

JANUARY

1 Donald Trump is to be inaugurated as the 47th President of the U.S., four years after he left the White House

2 Non-Europeans visiting UK need an **ETA (electronic travel authorisation)**, which costs £10. ETA expands to Europeans in April

3 China marks the **Year of the Snake**. People born under this sign are said to be intuitive, calm and intelligent

FEBRUARY

4 Voters in Germany go to the polls seven months earlier than planned, amid a political crisis triggered by the collapse of the ruling coalition

5 Ecuador holds presidential and legislative elections

6 The **Super Bowl LIX** will be held in New Orleans. Rapper **Kendrick Lamar**, the Grammy and Pulitzer Prize-winning artist will headline the half-time show

MARCH

7 The **F1** season starts in Australia, the last before a new engine era and major rules revamp in 2026

8 A partial solar eclipse is visible from parts of **North America, Greenland, Europe, north-west Africa and north-west Russia**



9 The 97th **Academy Awards** take place in Los Angeles

APRIL

10 Venice is to double the number of days it charges tourists an entrance fee of €5 for a total of 54 days



11 India's financial capital is set to open its new **Navi Mumbai International Airport**, which could handle 90m passengers per year

12 The **World Expo 2025** is held in Osaka, Japan

WORLD AGENDA 2025



MAY

13 Europe's biggest airline **Ryanair** goes fully digital and phases out paper boarding passes and check-in desks

14 The 80th anniversary of **VE Day** marks the end of World War II in Europe following the defeat of Nazi Germany

15 Basel in Switzerland hosts the 69th **Eurovision Song Contest**

JUNE

16 France and Saudi Arabia host an international conference in New York aimed at establishing a Palestinian state

17 The music, technology and film festival **South by Southwest "SXSW"** held each year in Austin, Texas is going to London in a new European edition

18 The **FIFA Club World Cup**, the first under an expanded format with 32 teams, begins in the U.S.



JULY

19 The **UEFA Women's Euro 2025** football tournament kicks off in Switzerland

20 Russia plans to begin "extensive introduction" of the digital ruble, a government-issued cryptocurrency

21 The 112th edition of the **Tour de France** starts in Lille



AUGUST



22 The 80th anniversaries of the nuclear bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki are commemorated in Japan

23 Bolivia holds a general election

24 The **2025 Women's Rugby World Cup** starts in England

SEPTEMBER

25 Italian rocker **Damiano David** (left), the iconic frontman of 2021 Eurovision winning band **Måneskin**, embarks on his first-ever solo world tour, starting in Warsaw

26 Parliamentary elections are scheduled to take place in Norway

27 Tokyo hosts the **World Athletics Championships**

OCTOBER

28 Canada's federal election must be held no later than Oct 20

29 **Microsoft** ends support for **Windows 10** which launched in July 2015

30 **Palisades** in Michigan is the first of several decommissioned nuclear power stations in the U.S. due to come back online in a move signifying the growing popularity of this energy source



NOVEMBER

31 Brazil hosts the **COP30** climate conference in the Amazon city of Belém, bringing delegates closer to nature

32 Chile holds general elections

33 South Africa, the first African country to hold the **G20** presidency, hosts the group's summit in Johannesburg



DECEMBER

34 The **African Cup of Nations (AFCON)** football finals begin in Morocco after a six-month delay to avoid a clash with revamped Club World Cup

35 **Jane Austen** enthusiasts around the world mark the 250th anniversary of the author's birth

36 **James Cameron** takes audiences on another journey to the world of Pandora with his upcoming sequel, **Avatar: Fire and Ash**

