

Programme Information Highlights

October 2016



Happening this month...

Monday 3rd October

Rosh Hashanah

Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year Festival, lasting two days. It commemorates the creation of the world. It's a time for people to think about their priorities in life and to reflect on what has been achieved in the past year.

Friday 7th October

Nobel Peace Prize announcement – Oslo, Norway

There are 376 candidates for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2016 out of which 228 are individuals and 148 are organisations. The Nobel Committee chooses the Peace Prize Laureates through a majority vote. The decision is final and without appeal. The names of the Laureates are then announced.

Sunday 9th October

Second US Presidential Debate – St. Louis, Missouri

The second presidential debate takes place at Washington University in Missouri. It will be a town meeting, where half of the questions will come from participants and the other from the moderator. The moderator's questions will be based on public interest topics determined via social media and other sources.

Wednesday 12th October

Yom Kippur

Yom Kippur means Day of Atonement and refers to the annual Jewish observance of fasting, prayer and repentance. Yom Kippur is considered the holiest day of the Jewish calendar.



US singer Prince performs on October 11, 2009 at the Grand Palais in Paris. (BERTRAND GUAY/AFP/Getty Images)

Thursday 13th October

Official Prince Tribute Concert – Minneapolis, Minnesota

Various artists will pay tribute to the late singer at a concert at the newly built 66,200-capacity US Bank Stadium – home of the Minnesota Vikings football team.

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Sunday 16th October

Supermoon

A supermoon is when a new or full moon closely coincides with *perigee* – the moon's closest point to Earth in its monthly orbit.

Wednesday 19th – Sunday 23rd October

Frankfurt Book Fair – Frankfurt, Germany

The Frankfurt Book Fair is a meeting place for the industry's experts and the most important marketplace for books, media, rights and licences worldwide.

Wednesday 19th October

Third US Presidential Debate – Las Vegas, Nevada

The third presidential debate takes place at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas.

Friday 21st October

50 years since Aberfan disaster – Aberfan, Wales

116 children and 28 adults died when a coal mining waste tip above Aberfan slid down the mountain and engulfed a school, a farm and several houses.

Monday 31st October

500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation – Lund, Sweden
Pope Francis travels to Sweden for a joint ecumenical commemoration of the start of the Reformation, together with leaders of the Lutheran World Federation and representatives of other Christian Churches.



Dutch right-wing politician Geert Wilders arrives to speak to supporters on October 2, 2010 in Berlin, Germany.

(Photo by Sean Gallup/Getty Images)

Monday 31st October

Trial of Geert Wilders – Amsterdam, Netherlands

The trial of Freedom Party leader Geert Wilders on charges of inciting hatred and discrimination takes place at the high security court at Schiphol airport. A verdict is due in early December.