

Overview of Mars in 2026

Mars is the first of the outer planets, yet also holds the distinction of being a 'personal' planet. In this regard, Mars is unique and special in the Astrological pantheon. As **the ruler of Aries**, the first sign of the Zodiac, and in which the Sun is exalted, **Mars is symbolic of action**. It can be understood as the 'verb' in the sentence and can range from being proactive and assertive, to aggressive and even to violent. All cutting tools and weapons come under the heading of Mars. Professional and elite athletes in general, almost always have a very prominent Mars in their Birth Chart.

Mars also **co-rules Scorpio** (along with Pluto), adding to its uniqueness and range. So, while Mars is not commonly observed as important as the far planets beginning with Jupiter, its dynamic is certainly worth observing, and more importantly, of harnessing in a conscious and deliberate manner for the sake of greater achievement in life.

Since Mars, the planet of action, assertion, aggression, combat and war, is the ruling planet for Aries, it will play a special role for the entirety of Neptune's cycle and that of Saturn, with extra emphasis while Saturn remains in Aries through to spring 2028. This entire period can be expected to be dynamic, edgy, pointed, and cutting... in all the ways these words might apply. This will prove especially true when Mars is in Cardinal Signs, Aries, Cancer, Libra, and Capricorn, where it will be when 2026 begins. Yet, it will also prove extra potent when in Aquarius and Gemini and especially when conjunct Pluto and Uranus in those signs.

- **Mars in Capricorn – December 14, 2025 – January 23, 2026**
- **Mars in Aquarius - January 23, 2026 – March 2, 2026**
- **Mars in Pisces – March 2, 2026 – April 9, 2026**
- **Mars in Aries – April 9, 2026 – May 18, 2026**
- **Mars in Taurus – May 19, 2026 – June 28, 2026**
- **Mars in Gemini – June 28, 2026 – August 11, 2026**
- **Mars in Cancer – August 11, 2026 – Sept 27, 2026**
- **Mars in Leo – Sept 27, 2026 – November 25, 2026**
- **Mars in Virgo – November 25, 2026...**

(*Note: On January 9, 2027, Mars will turn retrograde at 10 Virgo 25 and will re-enter Leo on February 21, 2027, retrograde back to 20 Leo 55 by April 1, turn direct again and re-enter Virgo on May 14, 2027, and then will enter Libra on July 13, 2027.)