

Programme Information Highlights

February 2018



Happening this month...

Saturday 3rd February - Saturday 17th March

Six Nations Championship

The Six Nations Championship is an annual international rugby union competition between England, France, Ireland, Italy, Scotland and Wales. The current champions are England.

Sunday 4th February

Super Bowl LII

The 52nd Super Bowl and the 48th modern-era National Football League (NFL) championship game will decide the league champion for the 2017 NFL season. The game is due to be held at US Bank Stadium in Minneapolis, Minnesota. It's the second Super Bowl held in Minneapolis. Justin Timberlake will headline the half-time show.

Friday 9th - Wednesday 14th February

Rio Carnival

The Carnival in Rio de Janeiro is a festival held every year before Lent and considered the biggest carnival in the world with two million people per day on the streets.

Friday 9th - Sunday 25th February

Winter Olympics, PyeongChang, South Korea

PyeongChang 2018 will host the XXIII Olympic Winter Games. Events, held at 13 venues, will include four new sports; big air snowboarding, freestyle skiing, mass start speed skating and mixed doubles curling.



Revellers from the Portela Samba School, champions of the 2017 Rio Carnival, perform in the Champions' Parade at the Sambadrome in Rio, Brazil, on March 5, 2017. (Photo by YASUYOSHI CHIBA/AFP/Getty Images)

Tuesday 13th February

Mardi Gras, New Orleans

The biggest celebration the city of New Orleans hosts every year. Mardi Gras is a magnificent, costumed, beaded and feathered party, laced with tradition. Celebrations are concentrated for about two weeks before Shrove Tuesday - or Fat Tuesday - when the biggest parades take place.

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Thursday 15th - Sunday 25th February

Berlin International Film Festival

The Berlin International Film Festival, also called the Berlinale, is one of the world's leading film festivals and most reputable media events. Wes Anderson's animated 'Isle of Dogs' is due to open the 68th annual event, which around half a million people are expected to attend.

Friday 16th February

Chinese New Year

2018 is the Year of the Dog and lasts until 4th February 2019. The Chinese regard it as an auspicious animal. If a dog happens to come to a house, it symbolizes the coming of fortune. Dog is the eleventh in the 12-year cycle of Chinese zodiac signs.

Friday 16th - Sunday 18th February

Munich Security Conference

Each February, the Munich Security Conference brings together more than 450 senior decision-makers from around the world, including heads-of-state, ministers, leading personalities of international and non-governmental organisations, as well as high ranking representatives of industry, media, academia, and civil society, to engage in an intensive debate on current and future security challenges.

Sunday 18th February

EE British Academy Film Awards

The EE British Academy Film Awards is a star-studded celebration of achievements in film. Nominees will be announced in January 2018 and the ceremony will be held at the Royal Albert Hall in London.



Wes Anderson meets the audience during the 10th Rome Film Fest at Auditorium Parco Della Musica on October 19, 2015. (Photo by Ernesto Ruscio/Getty Images)

Monday 26th February - Thursday 1st March

Mobile World Congress, Barcelona

Industry leaders will gather to network, showcase, and exchange ideas at the world's largest gathering for the mobile industry. More than 108,000 people are expected to attend the event, at which more than 400 operators will be represented from 208 countries.