

## CHINESE ZODIAC

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### THE CRYSTAL LODGE GUIDE TO THE CHINESE ZODIACS

#### INTRODUCTION

Here is your chance to explore the intriguing world of Chinese horoscopes. We, in the West, find it amusing to ask people whether they think they are an Ox, or a Rabbit, or to tell them that they are a Rat or a Pig! But to the Chinese, the idea of a person possessing the characteristics of a symbolic animal is a way of life – part of the traditional wisdom in which they were brought up.

The difference between Chinese horoscopes and those we read in newspapers and magazines is that Chinese ones are based on the cycles of the Moon, whereas Western astrology has its basis in the movement of the Sun and constellations.

The Chinese tell an ancient legend that, long before the birth of Christ, the Buddha asked all the animals to celebrate the New Year with him. Only twelve animals answered his invitation, and in gratitude to them, the Buddha named a year in the lunar cycle after each one, in the order in which they arrived. They were the Rat, Ox (sometimes called Buffalo), Tiger, Rabbit (or Cat), Dragon, Snake, Horse, Sheep (or Goat or Ram), Monkey, Rooster (or Chicken), Dog and Pig (or Boar).

To find out which animal sign you were born under, first look at the table below. However, because the Chinese New Year changes slightly from year to year, but is always at the end of January or the beginning of February, if your birthday falls between 21<sup>st</sup> January and 19<sup>th</sup> February, you need to consult the longer chart which shows the exact dates where each year begins.



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### Chart 1 – simple chart

Please note: If your birthday falls between 21<sup>st</sup> January and 19<sup>th</sup> February, you will need to consult the more detailed information in Chart 2.

RAT	1924	1936	1948	1960	1972	1984	1996	2008	2020
OX	1925	1937	1949	1961	1973	1985	1997	2009	2021
TIGER	1926	1938	1950	1962	1974	1986	1998	2010	2022
RABBIT	1927	1939	1951	1963	1975	1987	1999	2011	2023
DRAGON	1928	1940	1952	1964	1976	1988	2000	2012	2024
SNAKE	1929	1941	1953	1965	1977	1989	2001	2013	2025
HORSE	1930	1942	1954	1966	1978	1990	2002	2014	2026
SHEEP	1931	1943	1955	1967	1979	1991	2003	2015	2027
MONKEY	1932	1944	1956	1968	1980	1992	2004	2016	2028
ROOSTER	1933	1945	1957	1969	1981	1993	2005	2017	2029
DOG	1934	1946	1958	1970	1982	1994	2006	2018	2030
PIG	1935	1947	1959	1971	1983	1995	2007	2019	2031

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### Chart 2

Start dates of the Chinese New Year

(for those born between 21<sup>st</sup> January and 19<sup>th</sup> February, it is important that you use the information on this table)

Year	Started / starts on	Animal	Year	Started / starts on	Animal	Year	Started / starts on	Animal
1924	Feb-05	Rat	1960	Jan-28	Rat	1996	Feb-19	Rat
1925	Jan-25	Ox	1961	Feb-15	Ox	1997	Feb-07	Ox
1926	Feb-13	Tiger	1962	Feb-05	Tiger	1998	Jan-28	Tiger
1927	Feb-02	Rabbit	1963	Jan-25	Rabbit	1999	Feb-16	Rabbit
1928	Jan-23	Dragon	1964	Feb-13	Dragon	2000	Feb-05	Dragon
1929	Feb-10	Snake	1965	Feb-02	Snake	2001	Jan-24	Snake
1930	Jan-30	Horse	1966	Jan-21	Horse	2002	Feb-12	Horse
1931	Feb-17	Sheep	1967	Feb-09	Sheep	2003	Feb-01	Sheep
1932	Feb-06	Monkey	1968	Jan-30	Monkey	2004	Jan-22	Monkey
1933	Jan-26	Rooster	1969	Feb-17	Rooster	2005	Feb-09	Rooster
1934	Feb-14	Dog	1970	Feb-06	Dog	2006	Jan-29	Dog
1935	Feb-04	Pig	1971	Jan-27	Pig	2007	Feb-18	Pig
1936	Jan-24	Rat	1972	Feb-15	Rat	2008	Feb-07	Rat
1937	Feb-11	Ox	1973	Feb-03	Ox	2009	Jan-26	Ox
1938	Jan-31	Tiger	1974	Jan-23	Tiger	2010	Feb-14	Tiger
1939	Feb-19	Rabbit	1975	Feb-11	Rabbit	2011	Feb-03	Rabbit
1940	Feb-08	Dragon	1976	Jan-31	Dragon	2012	Jan-23	Dragon
1941	Jan-27	Snake	1977	Feb-18	Snake	2013	Feb-10	Snake
1942	Feb-15	Horse	1978	Feb-07	Horse	2014	Jan-31	Horse
1943	Feb-05	Sheep	1979	Jan-28	Sheep	2015	Feb-19	Sheep
1944	Jan-25	Monkey	1980	Feb-16	Monkey	2016	Feb 08	Monkey
1945	Feb-13	Rooster	1981	Feb-05	Rooster	2017	Jan 28	Rooster
1946	Feb-02	Dog	1982	Jan-25	Dog	2018	Feb 16	Dog
1947	Jan-22	Pig	1983	Feb-13	Pig	2019	Feb 05	Pig
1948	Feb-10	Rat	1984	Feb-02	Rat	2020	Jan-25	Rat
1949	Jan-29	Ox	1985	Feb-20	Ox	2021	Feb-12	Ox
1950	Feb-17	Tiger	1986	Feb-09	Tiger	2022	Feb-01	Tiger
1951	Feb-06	Rabbit	1987	Jan-29	Rabbit	2023	Jan-22	Rabbit
1952	Jan-27	Dragon	1988	Feb-17	Dragon	2024	Feb-10	Dragon
1953	Feb-14	Snake	1989	Feb-06	Snake	2025	Jan-29	Snake
1954	Feb-03	Horse	1990	Jan-27	Horse	2026	Feb-17	Horse
1955	Jan-24	Sheep	1991	Feb-15	Sheep	2027	Feb-06	Sheep
1956	Feb-12	Monkey	1992	Feb-04	Monkey	2028	Jan-26	Monkey
1957	Jan-31	Rooster	1993	Jan-23	Rooster	2029	Feb-13	Rooster
1958	Feb-18	Dog	1994	Feb-10	Dog	2030	Feb-03	Dog
1959	Feb-08	Pig	1995	Jan-31	Pig	2031	Jan-23	Pig