

Programme Information Highlights

November 2017



Happening this month...

Wednesday 1st November South Korea Olympic torch relay begins
The torch for the 2018 PyeongChang Winter Games will begin making its way across South Korea, travelling 2,018km around the country, after its flame was lit in Athens, Greece.

Monday 6th- Friday 17th November COP23 Conference, Bonn
International representatives will gather in Bonn, Germany, for the 23rd UN Climate Change Conference, to discuss the next steps after the landmark 2015 Paris Agreement.

Monday 6th - Saturday 11th November APEC Summit, Vietnam
The 21 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation member economies will meet in Da Nang, Vietnam, for the annual APEC conference. The agenda will focus on improving adaptation to change in a globalized world.

Tuesday 7th November 100th Anniversary of Bolshevik Revolution
100 years since the start of a violent revolution, led by Lenin, which marked the end of the Romanov dynasty and Russian imperial rule.

Saturday 11th November Singles Day, China
This biggest online shopping day of the year. In 2016, Chinese shoppers spent £14.2bn in just 24 hours. People buy themselves gifts, regardless of their relationship status. The day started as an anti-Valentine's celebration in the 1990s due to the number of ones when the date is written down numerically.



Workers prepare packages for delivery at a sorting centre in Lianyungang, Jiangsu province, during the Singles Day online shopping festival on November 11, 2016. (Photo credit STR/AFP/Getty Images)

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Saturday 11th November Armistice Day, UK and other countries
Two-minute silence held in UK to mark the day World War One ended in 1918. Day recognised in many other countries including France, Belgium and around the Commonwealth. Those killed in all wars remembered. Events also held on Remembrance Sunday (which this year falls on **Sunday 12th November**).

Wednesday 15th November Australia's Gay Marriage Vote result due
The results of a postal vote on legalising same-sex marriage in Australia are due to be published.

Sunday 19th November General Election, Chile
Chile goes to the polls for presidential, parliamentary and regional elections. Former President Sebastian Pinera could be re-elected the country's leader.

Thursday 23rd - Monday 27th November First Ashes Test, Brisbane
The Ashes begins in Brisbane as England attempt to hold onto the urn. The visitors will be hoping to avoid the whitewash of 2013/14 when they were beaten 5-0 in Australia. The five-Test cricket series continues until January 2018.

Monday 27th - Thursday 30th November Pope Francis in Myanmar
The leader of the Catholic Church will become the first Pope to visit Myanmar (formally known as Burma). His visit is expected to focus international attention on the plight of the Rohingya Muslims. Pope Francis will then travel to neighbouring Bangladesh.



A photo taken in Sydney shows the voting form in the contentious postal survey on same-sex marriage. (Photo credit should read WILLIAM WEST/AFP/Getty Images)