



# KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Events, Anniversaries and Commemorations Around the World

2014 Edition

## United Kingdom

- England: **300 years** since the death of Queen Anne. Visit her statue outside of St. Paul's Cathedral in London

- England: **150 years** since the birth of Queen Victoria's son, the Duke of Clarence.

Learn more about him on a Jack the Ripper Walking Tour in London on your ACIS tour.



Statue of Queen Anne  
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Statue of William Shakespeare  
at the centre of Leicester Square  
Gardens, London

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- England: William Shakespeare's **450th birthday**

- England: **200 years** since Jane Austen's *Mansfield Park* was published

- England & Wales: Centenary of the birth of 20th century authors Dylan Thomas (Welsh) and Laurie Lee



Bannockburn Soldier

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- Scotland: **700th anniversary** of the Battle of Bannockburn

- Scotland: The country will hold a referendum this fall to decide whether or not to cede from the United Kingdom and become independent

- Scotland: Glasgow hosts the Commonwealth Games this summer

## The World

- **100th anniversary** Archduke Franz Ferdinand was assassinated, Europe descends into War
- **70th anniversary** of D-Day (the Normandy landings)

## Ireland

- **1000th anniversary** of the Battle of Clontarf

## France

- **200th anniversary** of the fall of Napoleon. For France, this marked the end of Republic and Empire and the return of the Monarchy

- **70th anniversary** of the liberation of Paris during World War II

## United Kingdom & France

- The Channel Tunnel turns **20 years old**

## Germany

- **150 years** since Ludwig II became King of Bavaria

- **25th anniversary** of the fall of the Berlin Wall



Short section of the Berlin Wall - Potsdamer Platz

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## United States

- **50 years** since The Beatles made it big in the US for the first time with their song, *I Want to Hold Your Hand*

- **50th anniversary** of the signing of the Civil Rights Act

## Argentina

- Brazil hosts the FIFA World Cup this summer



D.C. World War I Memorial

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