

Programme Information Highlights

September 2015



Happening this month...

Wednesday 2nd – Saturday 12th September

72nd Venice International Film Festival

The festival on the Venice Lido opens with Baltasar Kormákur's 'Everest', starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Keira Knightley. Other highly-anticipated films include Tom Hooper's 'The Danish Girl' and 'Black Mass' starring Johnny Depp as real-life mafia informant Whitey Bulger.

Wednesday 9th September

Queen Elizabeth II becomes Britain's longest-serving monarch. The Queen will surpass her great-great-grandmother Queen Victoria's record for the longest reign. Queen Victoria reigned for 23,226 days and just under 17 hours – or 63 years and seven months – from her accession on June 20th 1837 until her death in 1901.

Thursday 10th – Sunday 20th September

40th Toronto International Film Festival

The annual film festival will screen more than 300 films from over 60 different countries. The event is considered the start of Oscar contender season. The festival opens with 'Demolition', starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Naomi Watts.

Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th September

Rosh Hashanah

The Jewish New Year is celebrated by Jews throughout the world. Many Jewish families gather for special meals to celebrate Rosh Hashanah, which commences at nightfall the day before the actual holiday.

Friday 18th September – Saturday 31st October

Rugby World Cup 2015

England plays host to the Rugby World Cup. 20 nations will compete for the Webb Ellis Cup, with New Zealand the strong favourites.



CHADWELL HEATH, ENGLAND - JULY 16: Queen Elizabeth II during a visit to Chadwell Heath Community Centre on July 16 in Chadwell Heath, United Kingdom. (Photo by Heathcliff O'Malley - WPA Pool/Getty Images)

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Saturday 19th – Tuesday 22nd September

Pope Francis is due to visit Cuba. The Pope will travel to Havana, Holguin, Santiago de Cuba and El Cobre and celebrate Mass on all three days of his visit.

Saturday 19th September – Sunday 4th October

Oktoberfest

Munich's annual beer festival begins at noon when the Mayor taps the first keg of beer. This year the price of a litre of beer starts at 10 euros.

Sunday 20th September

F1 Singapore Grand Prix

The circuit has been slightly altered this year to enable more opportunities for overtaking.

Sunday 20th – Friday 25th September

Hajj Pilgrimage

The pilgrimage to Mecca is one of the greatest religious observances in Islam. The exact date cannot be determined in advance, due to the nature of the Islamic lunar calendar. Since the Hajj takes place in Saudi Arabia, the Muslim world follows Saudi Arabia's determination of the Hajj dates.

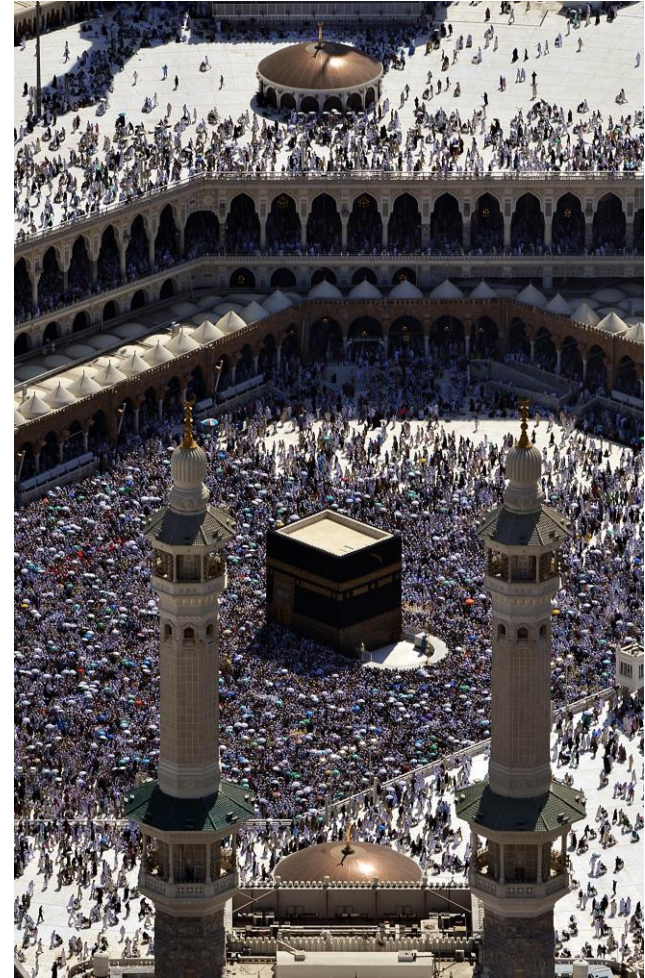
Tuesday 22nd – Sunday 27th September

Pope Francis visits the United States where he will meet homeless people in Washington, immigrant families in Harlem and prisoners in Philadelphia. The Pope will also address the United Nations General Assembly while he is in New York.

Monday 28th September – Tuesday 6th October

70th Session of the UN General Assembly

Barack Obama, Vladimir Putin, Hassan Rouhani, Xi Jinping and François Holland are all scheduled to deliver speeches at the United Nations in New York. The meeting marks the 70th anniversary of the UN.



An aerial view shows the Kaaba at the Grand mosque in the holy city of Mecca, on October 27, 2012. (Photo by FAYEZ NURELDINE/AFP/Getty Images)