

Programme Information Highlights

June 2016



Happening this month...

Sunday 5th June

British European Space Agency astronaut Tim Peake is scheduled to return to earth following a six-month stay on board the International Space Station. Peake's 'Principia' mission involved conducting scientific experiments and testing new technologies.

Sunday 5th June

Canonization ceremony, Vatican City
Pope Francis will canonize Polish priest Stanislaus Papczynski - founder of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception - and Swedish nun Mary Elisabeth Hesselblad, who dedicated her life to ecumenism and the poor.

Monday 6th June – Tuesday 5th July

Ramadan
Islam's holiest month marks the date that Allah revealed the Koran to the Prophet Muhammad. Muslims fast during daylight hours. It is a time of reflection, devotion, generosity and sacrifice.

Friday 10th – Sunday 12th June

Queen Elizabeth's 90th Birthday Celebrations
A Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral on Friday will celebrate Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday and also the 95th birthday of the Duke of Edinburgh. On Saturday, the Queen will inspect soldiers from the Household Division at the Trooping the Colour. On Sunday, The Patron's Lunch will see The Mall transformed into a giant street party.

Friday 10th June – Sunday 10th July

UEFA Euro 2016, France
For the first time, 24 teams contest the UEFA European Football Championship. The opening match between host France and Romania takes place at the Stade de France in Saint-Denis.



PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA - OCTOBER 21: Oscar Pistorius stands as he listens to his judgement in the Pretoria High Court on October 21, 2014, in Pretoria, South Africa. (Photo by Herman Verwey/Foto24/Gallo Images/Getty Images)

Monday 13th – Friday 17th June

Oscar Pistorius sentencing, Pretoria
Former Paralympian is due to be sentenced for the murder of his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp. Pistorius' culpable homicide conviction was overturned in December 2015 when appeal judges found him guilty of murder.

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Saturday 16th June

Polar Music Prize, Sweden

The prize was founded in 1989 by Stig Anderson, manager of Abba. It is awarded to individuals, groups and institutions in recognition of exceptional achievements. Previous recipients include Paul McCartney, Bjork and Stevie Wonder.

Monday 18th June

Le Mans 24 Hours, France

Founded in 1923 as the 'Grand Prix of Speed and Endurance', the 24 Hours of Le Mans is one of the world's oldest circuit races. It is televised to 800 million spectators in 190 countries.

Thursday 23rd June

EU Referendum, UK

British, Irish and Commonwealth citizens resident in the UK, along with UK nationals living abroad, will vote on whether to leave or remain in the European Union.

Sunday 26th June

A general election is expected to take place in Spain after final talks to establish a coalition government failed.

Sunday 26th June

First anniversary of terror attack in Sousse, Tunisia

38 people, mainly British tourists, were killed when a gunman opened fire on a beach outside the Hotel Rui Imperial Marhaba in the resort of Port El Kantaoui. An inquest into the British deaths has been postponed until 2017.

Tuesday 28th June – Wednesday 29th June

EU Summit, Brussels

The 28 EU countries' heads of state and government meet to set the EU's priorities and strategic goals. The meeting was moved to avoid a clash with the UK referendum.



A British flag flutters amongst EU flags ahead of British Prime Minister's visit at the European Commission in Brussels on January 29, 2016. (Photo credit should read EMMANUEL DUNAND/AFP/Getty Images)