

Diocletian Chart

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Principal Residences

Year	Location
285–296	Sirmium and Nicomedia
296–299	In Syria and Egypt
299–302	Antioch
302–305	Nicomedia

Attested Movements

Date	Event	Source
284, Nov. 20	Proclaimed emperor at Nicomedia	<i>P. Beatty Panopolis</i> 2.162, etc.; Lactantius, <i>Mort. Pers.</i> 17.1 (day); Zosimus 1.73.2 = John of Antioch, frag. 163 (place)
285, spring	Campaign against Carinus, ending in a battle near Viminacium	Victor, <i>Caes.</i> 39.11 ff.; Eutropius, <i>Brev.</i> 9.20.1/2; <i>itinerarium Burdigalense</i> p. 564.9 Wesseling
285, summer	Visit to Italy	<i>RIC</i> 5.2.241 no. 203 (Ticinum: ADVENTUS AUG); Zonaras 12.31 (alleges a visit to Rome)
285, Nov. 2	At Civitas Iovia (otherwise known as Botivo) and Sonista (on the road between Poetovio and Mursa)	<i>CJ</i> 4.48.5 (<i>Atubino</i>); <i>Frag. Vat.</i> 297 (<i>Suneata</i>)
285?, autumn	Campaign against the Sarmatians	
286, Jan. 20–Mar. 3	At Nicomedia	<i>CJ</i> 4.21.6; 3.28.18 (Feb. 14); 7.35.2 (Feb. 15); <i>Frag. Vat.</i> 275 (Mar. 3); <i>Chr. Pasch.</i> 510/11 = <i>Chr. Min.</i> 1.229/30 (winter at Nicomedia)
286, Mar. 22	At Byzantium	<i>Frag. Vat.</i> 281
286, May 31–Aug. 31	At Tiberias	<i>CJ</i> 4.10.3 (May 31: one ms.); <i>CJ</i> 1.51.1? (July 14); 5.17.3 (Aug. 31)
286, Oct. 13	At Heraclea in Thrace	<i>Frag. Vat.</i> 284
287	Negotiates with Persian ambassadors, presumably in Syria, and installs Tiridates as ruler in Armenia	<i>Pan. Lat.</i> 10(2).7.5, 9.2, 10.6 f., 8(5).3.3, cf. <i>ILS</i> 618 (<i>Pers(icus) max(imus)</i> in 290)
287?	Fortifies Circesium and reorganizes	Ammianus 23.5.2

	the Syrian frontier	
288	Campaign on the frontier of Raetia, and conference with Maximian	<i>Pan. Lat.</i> 10(2).9.1
289?, summer	Sarmatian campaign, defence of Dacia	<i>Pan. Lat.</i> 11(3).5.4, 7.1, 8(5).3.3
290, Jan. 11	At Sirmium	<i>CJ</i> 10.3.4
290, Feb. 27	At Adrianople	<i>CJ</i> 6.55.2
290, Apr. 3	At Byzantium	<i>CJ</i> 2.4.13
290, May 6	At Antioch	<i>Frag. Vat.</i> 276
290, May 10	At Emesa	<i>CJ</i> 9.41.9
290, May?/June?	Campaign against Saraceni	<i>Pan. Lat.</i> 11(3).5.4; 7.1
290, May 25	At Laodicea	<i>CJ</i> 6.15.2
290, summer	Returns from Syria to Pannonia	<i>Pan. Lat.</i> 11(3).4.2
290, July 1–Dec. 18	At Sirmium	<i>CJ</i> 6.30.6; 8.54(55).3 = <i>Frag. Vat.</i> 286 (Sept. 31); <i>CJ</i> 2.3.19 (Nov. 19), 2.28.1 (Nov. 22); 9.16.4(5) (Nov. 30); 3.28.19
290, late Dec., or 291, Jan.	Confers with Maximian in Milan	<i>Pan. Lat.</i> 11(3).8.1 ff.
291, May 13	At Sirmium	<i>CJ</i> 9.41.12
291, Dec. 4	At Oescus (mss. have <i>Triballis</i>)	<i>CJ</i> 8.47(48).5
293, Jan. 1–Feb. 26	At Sirmium	<i>CJ</i> , p. 495
293, Mar. 1	Invests Galerius with the purple, probably at Sirmium	
293, Apr. 1	At Heraclea	<i>CJ</i> 8.55(56).4
293, Apr. 2–13	At Byzantium	<i>CJ</i> , p. 495
293, Apr. 15	At Melantias	<i>CJ</i> 4.49.7
293, Apr. 17–May 1	At Heraclea	<i>CJ</i> , p. 495
293, May 1	At Tzirallum (Tzurulon), near Heraclea	<i>CJ</i> 2.3.21, 5.3.8, 6.30.7, 6.53.6, 8.35(36).5
293, May 10–13	At Adrianople	<i>CJ</i> 7.16.16, 10.32(31).7, 8.13(14).16 (May 12), 8.50(51).10
293, May 17	At Beroea	<i>CJ</i> 5.24.1
293, May 25–June 17	At Philippopolis	<i>CJ</i> 2.17(18).3, 2.52(53).4 (May 25), 2.12(13).17 (June 5), 4.49.9, 7.67.1
293, June 21–28	At Serdica	<i>CJ</i> 8.44(45).21; <i>Mos. et Rom. legum collatio</i> 10.3 (June 24); <i>CJ</i> 5.16.18
293, July 2–15	At Philippopolis	<i>CJ</i> 9.33.5; 5.12.14 (July 4), 5.34.7, 6.23.12 (July 6), 6.49.3 (July 10), 8.15(16).6 (July 11), 5.16.19, 7.16.18
293, Aug. 8–Sept. 1	At Viminacium	<i>CJ</i> , p. 495
293, Sept. 11–294, May 1	At Sirmium	<i>CJ</i> , pp. 495/6
294, May 3	Near Sirmium	<i>CJ</i> 6.21.14
294, May 18–Aug. 20	At Sirmium	<i>CJ</i> 6.59.1, 9.12.4 (June 15; year emended from 293), 4.18.1 (June 25), 6.58.8 (July 7), 5.16.22 (Aug. 1), 6.24.10 (Aug. 17), 9.18.2

294, Sept. 8–12	At Singidunum	<i>CJ</i> 4.19.21, 9.20.12
294, Sept. 22	<i>Demesso</i> (mss.): not yet identified	<i>CJ</i> 2.12(13).20
294, Sept. 26–Oct. 1	At Viminacium	<i>CJ</i> , pp. 496/7
294, Oct. 5	At Cuppae	<i>CJ</i> 8.44(45).28
294, Oct. 8–10	At Ratiaria	<i>CJ</i> 4.33.5(4), 6.59.8, 7.60.3, 8.13(14).21
294, Oct. 11	At Cebrum	<i>CJ</i> 2.4.30
294, Oct. 13	At Varianae	<i>CJ</i> 2.3.6, 8.37(38).9
294, Oct. 17	At Appiaria	<i>Mos. et Rom. legum collatio</i> 10.5
294, Oct. 18	At Transmarisca	<i>CJ</i> 6.42.28
294, Oct. 21–22	At Durostorum	<i>CJ</i> 8.41(42).6, 9.22.20
294, Oct. 25	<i>Reginassi</i> (mss.); not yet identified	<i>CJ</i> 4.20.8, 4.21.10
294, Oct. 26	At Marcianopolis	<i>Consultatio</i> 6.17
294, Oct. 28	At Anchialos	<i>CJ</i> 5.12.24, 5.51.11, 6.50.17, 8.31(32).2, 8.47(48).9
294, Oct. 29	At Develtus	<i>CJ</i> 6.36.5, 8.50(51).17
294, Oct. 31	At Adrianople	<i>CJ</i> 8.42(43).20
294, Nov. 1–3	At Burtudizum	<i>CJ</i> 5.16.23, 2.3.28, 8.35(36).9
294, Nov. 5–8	At Heraclea	<i>CJ</i> 7.48.3, 5.18.10 (Nov. 7), 2.3.27, 7.35.6, 8.27(28).19; <i>Frag. Vat.</i> 325
294, Nov. 9	At Melantias	<i>CJ</i> 2.4.33(34); <i>Frag. Vat.</i> 314
294, Nov. 10	At Byzantium	<i>CJ</i> 2.4.31, 8.27(28).20
294, Nov. 11	At Pantichium	<i>CJ</i> 4.29.18, 5.12.25, 6.22.4
294, Nov. 15–Dec. 30	At Nicomedia	<i>CJ</i> , p. 497
295, Mar. 18	At Nicomedia	<i>CJ</i> 5.72.3
296, summer/autumn	Campaign against the Carpi	<i>Pan. Lat.</i> 8(5).5.2
296, late	Goes to Syrian frontier and campaigns against the Persians	<i>P. Argent.</i> 480, 1 verso 1 ff.
297, autumn–298, spring	Suppresses revolt in Egypt; long siege of Alexandria	Jerome, <i>Chronicle</i> 226; Eutropius, <i>Brev.</i> 9.22–23
298, May or June	Visits Oxyrhynchus and travels up the Nile	<i>P. Oxy.</i> 1416; <i>P. Beatty Panopolis</i> 1.375
298, summer	Reaches Elephantine and negotiates with Nobatae	Procopius, <i>Bella</i> 1.19.27 ff.; <i>IGRR</i> 1.1291 = <i>Sammelbuch</i> 8393
298, Sept.	Return northward expected at Panopolis	<i>P. Beatty Panopolis</i> 1, cf. <i>Pan. Lat.</i> 9(4).21.2
299, Feb. 5	At Antioch	<i>CJ</i> 8.53(54).24
299?, late winter	Goes to Mesopotamia	Eutropius, <i>Brev.</i> 9.25.2
299?, spring	Meets Galerius at Nisibis	Petrus Patricius, frag. 14
300, Feb. 12–301, July 4	At Antioch	<i>CJ</i> 9.21.1, 3.3.3 (Mar. 25), 7.22.2 (June 25), Malalas 310.7 ff. Bonn (300, July/Aug.); <i>CJ</i> 3.28.25 (301, July 4)
301/302	Visits Egypt	<i>Chr. Min.</i> 1.290; <i>Chr. Pasch.</i> 514 Bonn; Eusebius, <i>VC</i> 1.19 (journey through Palestine)
302, Mar. 31	At Alexandria	<i>Mos. et Rom. legum collatio</i> 15.3 (year not given)

302, autumn?	At Antioch	Eusebius, <i>Mart. Pal.</i> (L) 2.2 ff.
302, late	Goes to Bithynia for winter	Lactantius, <i>Mort. Pers.</i> 10.6
303, Jan. 6–Mar. 12	At Nicomedia	<i>CJ</i> 2.30(31).4; Lactantius, <i>Mort. Pers.</i> 10.6 ff.; Constantine, <i>Oratio</i> 25 (late Feb.); Eusebius, <i>HE</i> 8.5 (Feb. 23), 8.6.2, cf. <i>PO</i> 10.14 (Mar. 12)
303, June 8	At Durostorum	<i>CJ</i> 5.73.4
303, summer/autumn	Visits Sirmium?	<i>Passio Quattuor Coronatorum</i> 21 f.
303, before Nov. 20–Dec.	At Rome	Lactantius, <i>Mort. Pers.</i> 17.1 ff.
303, Dec. 20	Leaves Rome	Lactantius, <i>Mort. Pers.</i> 17.3
304, Jan. 1	At Ravenna	Lactantius, <i>Mort. Pers.</i> 17.3
304, summer	On the Danube; perhaps defeats the Carpi	Lactantius, <i>Mort. Pers.</i> 17.4; Tables 6, 7
304, Aug. 28–305, May 1	At Nicomedia	<i>CJ</i> 3.28.26; Lactantius, <i>Mort. Pers.</i> 17.4 ff.; Eutropius, <i>Brev.</i> 9.27.2; Jerome, <i>Crhonicle</i> 228; <i>Epitome</i> 39.5

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