Programme Information Highlights
September 2016

Happening this month...

**Sunday 4th – Monday 5th September**
G20 Leaders Summit – Hangzhou, China
As China hosts the summit for the first time, world leaders will discuss how to achieve sustainable, balanced and inclusive growth.

**Sunday 4th September**
Mother Teresa’s Canonisation – Rome, Italy
Mother Teresa of Calcutta will be declared a saint. Pope Francis will officiate at the ceremony in St. Peter’s Square.

**Wednesday 7th – Sunday 18th September**
Paralympic Games – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Over 4,000 athletes from more than 170 countries will compete in 28 different sports at the Paralympic Games.

**Friday 9th – Wednesday 14th September**
Hajj Pilgrimage – Mecca, Saudi Arabia
The Hajj is the fifth pillar of Islam. It is considered obligatory for every Muslim who is capable of undertaking the pilgrimage at least once in his or her life.

**Tuesday 13th – Monday 26th September**
UN General Assembly – New York, USA
The 193 member states of the United Nations will discuss peace and security, sustainable development, human rights, international law and humanitarian aid.

**Friday 16th September**
Informal EU meeting – Bratislava, Slovakia
The European Union will meet without the United Kingdom to discuss the future of the EU following the UK’s decision to leave.

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**Saturday 17th September – Monday 3rd October**

Oktoberfest – Munich, Germany
The 183rd edition of the world’s biggest beer festival begins with the Mayor of Munich tapping the first keg.

**Sunday 18th – Monday 26th September**

San Sebastian International Film Festival – San Sebastian, Spain
The 64th edition of the prestigious film festival will see Sigourney Weaver receive the Donostia lifetime achievement award. The Golden Shell is awarded to the best film, while the best actor and actress receive a Silver Shell.

**Sunday 18th September**

Russian Parliamentary Election – Nationwide, Russia
225 lawmakers will be elected to the lower house of parliament – or State Duma.

**Saturday 24th – Friday 30th September**

Royal Tour – Canada
The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge will make their second royal visit to Canada. William and Kate will visit British Columbia and Yukon. They visited in 2011 on their first overseas tour as a married couple.

**Monday 26th September**

US Presidential Debate – New York, USA
The first debate of the US presidential election campaign between Republican nominee Donald Trump and Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton will take place at Hofstra University in New York.

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