

May 2017

Happening this month...

Tuesday 2nd May

Moscow, Russia

Germany's Angela Merkel will visit Moscow for talks with President Vladimir Putin. It's the first bilateral visit since Russia annexed Ukraine's Crimea Peninsula in 2014.

Friday 5th May

Tenth anniversary of the disappearance of Madeleine McCann.

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Brooklyn, New York

Mexico's most-wanted man drug lord Joaquin 'El Chapo' Guzman is due back in court. He's pleaded not guilty to charges of running a massive drug trafficking operation that laundered billions of dollars and oversaw murders and kidnappings.

Sunday 7th May

French Presidential Election, Round 2

The first round of the 2017 French presidential election will be held on 23 April, 2017. Should no candidate win a majority, a run-off election between the top two candidates will be held on 7 May, 2017. The top four candidates are: Francois Fillon (Les Republicains), Benoit Hamon (Socialists), Marine Le Pen (Front National) and Emmanuel Macron (Independent).

Tuesday 9th May

Moscow, Russia

Victory Day Parade takes place in Red Square to commemorate the 71st anniversary of the capitulation of Nazi Germany in 1945.



Russian S-400 air defence missile systems roll at Red Square during the Victory Day military parade in Moscow on May 9, 2016. (Photo credit KIRILL KUDRYAVTSEV/AFP/Getty Images)

Saturday 13th May

Kiev, Ukraine

Kiev hosts the final of the 62nd Eurovision Song Contest, following Ukraine's win in Stockholm last year.

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Sunday 14th May

Local elections in Nepal

Nepal holds local elections for the first time in two decades. It's an important milestone in its long and difficult transition to democracy that the government hopes will culminate in a general election.

Wednesday 17th – Sunday 28th May

70th annual Cannes Film Festival, Cannes, France

Spanish film director and screenwriter Pedro Almodovar has been selected as the President of the Jury for the festival, with Italian actress Monica Bellucci hosting.

Friday 19th May

Presidential election, Iran

President Hassan Rouhani may seek a second term to push ahead with reforms resisted by powerful hardliners. Rouhani last year struck a deal with world powers on curbing Iran's nuclear program in exchange for relief from sanctions and has sought to open Iran's economy to foreign investors.

Monday 22nd May – Sunday 11th June

Paris, France

Roland-Garros French Open tennis tournament.

Saturday 27th May

First day of Ramadan.

Thursday 25th May

40th anniversary of the first Star Wars movie.



The closing ceremony of the 69th annual Cannes Film Festival at the Palais des Festivals on May 22, 2016 in Cannes, France. (Photo by John Phillips/Getty Images)

Thursday 25th May

Brussels, Belgium

NATO heads of state and government will meet US President Trump for the first time.

Friday 26th – Saturday 27th May

43rd G7 Summit, Taormina, Sicily

The summit will be the first summit for British PM Theresa May, US President Donald Trump and the 25th French President. The focus will be on Africa and migration.