

WORLD AGENDA

APRIL 2024

1 Apr 19-Jun 1, India: *Narendra Modi* is seeking a rare third term for his Hindu nationalist government in national elections, with polls suggesting he will win a comfortable majority among the almost one billion eligible voters

2 Apr 8, North America:

A swathe of Mexico, the U.S. and Canada is plunged into darkness as people don their eclipse shades to witness the region's last solar eclipse for the next 20 years

3 Apr 10, U.S., Japan:

Washington and Tokyo unveil the biggest upgrade to their security alliance since a 1960 defence pact, in a move to counter China's growing military power

4 Apr 25, Italy: Venice imposes a €5 entry fee on daytrippers during peak tourist season, as the city seeks to combat overtourism

5 April 20, World: *Bitcoin* undergoes its four-yearly "Halving," intended to ensure the cryptocurrency's scarcity and increase its value

7 April 24, Austria: A painting by *Gustav Klimt* that was believed lost for 100 years will be auctioned in Vienna. *Portrait of Fräulein Lieser*, last seen in 1925, is expected to fetch between €30-50m

6 Apr 7, Tunisia: Briton *Russell Cook* will become the first man to run the length of Africa, equal to 360 marathons. The challenge began at South Africa's most southerly point last April, and took 351 days

8 Apr 28, U.S., Canada: *The Rolling Stones* go back on the road, with two of the core trio already in their 80s

