

# Programme Information Highlights

August 2017



## Happening this month...

### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August

IAAF World Championships in Athletics, London  
Competition billed as the biggest global sporting event of the year takes place at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. The championship will be sprinter Usain Bolt and distance runner Mo Farah's last.

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August

Hiroshima anniversary, Japan  
Hiroshima commemorates anniversary of the 1945 nuclear attack

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August

PGA Championship, Charlotte, North Carolina  
The golf season's final major, the 99th PGA Championship is taking place at Quail Hollow Club. America's Jimmy Walker won last year.

### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August

Kenyan General Election  
President Uhuru Kenyatta is standing against opposition leader Raila Odinga. Violence is expected after allegations of fraud at the primaries and increased tribal friction led to clashes in April.

### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August

40th anniversary of Elvis's death  
Events expected to mark 40 years since Elvis Presley died after having a heart attack at Graceland, his home in Memphis, Tennessee.



A total solar eclipse can be seen in Svalbard, Longyearbyen, Norway, on March 20, 2015.  
(Photo by JON OLAV NESVOLD/AFP/Getty Images)

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August

Clipper Round The World Yacht Race starts in Liverpool  
The biggest round the world ocean race sets sail from Liverpool, with participants travelling 40,000 nautical miles.

### Monday 21st August

Total solar eclipse, USA  
The Moon will pass between Earth and the Sun, blocking all direct sunlight and turning day into darkness. It will be visible from a narrow corridor across the US from South Carolina in the east to Oregon in the west.

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## Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August

First anniversary of central Italy earthquake  
297 people, including 11 Romanians and three Britons died in the quake, which struck near the town of Amatrice. A number of ancient historic buildings were also destroyed.

## Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August - Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September

US Open Tennis Championships at Flushing Meadows, New York  
Last of four Grand Slam tournaments for 2017. Last year's Men's Singles and Women's Singles winners Stan Wawrinka and Angelique Kerber are expected to defend their titles.

## Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August

Tomatina Festival, Spain  
La Tomatina festival is held in the Valencian town of Buñol in eastern Spain. Participants throw tomatoes and fight purely for entertainment purposes. Since 1945 it has been held on the last Wednesday of August, during the week of festivities.

## Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August - Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Hajj pilgrimage to Mecca  
Two million Muslims are expected to embark on the five-day pilgrimage to Islam's most sacred site, the cube-shaped Kaaba in the Saudi Arabian city of Mecca.

## Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August

20th anniversary of the death of Princess Diana  
It's 20 years since Princess Diana was killed in a car crash in Paris. She died in hospital after a high-speed collision in the Pont de l'Alma road tunnel which also killed her boyfriend Dodi Fayed and driver Henri Paul. Paul was later found to have lost control of the Mercedes while intoxicated. A bodyguard, Trevor Rees-Jones, survived the crash.



Revelers pelt one another with tomatoes during the annual 'Tomatina' festivities in the village of Buñol near Valencia on August 31, 2016. (Photo by BIEL ALINO/AFP/Getty Images)