and you won't leave out any of the details. You want plenty of time for preparation, otherwise you may feel things are getting done without proper planning.

### **Lunar Return Ascendant in Libra**

Bringing about harmony will be this month's theme, and you'll keep changing things until you find that perfect balance. It may seem like things are made even more chaotic at first, but you know what you're doing to put things right.

### **Lunar Return Ascendant in Scorpio**

Things may seem to be hidden from you during this period, and you don't really know what's going on. Power struggles may come about, but try not to engage. Even if you don't feel it, changes are being made.

### **Lunar Return Ascendant in Sagittarius**

You seem much larger during this period, with your personality being more grandiose. Spend lots of time in good company, though they may only be for fun and not anyone you're actually close to. Energy is high, and communicating is geared towards easy subjects. You don't want anything that's a downer.

### **Lunar Return Ascendant in Capricorn**

Working hard towards your goals and trying to attain success and higher status comes with this period. You may seem more practical and desire respect and recognition. You may be more distant.

### **Lunar Return Ascendant in Aquarius**





This could be a month where unusual things are going on, things you wouldn't have guessed and surprise you every time. Of course, you may also find yourself reacting in ways that are unusual and surprising too.

### **Lunar Return Ascendant in Pisces**

You're more perceptive about what's going on this month, and you can feel the slightest vibration shifts. Instincts are strong, but you can be swayed easily. Don't let others take advantage of you, because compassion will be high.



## Mercury Return Chart Mercury in the Houses

Mercury returns occur every 10-11 months, and this return shows how your way of thinking and views are changing, and where your mind will be most focused on.

### **Mercury in the Return 1st house**

With Mercury in the return 1st house, you can experience a period where you're full of ideas and plans, and you're open with those ideas and plans. You can be more engaging, curious, open to learning, and sharing what you know.

### **Mercury in the Return 2nd house**

With Mercury in the return 2nd house, you can take your time with learning, decisions, and plans, and you can focus more on making plans to improve stability and security, or that will improve your financial situation.

### **Mercury in the Return 3rd house**

With Mercury in the return 3rd house, you may feel that your mental energy is operating naturally and easily, and you can come up with lots of ideas and plans. You can think things through a lot more, and communicate more with others.

### **Mercury in the Return 4th house**

With Mercury in the return 4th house, you may have an easier time communicating how you feel and expressing yourself emotionally. You can better understand the emotions of situations and how to handle people. You may focus more on matters at home or with family.

### **Mercury in the Return 5th house**



With Mercury in the return 5th house, your creative mind can be strong, and you can focus on creative projects and ventures. You can focus more on the things you find fun, and have less focus for things you think are boring.

### **Mercury in the Return 6th house**

With Mercury in the return 6th house, you can have an eye for the details, work on plans, and tend to smaller projects, tasks and chores. You can be more focused on work, and you can take interest in practical ideas and projects.

### **Mercury in the Return 7th house**

With Mercury in the return 7th house, you may think best when you have a partner, or when you're surrounded by peace and harmony. You can see both sides to situations, and you can be a better mediator and negotiator.

### **Mercury in the Return 8th house**

With Mercury in the return 8th house, whatever interests you, you can focus on intensely, and this can be a good period for research and investigation. You can take a serious approach to matters, and focus on deep subjects and situations.

### **Mercury in the Return 9th house**

With Mercury in the return 9th house, you can come up with lots of big ideas and take an optimistic approach to situations. You can come up with plans for expansion and exploration, and you can spend more time learning, wanting to absorb as much knowledge as possible.

### **Mercury in the Return 10th house**

With Mercury in the return 10th house, you can focus more on your direction, and have a practical approach to your goals and plans. You



can work on your long-term plans, and you can focus on being more realistic with what you can accomplish.

### **Mercury in the Return 11th house**

With Mercury in the return 11th house, you can think outside of the box, and come up with ideas that are more unusual, inventive, or innovative. You can think more about your future, and you can be more open and engaging with friends and groups.

### **Mercury in the Return 12th house**

With Mercury in the return 12th house, you may be more comfortable thinking on your own, without others interfering. Your imagination can be active, and your focus may be lacking, but you can work on developing better intuitive intelligence.



## Venus Return Chart Venus in the Houses

Venus returns occur about every 11 months and give some info on the relationships, creative ventures, and experiences that will come to you and how to make them happen.

### **Venus in the Return 1st house**

With Venus in the return 1st house, you can be more open, affectionate, and charming. Relationships can be more of a priority for you, but you may focus more on yourself within the relationship and how it impacts you. It can be a good period to focus on your relationship with yourself.

### **Venus in the Return 2nd house**

With Venus in the return 2nd house, you can be more sensual, indulgent, and confident. You may be more laid back in your approach to life, and can be more active when pursuing anything that improves stability and security, or your finances.

### **Venus in the Return 3rd house**

With Venus in the return 3rd house, you can enjoy using your mind and connecting with others mentally. You can focus more on communication within your relationships, and can feel more comfortable being open with others. You can be more curious and open to learning.

### **Venus in the Return 4th house**

With Venus in the return 4th house, you can enjoy getting and giving support, and may prefer to stick to what you're comfortable with and is familiar to you. You can improve matters at home or with family, and you can enjoy time spent with people who encourage you.

### **Venus in the Return 5th house**



With Venus in the return 5th house, you can focus more on what you love to do and who you love to be with, and your creativity can surge. You can be more fun-loving and spend more time on your hobbies or connecting to your playful side.

### **Venus in the Return 6th house**

With Venus in the return 6th house, you can focus more on doing the work that you love, and if that isn't the work you're doing now, you can take action to change that. You can get more attention at work, and you can get along better with the people you work with or for.

### **Venus in the Return 7th house**

With Venus in the return 7th house, you can focus more on your relationships, and how you can do more for the people you care about. You may strive to keep the peace, and you can play mediator and get people to compromise, and can be more commitment-minded.

### **Venus in the Return 8th house**

With Venus in the return 8th house, you can work on improving the emotional bonds you have with your loved ones, and try to increase the intimacy in your relationships. You can be more comfortable handling serious matters or doing research, and are serious with love.

### **Venus in the Return 9th house**

With Venus in the return 9th house, you may want more space in your relationships, craving freedom to do whatever you want without strings. You can focus on getting out into the world, having new experiences, and enjoy expanding your mind and life.

### **Venus in the Return 10th house**

With Venus in the return 10th house, you can feel more ambitious and driven, and you can enjoy focusing on your goals and direction. You can



make good impressions on the right people, and you can get recognition for something you do and make professional strides.

### **Venus in the Return 11th house**

With Venus in the return 11th house, you can focus more on your friends, groups, causes, and dreams for your future. You can expand your social circle and meet new people, join new groups, and may want to make a contribution to the world. You can work at making progress with your dreams.

### **Venus in the Return 12th house**

With Venus in the return 12th house, you can keep your affections to yourself, and may not show how you feel until you're behind closed doors. You can be more imaginative, creative, and artistic, and can be more sacrificing with the people you love.



## Mars Return Chart Mars in the Houses

Mars returns occur every 22-24 months (roughly every 2 years). Its chart shows where you will be more determined, driven, and energized.

### **Mars in the Return 1st house**

With Mars in the return 1st house, you can focus on what it is that you want, and be more willing to take initiative and be active. You can focus on starting something new, and you can be more pioneering and enthusiastic about what you pursue.

### **Mars in the Return 2nd house**

With Mars in the return 2nd house, you can focus on pursuits that will improve the stability and security in your life, or that will help you improve your finances. You can take your time with action, but stick to whatever you do start.

### **Mars in the Return 3rd house**

With Mars in the return 3rd house, you can focus on your ideas, wanting to take action with your ideas and plans instead of just thinking about them, and you can defend your ideas and plans, believing in them strongly. You can be very active and focused on multiple things.

### **Mars in the Return 4th house**

With Mars in the return 4th house, you can focus on what you're driven to pursue emotionally, and your emotions can inspire you. You can focus on matters at home or with family, and you can work on starting something from the ground up.

### **Mars in the Return 5th house**

With Mars in the return 5th house, you can focus on using your creative energy, which can surge, and you can work on being more fun-loving,





playful, and connected to your heart. You may have more energy for something the more you enjoy it.

### **Mars in the Return 6th house**

With Mars in the return 6th house, you can focus on the work you want to do, and you can keep yourself very busy with lots of little projects, tasks, and chores. You may find that the more you do, the more energy you have to do more, and can be very productive and efficient.

### **Mars in the Return 7th house**

With Mars in the return 7th house, you can focus on your relationships, the people in your life, and can work on giving them more time and attention, and bring more commitment into your life. You can also strive to be better balanced.

### **Mars in the Return 8th house**

With Mars in the return 8th house, you can focus on the serious matters in your life, and you can be more researching and dig until you find everything there is to find. You may focus on mutually beneficial projects and opportunities, or work on transforming something for the better.

### **Mars in the Return 9th house**

With Mars in the return 9th house, you can focus on plans for expansion, exploration, and new experiences, and you may crave more freedom in your life. You can travel, learn, or teach, and you can be more optimistic about what you can accomplish.

### **Mars in the Return 10th house**

With Mars in the return 10th house, you can focus on your goals, ambitions, direction, and work on trying to succeed. You may feel that this is the time for you to experience success, and you can work hard until you feel you're where you want to be.

**Mars in the Return 11th house**

With Mars in the return 11th house, you can focus on your dreams for your future, and you can pursue opportunities that will bring you closer to your dream future. You can expand your social circle, and you can use your contacts to your advantage.

**Mars in the Return 12th house**

With Mars in the return 12th house, you can focus on subconscious issues, motivations, or desires, or issues from the past that you need to work on and let go of. This may be a period of a deep release, and you can shed a lot of baggage.