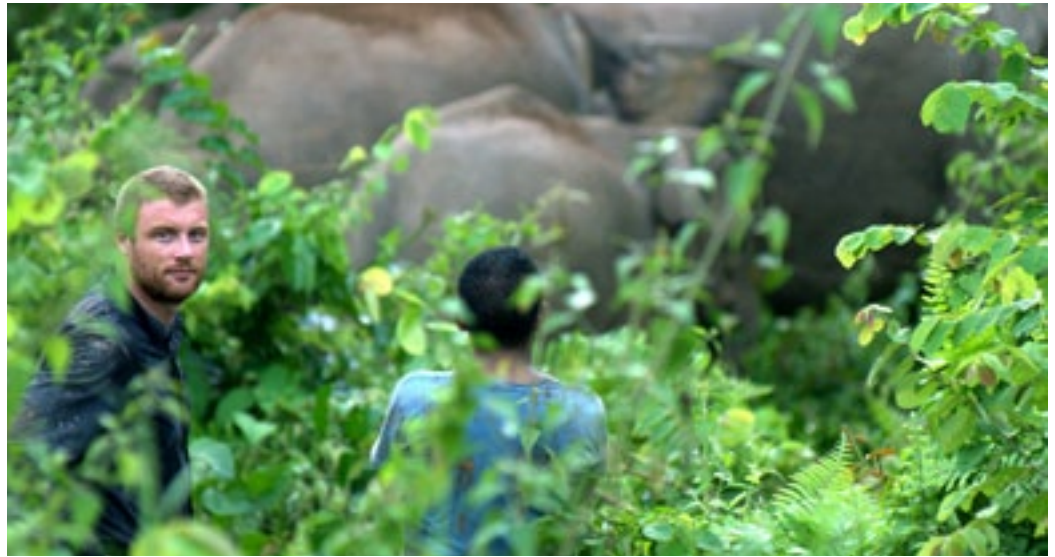


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May 2012 Highlights



Freddie Flintoff Goes Wild

UK PREMIERE SERIES

THURSDAYS FROM 24TH MAY, 9.00PM

Cricket legend Freddie Flintoff is heading back to the wilderness with Discovery Channel for his new four-part show, ***Freddie Flintoff Goes Wild***.

Freddie heads first across the plains of the Serengeti for the annual wildebeest migration, but the journey is fraught with danger as predators are never far away. To ensure he's well equipped Freddie is taught by Masai elder Thomas, who shows him how to hunt, fight and find water in the blistering heat of the African bush. But Freddie's experience is underlined by disconcerting news as the tribe he's staying with enter into a fierce battle with a neighbouring clan.

In the Northern Territory, Freddie dodges venomous spiders, vicious dingoes, and poisonous snakes in the hunt for deadly crocodiles. From lurching on the

guts of freshly killed wallaby to using the local fauna to construct an outdoor oven, Freddie is given an insight into the bushcraft skills handed down over several hundred years from his Aborigine guide. Freddie's determined to experience a face-to-face encounter with a crocodile – and his journey doesn't disappoint.

Next, to Borneo, where he enters the Asian jungle to search for one of the rarest mammals on earth – the pygmy elephant. Guided by Eric, Borneo's answer to Crocodile Dundee, Freddie must learn the way of the jungle from identifying deadly snakes to avoiding the sap of poisonous plants. His wildlife adventure encompasses clinging leaches and a cave of bats, before a close encounter forces him to beat a hasty retreat.

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Rowing the Pacific

UK PREMIERE ONE-OFF
THURSDAY 10TH MAY, 9.00PM

Overcoming perilous hurricanes, life-threatening electrical storms, 50-foot waves, near starvation and a fire that almost took their lives, Mick Dawson and Chris Martin set a new world record when they rowed 7000 miles across the Pacific Ocean from Japan to San Francisco in just 189 days. With exclusive access to the unique footage they recorded on-board every step of their journey, **Rowing the Pacific** makes for a compelling, high adrenaline one-off programme.

From the very start, Mick and Chris knew they were putting their lives on the line by even

attempting this highly dangerous voyage. There had already been six failed attempts – including one fatal one – to cross the North Pacific. Mick himself had been involved in two of them, including an expedition that ended in a terrifying capsizing when his boat was flooded by a freak wave.

This film tells the amazing story of two men who were pushed to the edge and beyond, yet who survived it all to tell a remarkable story of human endurance and courage.

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The Ultimate Climb

UK PREMIERE ONE-OFF

THURSDAY 17TH MAY, 9.00PM

Ever since he was a teenager, when he was inspired by the efforts of Bear Grylls, Geordie Stewart has been fired by a hugely ambitious desire – to climb the highest mountain in each of the world's seven continents. Last year, he attempted to fulfil that dream – and Discovery followed him every step of the way.

The Ultimate Climb is an absorbing one-off film that features exclusive access to the footage

Geordie shot on his epic quest, including some breath-taking moments. It tracks Geordie as he embarks on the greatest test of all, as the intrepid explorer tries to complete his seven summit dream, by climbing the highest and most famous mountain in the world: Everest. If he can achieve his goal, he will set a new record becoming the youngest Briton ever to climb all seven summits.

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Gold Rush

UK PREMIERE SERIES

TUESDAYS FROM 8TH MAY, 9.00PM

The **Gold Rush** miners are back with a vengeance. Last mining season, father-and-son team Jack and Todd Hoffman sold everything they owned to fund their dream of mining for gold in Alaska, a dream which didn't quite pan out as they'd expected... So this mining season, the pair sold everything that was nailed down to give it another go!

With enough funding to get them going, they head north to Porcupine Creek, Alaska to settle unfinished business and to find the gold at the bottom of the glory hole. But unforeseen circumstances leave them having to come up with a new plan in order to salvage

their season. Their water licence for their Klondike claim, essential to run a mining operation, did not come through. The dream of a second mine in the Klondike is over before it started. Then, just as things turn a corner and they celebrate their best clean out ever, Dakota Fred returns and drops a bombshell on Todd, Jack and crew. He thinks he can do a better job than them at mining the claim. Will the Hoffman crew succeed? Will Dakota Fred and his team pull out more gold than them? And will the Klondike claim get up and running at all? Find out in this brand new series of **Gold Rush**.

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Finding Bigfoot

UK PREMIERE SERIES

SUNDAYS FROM 20TH MAY, 9.00PM

This six - part series follows four highly eccentric but passionate Bigfoot researchers as they embark on a single-minded mission - to find the elusive Bigfoot. The Bigfoot Field Research Organisation comprised of President Matt MoneyMaker, former roadie Bobo, school teacher Cliff and sceptical scientist Ranae, engage in the ultimate quest in search of proof that Bigfoot, or the Sasquatch,

really does exist and is alive and well in North America. By examining photos and videos of the creature, speaking to local witnesses, using new technology and luring the mysterious beast with Bobo's 'Squatch calls', the group uncovers startling evidence of the mysterious and highly intelligent enigma that has eluded capture for centuries and fascinated man for just as long.

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Auction Hunters

UK PREMIERE SERIES

THURSDAYS FROM 3RD MAY, 10.00PM

Every day in America thousands of abandoned storage houses are put up for public auction. The auctions have become big business for those who know what they are looking for. Allen Haff and Clinton "Ton" Jones are **Auction Hunters** who travel the US to buy storage units and they are the best in the business. When the door of the storage unit goes up they have just seconds to determine the value and win the auction.

In this third series of Auction Hunters, viewers will not believe the lucrative and often cutthroat world of storage-unit auctions nor the things they find and sell...

In the first episode of the series, the guys face tough competition at an auction in Long Beach, California. They uncover an incredible 1970's skateboard with rare, one of a kind, original graphics as well as a set of body armour, including a ballistic mask and bullet proof vest, but how much will these items be worth?

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Gypsy Brides US

UK PREMIERE SERIES

WEDNESDAYS FROM 9TH MAY, 10.00PM

Just when you thought it couldn't get bigger, fatter and even more lavish... it did! From the makers of Big Fat Gypsy Weddings, comes **Gypsy Brides US**, a brand new series for Discovery Real Time which takes viewers behind closed caravan doors and into the lives of America's Gypsy and Traveller communities.

There are an estimated one million Gypsies and Travellers throughout the US, but most live in complete secrecy, away from the judgment and discrimination that plague their communities. However, their lifestyles are anything but discrete - they blend traditional values with modern-day influences, resulting in weddings and other celebrations that are large, loud, and lavish.

Gypsy Brides US goes inside their homes and attends their parties to share what it's like to be living as a Gypsy in America. This series, viewers will meet a variety of larger than life characters, including 17 year old Shyanne who has met her fiancée just twice. She has never kissed a man before and like most gypsy girls does not believe in sex before marriage. On her wedding day she has to decide whether she will kiss her groom in her supersized dress; In Atlanta, proud gypsy father Pat Baby, is holding a party to find a husband for his 14 year old daughter Priscilla. He's determined she will be the belle of the ball in her spectacular pink dress which weighs as much as she does!

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Driving Me Crazy

UK PREMIERE SERIES

THURSDAYS FROM 17TH MAY, 10.00PM

There are good drivers, there are bad drivers and then... there are these drivers! For most of us, driving is an everyday part of life, but for some, it is a nightmare. Each week in Discovery Real Time's heart-warming and hysterical new series, **Driving Me Crazy**, two hopeless learners will be taught to drive by a close friend or member of the family who is desperate to get them off their hands and onto the road. But, there is a catch - they will be doing this in a 2.5 tonne, 15 foot long, classic camper van. Not only will they be learning in it, they will be living in it, on a four day, 150 mile road trip across Britain before

taking the final driving challenge, their driving test. There will be breakdowns, meltdowns, road rage and reconciliation. Will their relationships go from 0-60 or will it just drive them crazy?

First up to take the challenge are 33 year old housewife Margie Sealeaf, who relies on her best friend Charlotte for lifts most days of the week; and feisty 23 year old Emma Wicks, who relies on mild mannered live-in boyfriend, Matt. Can these patient teachers rise to the challenge and teach their spirited pupils the rules of the road? Will Emma and Margie pass the final test, and will their relationships still be in tact at the end?

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Chris Humpfrey's Wildlife

UK PREMIERE SERIES

WEEKNIGHTS FROM 1ST MAY, 7.00PM



Meet Chris Humpfrey, a zoologist who lives in an idyllic bush haven in Victoria, Australia with his young family, their dog - oh, and around 2000 other pets. This isn't your average family home, it's a private zoo where human and animal sagas unfold on a daily basis. Chris and his wife Nicole work around the clock to keep their vastly extended family happy and healthy as well as manage their motley crew of zookeepers. Each day, a new saga unfolds at

the zoo, from rescuing a baby joey after she is deserted by her mother to spreading dingo poo as a deterrent to the foxes that cause havoc at night. This series follows Chris as he shares this extraordinary life and his amazing knowledge of Australia's fauna. This animal-crazy series captures the drama, the danger, the animal facts and the sheer exhilaration of **Chris Humpfrey's Wild Life.**

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Wildest India

UK PREMIERE SERIES

SATURDAYS FROM 5TH MAY, 8.00PM

Animal Planet takes viewers on an exotic journey through India, from the epic Himalayan Mountains, down the mighty River Ganges, and across to the lost world of the North East, to explore its iconic wildlife, secret locations and grand terrains. They will follow the flow of The Ganges, from the glaciers of the world's highest mountains, the Himalayas, to the largest bay in the world, the Bay of Bengal. Find out why this river is a lifeline to an array of wild animals, including India's rare one-horned rhinoceros, as well as eight per cent of the world's population. Viewers will then head high into The Himalayas to find out how its hostile terrain, powerful winds and sub-zero temperatures support one of the largest and most diverse collections of creatures on the

planet, including man. Then travel into a lost world, home to head hunting tribes, tiger-infested forests, unclimbed mountains and pristine rivers. They will visit India's Thar Desert and discover how this harsh environment supports both humans, and some of the toughest and rarest creatures on earth. Finally, journey into the Western Ghats, a spine of mountains stretching for a thousand miles along India's west coast, thought to be one of the most bio-diverse places in the world. On one side, tropical rainforests thrive, and explode with life, including the endangered lion-tailed macaque, whilst on the eastern side; tigers and wild dogs compete for prey in its dry forests. Viewers will experience all this beautiful country has to offer in this amazing expedition through **Wildest India**

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War Digs With Harry Harris

UK PREMIERE SERIES

SUNDAYS FROM 13TH MAY, 8.00PM

Presented by Harry Harris (*Wartime Secrets* and *Wartime London*), this brand new series follows a team of experts in the search for the wreckage of wartime aircrafts to recover lost relics of the Second World War. Their speciality is aircraft and they've unearthed the remains of countless Spitfires, Hurricanes, German Messerschmitts and Junkers bombers in the UK and mainland Europe. But there's a whole range of other time-locked wartime remains they're keen to uncover.

In the series premiere, Harry meets 89 year old RAF veteran Dennis Brown who joins the *War Digs* team at a chateau in France to search for

remains of the aircraft he baled out of 67 years ago. Dennis was the only member of the crew not to be killed or captured – and made an amazing escape from occupied Germany thanks to French Resistance. Harry also meets Irma Caldwell an extraordinary 96 year old Belgian Resistance fighter who reveals how she helped injured or captured Allied airmen hide and get back to Britain or America at the risk of her own life.

Each episode of *War Digs With Harry Harris* takes viewers on a journey through the eye opening perspectives of those personally affected by the Second World War.



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Penn & Teller Tell A Lie

UK PREMIERE SERIES

WEDNESDAYS FROM 2ND MAY, 9.00PM

Show-stopping magicians and entertainers, Penn & Teller, bring their unique vision of the world to Quest in ***Penn & Teller Tell a Lie***, a brand new series with a twist. In each episode the eccentric duo present a series of seven stories with unbelievable claims, such as; you can melt steel with bacon; you can steer a plane with its doors; a butter knife can stop a speeding bullet or road kill is the healthiest form of meat. While most of the wildly unbelievable stories are in fact true, one of them is a totally believable lie, and it will be up to viewers to spot the fake.

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Ripped From The Headlines

UK PREMIERE TWO-PART SPECIAL
SATURDAY 26TH MAY AND 2ND JUNE, 9.00PM

This May, Quest premieres two one-off specials that have quite literally been **Ripped From The Headlines**. **Killer On Campus** (26th May) explores the story behind brutal murders at two prestigious US universities, and offers startling new revelations. Firstly, a shooting rampage at the University of Alabama by an unlikely assassin: a Harvard-educated professor and mother of four, and then the disappearance of Yale student, Annie Le who went missing in one of the most secure buildings on campus, just a few days before her wedding.

Murdered in Their Homes (2nd June) explores the stories behind two families who faced their worst nightmare. In Connecticut the Petit family was at home, asleep, when two men broke in and held them hostage for several terrifying hours that ended in tragedy. And in Florida, masked men kicked in the doors of Byrd and Melanie Billings' home and shot them at point blank range. Was it a robbery gone wrong? Or a contract hit?

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19 Kids And Counting

UK PREMIERE SERIES

FRIDAYS FROM 18TH MAY, 9.00PM

The Duggars are not your average family. In fact, they're almost seven times the size of an average family. And while raising 19 kids can obviously be a challenge, to them, the rewards outweigh the negatives. In this new series of **19 Kids And Counting** the family continue to celebrate Josie's first year! When Josie was born at only 25 weeks gestation and weighing just over one pound, her survival was in question. Now a year later, Josie is

thriving and becoming an active member of the Duggar household. This series as she reaches baby milestones, including saying her first words, to taking her first steps and traveling for the very first time with her family. In the first episode of the series it is Jessa's 18th birthday and she makes it to a day to remember by Sky Diving with her mum and taking the rest of the family to the shooting range!



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Stalked

UK PREMIERE SERIES

WEDNESDAYS FROM 2ND MAY, 9.00PM

With over three million people falling victim to stalking in the United States each year, this widely misunderstood crime reaches far beyond celebrities and people in the public eye. While higher profile celebrity victims receive more media attention, victims of stalking come from all walks of life, and the danger is far reaching.

This returning series of ***Stalked*** profiles emotional stories of stalking victims and explores the twisted psychology of the people who committed the crimes. In each episode, host Dr. Michelle Ward, a renowned criminal psychologist, who has an expertise in neuroscience and personal experience as a stalking victim, explores the challenges in combating stalking and provides methods of protection against it.

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Cops And Coyotes

UK PREMIERE SERIES

SATURDAYS FROM 5TH MAY, 10.00PM

This second series of **Cops and Coyotes** returns to the US-Mexican border to follow Arizona's elite police units continue their daily battle against drug smuggling and human trafficking. Every year, narcotics worth billions of dollars are smuggled by drugs mules through this gateway to the rest of America and millions of Mexican immigrants enter the United States illegally in search of a better life.

With exclusive access to hard-hitting cases and on-site situations, including kidnapper takedowns, human smuggling ambushes, hostage busts and homicides, this series joins Maricopa County's SWAT, Human Smuggling Units and the US Border Patrol, as they tackle the dangerous job of protecting America's fragile frontier preventing a Mexican crime wave flooding across its borders.

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Killer Kids

UK PREMIERE SERIES

THURSDAYS FROM 31ST MAY, 10.00PM

All too often we are faced with violent and morbid news bulletins – often involving children as the suspects of atrocious crimes. What can possibly motivate 11, 12 or 13 year-olds to commit such gruesome criminal acts, and even murder? Based on police files, **Killer Kids** explores murders committed by children and teenagers. From school shootings to occult killers, each episode features a different type of crime and examines the possible explanations, and compares the different judicial response to these crimes in Canada, USA, UK and France.

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Around The World In 80 Ways

UK PREMIERE SERIES

SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS FROM 5TH MAY, 6.00PM

In this exciting new ten-part series, Travel & Living celebrates all forms of transportation as our adventure-seeking hosts, Monster truck driver, Dennis Anderson, and American television personality, Rob Mariano (*The Amazing Race* and *Survivor*), battle each other, and the elements, in a go-for-broke race around the globe. The twist is that the two rivals will have to use 80 uniquely different modes of transportation throughout the race, along the way giving a unique glimpse at

how far transportation has come as well as where it's headed. The competitors, armed only with their wits, survival skills and gear-'know how', race from city-to-city, country-to-country and continent-to-continent utilising any and all forms of transportation, whether it be as simple as the unicycle or as sophisticated as the B1 Bomber. No form can be used more than once and only one of them will be crowned the champion.



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Wild Fisherman: Mozambique

UK PREMIERE SERIES

FRIDAYS FROM 4TH MAY, 10.00PM

Unspoilt and largely unexplored, Mozambique offers a world-renowned coastline, famous as a fisherman's paradise and harbouring some of the biggest and most challenging species to be found on the planet.

The Mozambique coastline is a haven of sandy beaches, spectacular reefs and warm tropical breezes. But for the angling enthusiast there is more to this seaside paradise than meets the eye, for beneath the gently rippling waves lurks some of the world's biggest and most challenging catches.

Fishing in this remote corner of the world, Matt Hayes faces his toughest challenge yet as he joins local guide Wesley Peens to fish one of the most sparsely populated regions in the world in an effort to catch a Giant Trevally on the fly. In four action packed episodes, Matt embarks on a fishing adventure that sees him combat extreme weather, desert roads and a wild untamed landscape.



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