

Programme Information Highlights

July 2016



Happening this month...

Friday 1st July

Centenary of the Battle of the Somme, France

The Battle of Somme, fought in northern France, was one of the bloodiest of World War One. For five months the British and French armies engaged the Germans in a brutal battle of attrition on a 15-mile front. In total, there were over one million dead and wounded on all sides. A commemorative event will be held at the Thiepval Memorial in Northern France.

Saturday 2nd - Sunday 24th July

Tour de France

The 103rd Tour de France will be made up of 21 stages and will cover a total distance of 3,519 kilometres. It will visit three neighbouring countries: Spain, the Principality of Andorra and Switzerland.

Monday 4th July

NASA's Juno spacecraft is expected to arrive at Jupiter. It was launched on 5th August 2011. Its mission is to improve our understanding of the solar system's beginnings by revealing the origin and evolution of Jupiter.

Wednesday 6th July

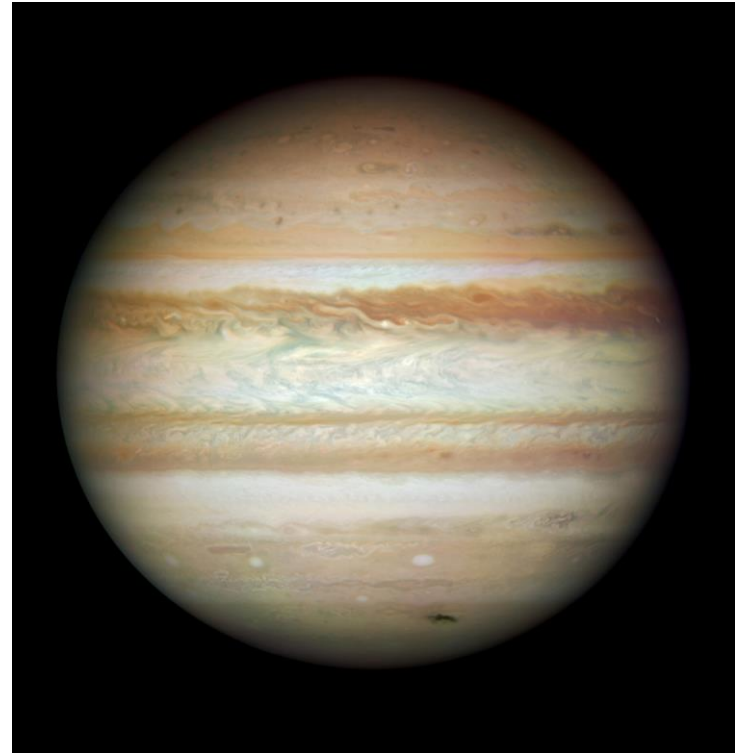
Eid-al-Fitr, worldwide

Eid al-Fitr marks the end of the month-long fast during the Islamic month of Ramadan. It is celebrated with prayer and thanksgiving to God, as well as feasting and gift giving.

Wednesday 6th July

Chilcot Report, UK

The long-awaited report into the Iraq War is due to be published. The public inquiry was launched in 2009 into the UK's participation in the US-led invasion of Iraq – which led to the toppling of Saddam Hussein and led to British troops remaining on Iraqi soil for six years. 179 British service personnel were killed in Iraq.



IN SPACE - JULY 23: In this image provided by NASA, ESA, and the Hubble SM4 ERO Team, the planet Jupiter is pictured July 23, 2009 in Space. (Photo by NASA, ESA, and the Hubble SM4 ERO Team via Getty Images)

Friday 8th – Saturday 9th July

NATO Summit, Warsaw, Poland

The Summit will be a key milestone for the Alliance. Strengthening and modernising NATO's collective defence and deterrence posture will be at the heart of the Summit. Allies will also assess the long-term implications of the crisis on NATO's relations with Russia and consider the next steps.

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Sunday 10th July

UEFA EURO 2016 Final, Stade de France, Paris
The last two teams will compete to lift the Henri Delaunay Cup.

Thursday 14th July

Bastille Day, France
French national holiday commemorating the storming of the Bastille on 14th July 1789, by the Parisian revolutionaries. Events include a military parade on the Avenue des Champs-Élysées and a fireworks display launched from Trocadéro.

Monday 18th – Thursday 21st July

Republican National Convention, Cleveland, Ohio
The Republican party will name Donald Trump as its candidate for president.

Wednesday 20th July

One year since the US and Cuba re-established relations.

Monday 25th – Thursday 28th July

Democratic National Convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
The convention is the formal nominating event for the Democratic candidates for President and Vice President. Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton is expected to win over Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders.

Monday 25th – Sunday 31st July

World Youth Day, Krakow, Poland
Pope Francis will visit Krakow, the Marian shrine of Czestochowa, Auschwitz and the meadows of Brzegi, where he will celebrate Mass with over two million young people.



LAS VEGAS, NV - FEBRUARY 23: Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump waves after speaking at a caucus night watch party at the Treasure Island Hotel & Casino on February 23, 2016 in Las Vegas, Nevada. (Photo by Ethan Miller/Getty Images)