

ANCIENT GREEK CALENDAR - Months of the Athenian Civil Calendar with Modern Equivalents

Summer

- Hekatombaion: July/August
- Metageitnion August/September
- Boedromion September/October



Autumn

- Pyanepsion October/November
- Maimakterion November/December
- Poseideon December/January

Winter

- Gamelion January/February
- Anthesterion February/March
- Elaphebolion March/April



Spring

- Mounikhion April/May
- Thargelion May/June
- Skirophorion June/July

The Ancient Athenians only loosely followed this scheme. The actual date of Hekatombaion¹, that is, the 13th or 14th New Moon in succession from the start of the previous year, could occur anywhere from as early as mid-June to as late as mid-August the following year.

Some important festivals:

PANATHENAIA and GREAT PANATHENAIA in honour of Athene - held in Hekatombaion *Very large!*

ELEUSINIAN MYSTERIES in honour of Demeter - held Boedromion *Very secret!*

THESMOPHORIA in honour of Demeter - held in Pyanepsion *Very female!*

ANTHESTERIA partly in honour of Dionysos - held in Anthesterion *Very strange!*

