

# Programme Information Highlights

August 2016



## Happening this month...

### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Temer, her former deputy.

### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.



RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL - AUGUST 04: The official logo for the Rio 2016 Olympics games displays during a press conference of Two Years to Go to the Rio 2016 Olympics Opening Ceremony (Photo by Buda Mendes/Getty Images)

### Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> 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.