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Highlights December 2012



Ben Fogle's Year of Adventures

UK SERIES PREMIERE

THURSDAYS FROM 7TH FEBRUARY, 9.00PM

Ben Fogle has battled scorching sands in the Sahara, taken on the seas to row the Atlantic and has crossed the frozen wastes of the Antarctic to reach the South Pole. Now, he's ready for his next mission as he explores the world's greatest adventures. He will take himself to towering heights and down to plunging lows as well as to extreme regions where temperatures soar and never see the light of day. Although all of his exploits are spectacular and breath taking, he is determined that they will all be adventures that anyone can experience.

Ben embarks on a series of challenges all across the world, from ice climbing and scuba diving in Iceland to the three peaks mountain race in Italy and a 24 hour bike race in the American desert. Later his is joined by good friend Kate Humble as

they try their hand at the ultimate rock climbing experience at the world famous Castleton Tower in Utah. Along the way Ben will even tackle his personal fears of heights with adventures such as cliff diving as well as a solo skydive from 10,000 feet. In the first episode Ben heads to the Australian wilderness to take part in the world's largest adventure race, where he will run, bike, swim and kayak to the finishing line. To prepare he takes on an urban assault course in London and attempts to swim from the infamous island prison of Alcatraz in San Francisco. With his enthusiasm and determination, this action packed series is all about the voyage into the unknown, facing fear and the thrill of the new.

Ben is available for press interviews

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Inside the Gangsters Code

UK SERIES PREMIERE

WEDNESDAYS FROM 27TH FEBRUARY, 10.00PM

Ex-Mafia member Lou Ferrante reveals the untold secrets of the world's hidden leaders – gangsters - who have grown to epic levels of international power and control. As part of the New York Mafia Lou was majorly involved in the gang's activities and was also said to be the right hand man of John Gotti, the leader of the infamous Gambino's. After going to prison for his crimes, Lou committed to changing his life around forever. Now, he uses his insider knowledge to dig deep into the very powerhouse of gang culture and organised crime – exploring their control on the world's most dangerous streets, to inside the worlds' most notorious prisons.

From El Salvador and the Philippines to Italy and Poland, Lou will set out to explain the origins of these gangs, their history and developing networks of power and motivations, with an insight and passion never before applied to the subject. Lou will explore each gang, living and breathing its culture and ultimately tracking down and speaking to the men who reign over these dangerous and powerful organisations. Will his experience help him, or is he in way over his head?

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Wheeler Dealers

UK SERIES PREMIERE

TUESDAYS FROM 19TH FEBRUARY, 9.00PM

Edd and Mike are back and ready to find the best deals in *Wheeler Dealers* history as they travel across the UK, Poland and the USA to buy, restore and sell some of the world's most iconic motors. As Edd gets stuck in back at the garage, Mike sets off on his travels, searching for the ultimate deals. Some of the classic cars snapped up by Mike in this series include an Aston Martin, Ford Escort Mexico Replica, Porsche Boxter, and a Morris Minor. Along the way there'll be top tips for buying and selling, advice on where to find the best deals on parts, trips to see specialist repair processes, plus loads of in-depth mechanical know how. The hit series is back on Discovery and looks set to be bigger than ever.

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Fifth Gear

UK PREMIERE

MONDAYS FROM 11TH FEBRUARY, 8.00PM

Tiff Needell, Jason Plato, Vicki Butler-Henderson and Jonny Smith are back in all new *Fifth Gear*. In this series Vicki will race against a jet plane in a brand new Porsche Boxster, Jonny heads to Norway to test new cars on the ultimate mountain highway, Tiff experiences the thrills of the Frontline MGB GT and Jason's at the wheel of the latest version of one of the world's longest running cars – the Mercedes SL. With tips, reviews and more speed than ever, the first episode Tiff is joined by German motoring legend and 'Queen of the Nurburgring' Sabine Schmitz for a head to head battle between two favourite sports cars of the last year – the BMW M6 and Porsche 911.

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Yukon Men

UK SERIES PREMIERE

TUESDAYS FROM 5TH FEBRUARY, 10.00PM

Just 60 miles from the Arctic Circle lies a town on the edge of civilization: Tanana, Alaska. This frozen village of 200 people is part of an unknown America where men hunt and trap to survive, subsisting like modern day cavemen. Hypothermia and starvation are a constant menace, and at these extreme temperatures it's an epic struggle to find the meat and fur vital to the town's survival. *Yukon Men* follows Stan Zuray who escaped his troubled past in Boston to settle in the Yukon 40 years ago. Stan learnt to survive by trial and error and now he is passing on all his knowledge to his son, Joey. Meanwhile Charlie Wright moved to Tanana 20 years ago and is the man who villagers come to with any problem. This small band of men risks their lives to put food on the table, and keep their way of life alive.

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Biggest and Baddest

UK PREMIERE SERIES

MONDAYS FROM 18TH FEBRUARY, 9.00PM

This brand new six-part series joins British explorer and wildlife biologist, Niall McCann, as he goes in search of some of the largest and most fierce animals in the world. From anacondas to Asian elephants, and killer pigs to big cats, Niall wants to shine a light on some of the most iconic large and dangerous animals, uncovering their secrets and investigating the elements of human-animal conflict that each of them are experiencing. To track them down, he will rely on the help of locals, experts, big game hunters and even attack victims, as well as his own intimate knowledge of the animals.

Niall will wrestle with Anacondas to measure them, take DNA samples from dangerous giant hogs, use laser devices to measure the height of giant marauding elephants, and help in the re-location of ferocious crocs. But it's not all good fun; he even finds himself charged by two tigers and an elephant! Never a dull day in the office when you are dealing with nature's *Biggest and Baddest* creatures.

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Shark Week

UK SERIES PREMIERE

11TH – 17TH FEBRUARY, 9.00PM AND 10.00PM

Now settled in its new home, *Shark Week* is back on Animal Planet this February and is even more daring and dangerous than ever before. First up is *Great White: The Impossible Shot* (Monday 11th February, 9.00pm), which follows a team of wildlife cameramen, led by *Shark Week* veteran Andy Casagrande, in South Africa as they try to get a shot of a great white shark that no one has been able to get. Later in the week, Animal Planet is resurrecting the largest shark to ever swim in our oceans, a predator so fierce he could have bitten a T. Rex in two: the mighty Megalodon in *Sharkzilla* (Saturday 16th February, 9.00pm).

Also premiering is *Adrift: 47 Days with Sharks* (Wednesday 13th February, 9.00pm), an inspiring true story of three war heroes, who after being a major plane crash spent a record-breaking 47 days at sea in shark infested water. *Shark Fight* (Tuesday 12th February, 9.00pm), profiles the dozens of shark attack victims around the world that have devoted their lives to saving their attackers, meet the survivors and hearing their stories of resilience and triumph as they fight what they consider the ultimate battle: saving sharks and our oceans. Get your teeth into *Shark Week* on Animal Planet this February

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Call of the Wildman

UK SERIES PREMIERE

THURSDAYS FROM 21ST FEBRUARY, 9.00PM

Dive deep into the backwoods of wild Kentucky with legendary woodsman Ernie Brown Jr. - aka "Turtleman" - as he takes on some of the most outlandish and outrageous nuisance calls these woods have to offer — including raccoons, snakes, venomous spiders and possums. Accompanied by his canine companion Lolly and armed with wits as sharp as the steel blade he carries, Turtleman has the uncanny ability to catch monster snapping turtles and return them into the wild unscathed. Never traditional but always effective, Turtleman uses pure instinct and his bare hands to go toe-to-claw with some of the most dangerous critters in Kentucky, but it's always for the animal's own good. With a "trademark" celebratory yell following each successful capture, Turtleman's self-taught trapping style allows him to safely reintroduce frisky critters to nature in this hit US series

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E.R. Vets

UK PREMIERE

TUESDAYS FROM 26TH FEBRUARY, 9.00PM

Toronto is home to the Veterinary Emergency Clinic (VEC), a veterinary trauma centre. With over 20,000 patients a year the VEC is one of the biggest veterinary centres in the country. *E.R. Vets* follows the doctors, patients and pet owners in their day to day activities in the trauma centre. From check-ups to life saving operations, this is an emotionally charged series. In the first episode an Alsatian with cancer has to have his leg amputated and a devastated cat owner has to decide whether or not to have her beloved cat put down.

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Salvage Hunters

UK SERIES PREMIERE

MONDAYS FROM 18TH FEBRUARY, 9.00PM

Drew Pritchard, an architectural antique dealer and restoration expert who has travelled all over Europe, is a modern-day treasure hunter. With demanding customers, high turnover, and one of the biggest decorative salvage yards in the UK, Drew is constantly on the road, crisscrossing the country in search of derelict gems and forgotten remnants.

In the new series Drew explores fun fairs and finds a lamp which might make his whole trip worthwhile. He loves the thrill of the hunt and while he gets his hands dirty in the country's architectural backwaters, his crack team of restorers is back at the shop giving old and rare finds a new lease of life. In the first episode, Drew barter with a baronet at one of Scotland's grandest estates with his new sidekick in tow. He also tours Eddie's one-of-a-kind yard, but Eddie is a seasoned salvager and gives him a run for his money. After hand feeding lions, the guys go behind the scenes at a wildlife park. Under pressure to fill their virtually empty van, they visit an old brewery that's getting a facelift.

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Strip the City

UK SERIES PREMIERE

TUESDAYS FROM 19TH FEBRUARY, 9.00PM

How do Dubai's super skyscrapers stand on the sand? What keeps San Francisco's biggest structures anchored during earthquakes? Find out and explore the geological, architectural and technological foundations of the world's largest cities in *Strip the City*. Stunning CGI animation peels back walls, rolls up tarmac, drains oceans and rivers, and slices through rock to expose the hidden infrastructure beneath London, Rome, Dubai, Sydney, Toronto and San Francisco. Meanwhile, leading engineers

and geologists reveal the robust designs, ingenious technologies and teams of forward thinking professionals who keep each metropolis running smoothly. From the vast network of transport tunnels beneath London to the snowstorm proof towers of Toronto, uncover the geological and structural wonders that continue to shape the cities and lives of the people who live there.

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Who the Hell Did I Marry?

UK SERIES PREMIERE

MONDAYS FROM 25TH FEBRUARY, 9.00PM AND 9.30PM

Who the Hell Did I Marry? meets the people who unknowingly signed up for much more than a happy honeymoon and a new last name with spouses of liars, cheaters, and thieves. From conmen parading as businessmen to bigamists disguised as one true loves, each half-hour episode weaves together tales of deep, dark secrets that eluded brides for far too long. First-person accounts from the deceived spouses bring the series to life, offering perspectives from women such as Dina Matos, wife of former New Jersey Governor Jim McGreevey, who got a little more information than she bargained for when her husband announced at his campaign press conference that he was having an affair...with another man. In the first episode Rickielee believes she has the perfect family. But when her husband becomes the suspect in a serial rapist case, she is forced to question her beliefs.

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Children's Hospital of The OC

UK SERIES PREMIERE

MONDAYS FROM 11TH FEBRUARY, 9.00PM

Going behind the scenes at the *Children's Hospital Of The O.C.* in California, this thirteen part series captures all the drama, humour, heartbreak and wonderment of life for staff, patients and families. From neurosurgery to neonatal intensive care to open heart surgery and the fight against cancer, *Children's Hospital of the O.C.* takes an unforgettable journey through the brave, brutal and mysterious world of cutting-edge paediatric medicine. Engaging, interwoven storylines evolve naturally around central themes and real-time action - from diagnosis through intervention, and all the way to recovery.

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Deliver Me

UK SERIES PREMIERE

WEDNESDAYS FROM 6TH FEBRUARY, 9.00PM

Deliver Me returns for a third series, following Drs. Park, Hill and Bohn, at their Los Angeles medical Centre. In their demanding medical practice, which specialises in high-risk pregnancies, there's no such thing as a routine day. From high-risk pregnancies, to adjusting to unexpected complications, to struggles with infertility; the doctors have all been there personally and professionally. In the first episode expectant mother Noi's plans for a natural birth are derailed by an ailment that won't go away until she delivers. Meanwhile, Megan, 24, has twins who won't grow unless she abandons her energetic lifestyle.

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Temple Street Children's Hospital

UK SERIES PREMIERE

THURSDAYS FROM 6TH FEBRUARY, 10.00PM

Temple Street Children's Hospital is Ireland's home from home which offers safety at times of uncertainty. For six weeks cameras go behind its doors to share the stories from the theatres and wards, to meet the staff who dedicate their lives to the care of Ireland's children and to follow the journey of families and their little patients who are in need of vital and lifesaving treatments. In the first episode young Kayla, who accidentally drank acid is preparing for her next round of surgery and new born baby Charlie is going under the knife to fix his cleft palate. Meanwhile, there is four year old Devon who is dealing with a nasty cut to the head.

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Chasing Classic Cars

UK SERIES PREMIERE

THURSDAYS FROM 28TH FEBRUARY, 10.00PM

Hosted by renowned collector car archaeologist, Wayne Carini, *Chasing Classic Cars* welcomes viewers into the elite world of high-end car collection, as Wayne finds, buys, restores and sells some of the finest and most unique vehicles ever manufactured. In this series, Wayne chases down original one-off cars in secret stashes around the country and meets with some of the hobby's most respected collectors, restorers, and artisans, giving viewer's insight into the classic car expert's elite inner circle. Off the auction block, Wayne explores the fine line between collecting and hoarding when he wades knee deep into the vast and varied collection of the late Lee Roy Hartung and over on the West Coast, Wayne dives deep into the work of Steve Moal, one of America's most renowned coachbuilders.

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