

Programme Information Highlights

February 2019

Happening this month...

Friday 1st February - Sunday 17th March

Guinness Six Nations, various venues in Europe
The largest international rugby union tournament in the northern hemisphere featuring England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, France and Italy. A women's event also takes place.

Sunday 3rd February

Super Bowl LIII, Atlanta, Georgia, USA
Climax of the US football season which sees the champions of the AFC and NFC compete.

Sunday 3rd - Tuesday 5th February

Pope Francis visits the UAE
Pope Francis will make a three-day visit, during which he will take part in an international interfaith meeting devoted to human fraternity.

Monday 4th February

15 years since Facebook launched
The popular networking site celebrates its 15th anniversary. It was launched by then-Harvard student Mark Zuckerberg.

Tuesday 5th February

Chinese New Year
Chinese communities around the world will celebrate the start of the new lunar year, which this time is the Year of the Pig.



Vinny Curry #75 of the Philadelphia Eagles celebrates after defeating the New England Patriots 41-33 in Super Bowl LII at U.S. Bank Stadium on February 4, 2018 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. (Photo by Patrick Smith/Getty Images)

Tuesday 5th February

30 years since Sky launched in the UK
Sky started broadcasting the UK's first satellite TV service with four channels: Sky Channel, Sky Movies, Eurosport, and Sky News. It now has more than 25 channels and 23 million customers across seven countries.

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Thursday 7th - Sunday 17th February

Berlin International Film Festival, Germany

Around 350 films are shown every year as part of the public programme. The vast majority are world or European premieres.

Sunday 10th February

GRAMMY Awards, Los Angeles, USA

The music awards show will honour the best in all forms of recorded music, from rap to classical.

Sunday 10th February

EE British Academy Film Awards (BAFTAs), London

Britain's answer to the Oscars it recognises, honours and rewards individuals for outstanding achievement in feature and short films, produced worldwide and released in UK cinemas.

Sunday 10th - Monday 11th February

African Union summit, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Heads of State and government will meet for the 32nd Ordinary Session of the African Union Assembly. This year's theme is The Year of Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons.

Saturday 16th February

Nigeria presidential and parliamentary elections

Voters will go to the polls to elect a president for a four-year term. In the last election, held on March 28, 2015, Muhammadu Buhari replaced Goodluck Jonathan. Buhari has confirmed he is running for another term. Parliamentary elections will also take place.



US actor Bill Murray shows the Silver Bear for Best Director award received on behalf of Wes Anderson for the movie 'Isle of Dogs' at the 68th Berlinale film festival on February 24, 2018 in Berlin. (Photo by TOBIAS SCHWARZ/AFP/Getty Images)

Sunday 24th February

The Academy Awards, Los Angeles, USA

The oldest and most prestigious film ceremony in the world it is also known as the Oscars. Comedian and actor Kevin Hart was due to host the ceremony but withdrew due to public pressure.