

Programme Information Highlights

December 2015



Happening this month...

Sunday 6th December

Presidential election in Venezuela

Venezuelans go to the polls amid a deepening economic crisis. A chronic shortage of basic products and high inflation have led to widespread discontent.

Thursday 10th December

Nobel Peace Prize Ceremony, Oslo

The Nobel Peace Prize 2015 was awarded to the Tunisian National Dialogue Quartet for its decisive contribution to the building of a pluralistic democracy in Tunisia in the wake of the Jasmine Revolution of 2011.

Saturday 12th December

The cremated remains of novelist Gabriel Garcia Marquez will be exhibited in the Colombian city of Cartagena, where he began his writing career. The Nobel prize-winning author died in 2014 at the age of 87.

Saturday 12th December

UEFA Euro 2016 Draw, Paris

The UEFA Euro 2016 Finals draw takes place at 1800 CET in Paris. Hosts France are automatically assigned as team A1. Spain are the reigning European champions.

Sunday 13th December

Regional elections in France

Centre-right Les Republicains party, led by former president Nicolas Sarkozy, is expected to win a majority of regions. Far-right leader Marine Le Pen is set to win control of France's northernmost area.



SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA - DECEMBER 23: A photo tribute for Tori Johnson and Katrina Dawson is seen amongst flowers at a wreath laying ceremony after the funeral for Tori Johnson at Martin Place on December 23, 2014 in Sydney, Australia. (Photo by Don Arnold/Getty Images)

Tuesday 15th December

First anniversary of Lindt café siege, Sydney

A public ceremony will be held to commemorate the tragic event in which café manager Tori Johnson and customer Katrina Dawson lost their lives. The siege began at 9.44am on December 15th 2014 and ended 16 hours later.

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Thursday 17th December

Worldwide release of 'Star Wars – The Force Awakens'

'Star Wars: Episode VII – The Force Awakens' is a continuation of the saga created by George Lucas. The film is set thirty years after 'Return of the Jedi'. Advance ticket sales on both sides of the Atlantic suggest it may be the highest-grossing film of all time.

Sunday 20th December

General election in Spain

Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy has an absolute majority in parliament with his conservative Popular Party but polls suggest support for the opposition Socialist Party is running close behind. Emerging political force Ciudadanos (Citizens) stands a good chance of breaking Spain's two-party system.

Thursday 24th and Friday 25th December

Christmas celebrations around the world

Sunday 27th December

Presidential election in Haiti

President Michel Martelly's chosen candidate Jovenel Moise is expected to run-off against Jude Celestin, a Swiss-educated mechanical engineer. Haiti is the poorest nation in the Americas. Since it was devastated by an earthquake in 2010, Haiti has relied largely on international donations and foreign aid.

Thursday 31st December

New Year's Eve celebrations around the world



ANAHEIM, CA - AUGUST 15: Director J.J. Abrams (L) and actor Harrison Ford of STAR WARS: THE FORCE AWAKENS took part in 'Worlds, Galaxies, and Universes: Live Action at The Walt Disney Studios' presentation at Disney's D23 EXPO 2015 in Anaheim, Calif. (Photo by Jesse Grant/Getty Images for Disney)