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# Swimming with Monsters

UK SERIES PREMIERE

THURSDAYS FROM 4TH APRIL, 9.00PM

Wildlife expert and adventurer Steve Backshall has spent his entire life getting up close to incredible animals. Now he wants to find answers to his own questions about four of the most 'monstrous' animals on our planet, by entering their underwater world and getting closer to them than ever before. In each programme Steve will join forces with behavioural specialists, top scientists and extreme divers in order to develop ingenious protocols for diving with fascinating but deadly animals. They will then hunt down these notorious beasts in order for Steve to do the unthinkable – swim with them.

In one of the most shocking episodes Steve attempts to swim with Africa's most dangerous animal, the Hippopotamus. Steve wants to try and study the secret underwater behaviour and language of hippo communication, which because of their unpredictable and extremely aggressive behaviour, no scientific team has ever attempted before. For Steve this is the challenge he fears the most. Other animals featured include the world's biggest snake, the anaconda, the terrifying and illusive giant Humboldt squid and the most feared creature in the world, the great white shark.

[Steve Backshall is available for press](#)

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# Wheeler Dealers: Trading Up

UK SERIES PREMIERE

TUESDAYS FROM 2ND APRIL, 9.00PM

Mike Brewer is the ultimate motoring wheeler dealer and now he is travelling all over the world, from Kolkata, to the UK, to Mexico and the Middle East, setting out to prove his credentials internationally. With just \$3,000 in used notes in his back pocket, Mike's mission is to trade his way across the globe from a cheap runabout to a super car. It's the car trade journey of a lifetime, over 85,000 miles – but it's also a journey that's not just about car trading, but about car culture as Mike explores the strange and crazy things different nations get up to on their wheels.

Along the way Mike tries his hand at derby racing in Sweden, high stakes car bidding wars in Japan and voodoo magic in Mexico. In the first episode Mike heads to India, which has one of the fastest growing car markets in the world. Mike gets hit with a massive culture shock, but he is determined to find the best deals in town.

[Mike Brewer is available for interviews](#)

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# Deadliest Catch

UK SERIES PREMIERE

TUESDAYS FROM 23RD APRIL, 10.00PM

Across the far reaches of the Bering Sea, an aging breed of Alaskan Crab Fishermen clings to a dying way of life, while ascending deckhands and two young skippers plan to give them a run for their bounty. Adventure is their call, crab is their trade, and a one hundred million dollar plunder could be the reward for their sacrifice, as hit series *Deadliest Catch* returns to Discovery Channel. Seven skippers and their crews will fight through hell and back in search of King and Opilio crab. But as the fleet faces off with the raging sea, they are quick to realize, that sometimes the most violent storms can come from within. This series sees third generation fisherman Captain Sig Hansen of the *Northwester*, match his skills against his old rival, Keith Colburn of the *Wizard*, while Legendary Skipper Wild Bill Wichrowski returns at the reigns of a the *F/V Cape Caution*.

As the skippers wage war for crab supremacy, brothers Jake and Josh Harris, struggle to keep their father's fishing legacy alive. Unable to finance and run their own boat after more than two years, Josh is looking to the *Hillstrands* for another season on the *Time Bandit*, while younger brother Jake may be watching from the sidelines while he picks up the pieces of his shattered life. Forty-foot waves, hurricane force winds, heavy-machinery and massive icebergs are just a few reasons that no season is ever the same. Surrounded by death and a multitude of injuries these brave men struggle to return from man's oldest journey alive.

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# Whale Wars

UK SERIES PREMIERE

SUNDAYS FROM 28TH APRIL, 9.00PM

Hit series *Whale Wars* returns, documenting the Sea Shepherd's ongoing whale defense campaign in the Southern Ocean, as they wage a high-risk battle and a masterful game to find and stop Japanese ships from hunting whales. After last year's victorious campaign over the Japanese, the Sea Shepherd thought they had ended whaling in the Southern Ocean once and for all. But surprisingly, the Japanese are returning stronger than ever, and this time, they come with a military convoy and zero tolerance for the conservation group. Anticipating the battle of a lifetime, the Sea Shepherd once again are trolling the Antarctic with surprise tactics, intense strategy and unparalleled passion.

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# The Devils Ride

UK SERIES PREMIERE

WEDNESDAYS FROM 17TH APRIL, 10.00PM

Last season, hit series *The Devils Ride* introduced viewers to the world of motorcycle clubs. Now back for a new series, *The Devils Ride* is ready to go deeper than ever before, to see first-hand the biker war that is coming to the streets of San Diego. The Laffing Devils, which was once one of the fastest growing motorcycle clubs in the city, has recently split off into two separate clubs. Now they are going head to head with new, rival club Sin Mob. However it may be a challenge, with the leadership of the Laffing Devils now in complete and utter uproar. Meanwhile, Sin Mob appears to be getting stronger and stronger as the days go by. Bubba, Sin Mob President, is an ousted founding member of the Laffing Devils and is out for blood. San Diego may be big...but is it big enough for both the biker gangs?

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# My Cat from Hell

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TUESDAYS FROM 16TH APRIL, 8.00PM

Cat behaviour specialist Jackson Galaxy is back to tame more vicious kitties and misbehaving felines in a new series of *My Cat from Hell*. Armed with 15 years of experience, a proven training program and his signature guitar case filled with cat toys, Galaxy is on a mission to help cat owners find the sources of conflict with their furry friends. In the third series, Jackson meets couple Kris and Michael, whose cat, Kitty, loves Kris, but lashes out at Michael. Can Jackson deal with the battle of the sexes? Also Jackson meets cat, Finn, who loves to relieve himself on his owners – can Jackson stop the messy problem?

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# Tanked

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WEDNESDAYS FROM 10TH APRIL, 8.00PM

*Tanked* returns with all-new episodes that dunk viewers into the rowdy, family-owned business of Acrylic Tank Manufacturing (ATM), one of the country's leading and most successful builders of aquariums. ATM is led by brothers-in-law, business partners, best friends and rivals, Wayde King and Brett Raymer, and is housed in a state-of-the-art, cavernous facility located in the center of Las Vegas. ATM literally has created thousands of enormous, jaw-dropping aquarium builds and conceptual tanks for ordinary joes and high-profile clients alike. In the new series 30 Rock star Tracey Morgan commissions ATM to create a shark tank for him in this own home, while How I Met Your Mother star Neil Patrick Harris also brings in the company for a crazy aquatic build. Meanwhile, Wayde and Brett come to blows once again.

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# Wildlife SOS

UK SERIES PREMIERE

SUNDAYS FROM 7TH APRIL, 6.00PM

*Wildlife SOS* returns for another action packed series, following the activities of the volunteers at the Wildlife Aid Rescue Centre in Surrey, UK. In this series head of the centre, Simon, lends his expertise around the world, visiting a cheetah Conservation Park, a tropical wildlife sanctuary in Thailand and wild bottle-nosed dolphins off the coast of West Ireland. In the first episode Simon visits the Moon Bear Rescue Centre in Vietnam and learns how the illegal farming of their bile is putting bears at risk. Plus, badger cubs arrive at his Surrey sanctuary.

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# Combat Countdowns

UK SERIES PREMIERE

FRIDAYS FROM 19TH APRIL, 8.00PM

Over twelve high-octane episodes *Combat Countdowns* analyses cutting edge military hardware, from tanks and jet fighters to warships and heavy artillery. Each machine is assessed on a balance of proven combat performance, versatility, design ingenuity and rank within their class to deliver our definitive top ten. *Combat Countdowns* features live-action footage filmed on location with armies, navies and air forces in ten different countries, combined with exclusive archive, some of it de-classified by the military specifically for use in this series. Finally a panel of fourteen carefully selected military experts, from fighter pilots and journalists to the US Army Colonel who captured Saddam Hussein, provide context and first-hand experience of what it's like to wield these war machines on the battlefield.



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# Deliver Me: Home Edition

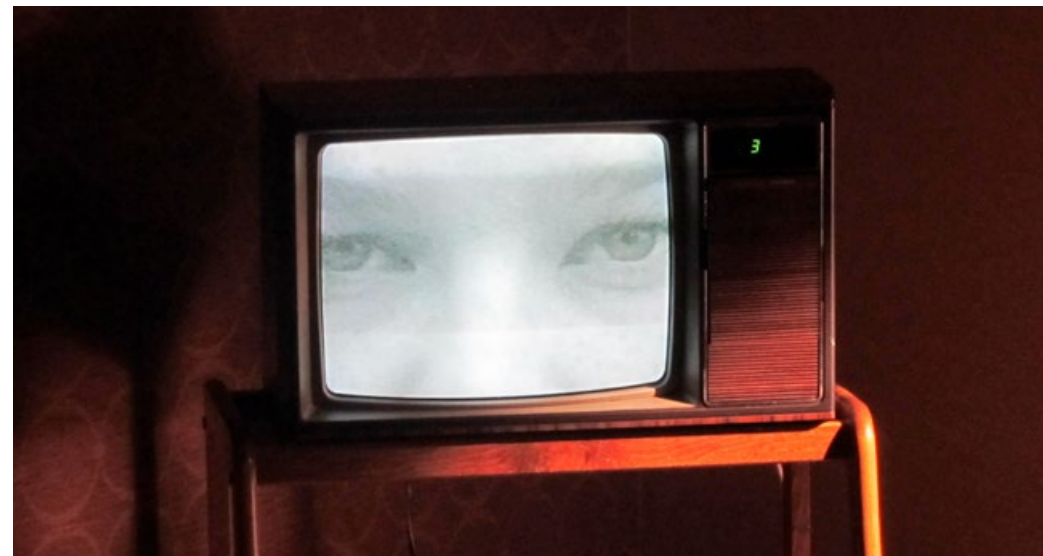
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WEDNESDAYS FROM 17TH FEBRUARY, 9.00PM

Hit series *Deliver Me*, leaves the hospital behind and follows the new mother's home to see how they cope now their lives have been changed forever. The cameras follow these women from their pregnancy, to birth to home, following every emotion and daily trials that come with being a new mother. In this series doctors deal with expectant mothers with many different life threatening ailments, including epilepsy, cancer and diabetes. In the first episode a cervical cancer survivor is pregnant with her second child and her first pregnancy since undergoing surgery to remove the cancer just a year before. She and her husband nervously count down the weeks until their baby arrives.

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# I Was Murdered

**UK SERIES PREMIERE**

SUNDAYS FROM 28TH APRIL, 9.00PM

*I Was Murdered* returns with more shocking true crime stories. In each episode the shocking murder is told first person by the victim him or herself, while the victim is all knowing they never reveal the killer, right until the last minute. Instead, the viewer must piece together the mystery based on clues provided by investigators, family and friends. This series sees a hard-working single mother brutally murdered and an avid sports fan with a suspicious death – how did they die? And was their killer ever brought to justice? In the first episode, 16-year-old Diana Peterson dreams of being free to follow her desires. But when the young girl is found murdered at her home on Valentine's night, hearts are broken.

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# Disappeared

**UK SERIES PREMIERE**

WEDNESDAYS FROM 10TH APRIL, 9.00PM

The gripping series that focuses on missing person cases returns for a brand new series. *Disappeared* delves into stories of mystery and intrigue, tracing the time immediately before the individual vanished to critical clues about the disappearance. Often hidden beneath seemingly every day behaviour and actions are hints about what may have driven someone to voluntarily vanish or evidence that foul play may explain the mystery. In the first episode fourteen-year-old Chioma Gray disappears with an older man in 2007 and crosses the border into Mexico. In October 2011, her family get the answers they've been waiting for.

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# American Digger

UK SERIES PREMIERE

MONDAYS FROM 29TH APRIL, 9.00PM AND 9.30PM

*American Digger* focuses on Ric Savage and his crew as they travel across the United States searching for buried artifacts. Searching historical documents, the team attempts to find locations that may contain artifacts that can be located using a variety of tools including shovel and metal detectors. The crew has to negotiate with the various land owners for permission to dig on their land. Due to many Americans being protective of their land it can be quite harrowing trying to find locations to dig. When valuable artifacts are discovered they are taken to various collectors and sold at which time the money would be split between the land owner and Savage.

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# Rod and Rucksack

UK SERIES PREMIERE

THURSDAYS FROM 11TH APRIL, 9.00PM

*Rod and Rucksack* is a fishing and adventure series which charts the journey of seasoned fisherman Guy Elson, an angler with a penchant for adventure and extreme fishing challenges. This trip of a lifetime takes him to some of the most remote yet stunningly beautiful places on the planet. Living with local people who act as guides, he pits his fishing wits against many of the fiercest fishermen imaginable. Keen to experience the local customs and traditions, Guy takes viewers on a journey of discovery as he seeks out his prized species.

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# Treasures Decoded

UK SERIES PREMIERE

SUNDAYS FROM 21ST APRIL, 9.00PM

The world's greatest treasures, all with remarkable secrets that have remained hidden – until now. In this new series, *Treasures Decoded* uses state-of-the-art forensics to unlock the truth for the first time ever. Over five episodes scientists and explorers will discover the hidden mysteries behind; the Dead Sea copper scroll mystery, the Turin shroud writing, the golden raft of El Dorado, the Jesus tablets and the death cult of the Sphinx.

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