

Solar Eclipse August 2026

A PROMINENT LEO YEAR

Do you enjoy a cosmic show as much as I do?

If so, you are likely to love the total Solar Eclipse occurring on August 13 AEST (August 12 in Europe). The eclipse will be visible across parts of Spain before sweeping over the Arctic Ocean, Greenland, Iceland, the Atlantic Ocean and Portugal.

A total Solar Eclipse occurs when the Moon passes between the Earth and the Sun, completely blocking the Sun's light for a short time. This creates one of nature's most spectacular sights, revealing the Sun's beautiful outer atmosphere, known as the corona.

In astrology, a Solar Eclipse always coincides with a New Moon, making it a powerful time for new beginnings. It is rather like pressing the reset button on your computer. You have the opportunity to clear away what is no longer serving you and begin again with fresh purpose. That can be exciting, unsettling, or perhaps a little of both.

This year's Solar Eclipse falls in Leo, making it especially significant because Leo is already receiving plenty of cosmic attention. Expansive Jupiter is travelling through Leo, while the Moon's South Node is also in this sign. Together they deliver a clear message. This is a time to release behaviours driven purely by ego and instead embrace the generous, courageous and heart-centred qualities for which Leo is renowned. It is an invitation to ask yourself: How can I use my talents to contribute something meaningful to the world?

The eclipse is particularly significant if you have planets or important chart points close to 20 degrees of Leo. This includes your Sun, Moon, Ascendant, Mercury, Venus or Mars. If so, expect an important new chapter to begin over the months ahead.

Among well-known personalities, actors Steve Carell and Ben Affleck both have their Suns close to this eclipse. They may embark on significant new projects or experience personal developments that place them firmly in the spotlight. Britain's Princess Anne also has this eclipse close to her Sun, suggesting a fresh chapter or change of direction that could attract public attention.

The eclipse also activates other personal planets. Jane Fonda has her Moon at 21 degrees of Leo, placing her emotions and lifelong passions under this powerful influence. At 88 years of age, her commitment to political and environmental causes may once again capture headlines. Nicole Kidman has Venus in Leo close to the eclipse, suggesting that matters of love, creativity or an exciting new artistic project could become an important focus in the months ahead.

Whether or not your own chart is directly activated, this Solar Eclipse reminds all of us that every ending carries the seed of a new beginning. Leo encourages us to live with courage, generosity and authenticity. Sometimes all it takes is one bold step, taken from the heart, to begin an entirely new chapter.

