Programme Information Highlights
August 2016

Happening this month...

**Monday 1st August**
Ukrainian citizens are due to gain visa-free travel to European Union Schengen countries but this may be delayed due to the result of the UK referendum on EU membership.

**Friday 5th – Sunday 21st August**
Summer Olympic Games, Rio de Janeiro
More than 10,000 athletes representing over 200 countries will compete in the Olympic Games – the first to be held in South America. There are 42 Olympic sports and 306 events scheduled over the course of 19 days. 161 medals will be awarded to men, 136 to women and there are nine mixed medals.

**Monday 15th August**
Johnny Depp and his estranged wife Amber Heard are both due to appear at a hearing at Los Angeles Superior Court to continue divorce proceedings.

**Saturday 20th August**
The final judgement in the impeachment trial of suspended Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff. If she is found guilty of breaking budgetary rules to help win re-election, Brazil’s first female leader will be permanently replaced by interim President Michel Temar, her former deputy.

**Monday 29th August – Sunday 11th September**
US Open, Flushing Meadows, New York City
Defending champion Novak Djokovic will be hoping to add the US Open to his 2016 haul, having won the Australian and French Opens. If he wins at Wimbledon he will be looking to complete a calendar Grand Slam. Meanwhile, Flavia Pennetta retired in October 2015 after winning the US Open and becoming the oldest first-time Grand Slam champion in the Open Era, at the age of 33 years and 6 months.

**Wednesday 31st August**
La Tomatina, Buñol, Spain
Tens of thousands of participants come from all over the world to take part in a huge street fight involving one hundred metric tons of over-ripe tomatoes. A ham is placed upon a large, greased pole and the tomato fight can begin only when someone is able to climb to the top and bring it down. With this victory, the tomato-throwing begins.

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