

JANUARY

- 1 Croatia adopts the euro and becomes part of the Schengen visa-free travel area
- 2 Chinese New Year celebrations begin the **Year of the Rabbit**
- 3 The U.S. marks the 50th anniversary of **Roe v Wade**, the abortion rights ruling overturned by the Supreme Court last June

FEBRUARY

- 4 One year after Russia's invasion of Ukraine, thousands have been killed, millions displaced and entire cities destroyed
- 5 Nigerians vote in presidential and parliamentary elections
- 6 Egyptologists mark the centenary of the unsealing of **Tutankhamun's** burial chamber

MARCH

- 7 **Xi Jinping** will be confirmed as president for a third term at the annual meeting of China's National People's Congress
- 8 A life-size cast of a **Titanosaurus**, the largest ever dinosaur, goes on show at London's Natural History Museum, the first such display in Europe



- 9 The 95th Academy Awards take place in Los Angeles

APRIL

- 10 India is set to surpass China as the world's most populous country
- 11 Australia aims to launch **Eris**, its first homegrown orbital spacecraft
- 12 The 50th anniversary of **Pablo Picasso's** death is marked with exhibitions around the world



WORLD AGENDA 2023

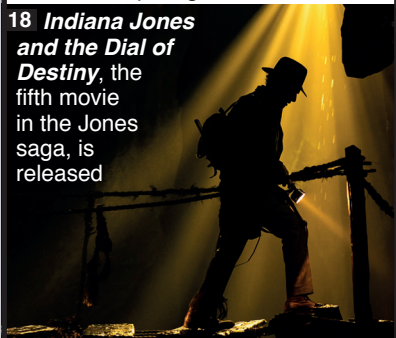


MAY

- 13 **King Charles III** is crowned at London's Westminster Abbey
- 14 Spain's local elections are likely to give pointers ahead of a general election expected to take place by the end of the year
- 15 Liverpool hosts the **Eurovision Song Contest**, on behalf of 2022 winners Ukraine, where it is not safe to stage the event

JUNE

- 16 Turkey holds parliamentary and presidential elections
- 17 Qatar hosts the **Asian Cup**, a quadrennial football competition with 24 competing teams
- 18 **Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny**, the fifth movie in the Jones saga, is released



JULY

- 19 The **FIFA Women's World Cup** kicks off in Australia and New Zealand
- 20 **NATO's** summit in Vilnius will be just 200km from the Russian border
- 21 "First light" is expected at the **Vera C. Rubin Observatory**, a powerful telescope in Chile

AUGUST

- 22 India's delayed space probe, **Chandrayaan-3**, aims to deliver a lander and a rover to the lunar surface
- 23 The **UCI Cycling World Championships** combine all cycling championships in a new quadrennial tournament
- 24 Pakistan's National Assembly is set to be dissolved, ahead of a general election within 90 days



SEPTEMBER

- 25 **OSIRIS-REx**, the first NASA mission to collect samples from an asteroid, returns to Earth
- 26 The Rugby World Cup kicks off in France

- 27 Around 30 heads of state and government are expected to attend the G20 summit in New Delhi, India

OCTOBER

- 28 The **Pan American Games** begin in Santiago, Chile
- 29 The **Walt Disney Company**, founded by brothers **Walt** and **Roy Disney**, marks its centenary with a year-long celebration – **Disney 100 Years of Wonder**

WALT DISNEY

- 30 Endurance athletes head to South Africa for the **Adventure Racing World Championship** – involving mountain biking, trail running, kayaking and other challenges

NOVEMBER

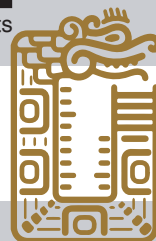
- 31 The **COP28** climate conference takes place in the UAE
- 32 Non-EU citizens will have to pay €7 to enter the European Union under the new **ETIAS** system



- 33 **Dune: Part Two**, the sequel to the 2021 movie adaptation of the sci-fi classic, is released

DECEMBER

- 34 D.R. Congo elects a new president
- 35 Japan's largest combined offshore wind and power storage facility opens in Hokkaido
- 36 Mexico is due to complete the 1,550km **Maya Train** project, encircling the Yucatan



TREN MAYA