

autumnal equinox



**Around September 21:
The autumnal equinox
marks the first day of
autumn. The hours of
day and night are
almost equal.**

summer solstice



**Around June 21:
The summer solstice is
the first day of
summer. It is the
longest day of the
year.**

vernal equinox



**Around March 21:
The vernal equinox
marks the first day of
spring. The hours of
day and night are
almost equal.**

winter solstice



**Around December 21:
The winter solstice is
the first day of winter.
It is the shortest day
of the year.**