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Highlights August 2013



The Unexplained Files

UK SERIES PREMIERE

MONDAYS FROM 5TH AUGUST, 8.00PM

With over half a century of space expedition experience NASA has encountered some of the most extraordinary images of the unseen universe. Closer to home, countless mysterious objects have been caught on camera which cannot be explained; even senior NASA experts remain disturbed. In this one-off special, *The Unexplained Files* reveals the top ten unexplained encounters, using original footage and ground-breaking interviews with astronauts and scientists. Can these phenomena be explained away through science and detective work? Or have NASA potentially captured the first traces of extra-terrestrial life?

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Lava Chasers

UK SERIES PREMIERE

SATURDAYS 3RD AND 10TH AUGUST, 10.00PM

Lava flows through the Hawaiian Islands as if it's their lifeblood, shaping the landscape, ecology and economy. In fact, Hawaii wouldn't exist without volcanoes, especially without active Kilauea volcano which forms the island of Hawai'i. Although mesmerising, they are also part of its potential downfall, with the ability to destroy the paradise they created. *Lava Chasers* follows the adventurers,

residents and scientists who go out looking for the rivers of 2000°F molten rock, to help understand these volcanoes and keep others out of harm's way. In this two-part series follow Dr Ben Kennedy, who has studied volcanoes for 10 years, and the rest of the team as they risk life and limb to find out the mysteries behind volcanoes, with underwater never seen before footage.

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American Underworld

UK SERIES PREMIERE

THURSDAYS FROM 22ND AUGUST, 9.00PM

America is one of many countries home to various dangerous sub-cultures that take part in illegal activities. With crime rates in America rising, gaining an insight into this world is an eye opening experience.

American Underworld takes a graphic and frank look into the goings on in these hidden groups. The programme explores in detail the creation and distribution of homemade drugs, car and identity fraud as well as the sex trade. Mark Allen Johnson, a photo journalist, gives viewers insight into the activities hidden to the average person. In the first episode Mark goes to the heart of America's illegal homemade drug industry, to reveal how crack, crystal meth, and steroids are "cooked", distributed and used.

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Gold Divers

UK SERIES PREMIERE

TUESDAYS FROM 20TH AUGUST, 10.00PM

Gold Divers is back for a new series, following the treasure hunters in Nome, Alaska on their mission to find gold, as they battle with arctic temperatures and ferociously cold water. With most of the treasure hunters having waited all year to get there after investing everything they have, it's a battle between who will succeed and who will fail. In the first episode, the failure of one of the boat's dredging systems slows the team down; will they manage to find any gold?

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Texas Car Wars

UK SERIES PREMIERE

WEDNESDAYS FROM 21ST AUGUST, 9.00PM

Travelling deep into the heart of Texas and into the fast-paced world of auto-flipping, watch as four, extremely competitive auto body shops engage in full-on bidding wars to find the most valuable jalopies and turn them into resell jackpots in *Texas Car Wars*. Austin, Texas - one of the car auction capitals of the U.S., is where the junk cars of yesteryear get a last chance to hit the road. The world of auto-flipping is a

risky business and the stakes are high as each auto body shop faces off in winner-takes-all auction showdowns. The teams only have ten minutes to do the most basic inspection, but they are not allowed to start the cars. Will the cars have workable engines? Will the buyers discover a hidden gem? Or will they go broke before they even reach their auto garage? Watch as one man's junk, truly becomes another man's treasure.

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Alien Mysteries

UK SERIES PREMIERE

TUESDAY 6TH - SUNDAY 11TH AUGUST, 8.00PM

They are watching, they are waiting, they are already here - *Alien Mysteries* chronicles first-person accounts of UFO sightings, alien encounters and abductions. In each episode, dramatic re-enactments recount stunning real-life unexplained alien experiences, taking viewers on a thrilling - and sometimes

terrifying journey. Their bizarre, life-altering encounters are vividly depicted using new state-of-the-art CGI and green screen techniques. The first episode, while sitting around a campfire on the outskirts of Stephenville, Texas, a pilot witnesses something speed wildly across the night sky.

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Monster Week

UK PREMIERES

MONDAY 26TH AUGUST – SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

With a host of brand new programmes, *Monster Week* explores some of the world's most legendary and mysterious creatures and digs deep into our fascination with the unknown, proving that there are still real monsters out there.

When *Mermaids: The Body Found* originally aired in the US, a government agency had to release a statement clarifying that mermaids did not exist because some viewers actually believed the events depicted in the programme. Animal Planet revisits this startling, groundbreaking topic in the much-anticipated follow-up special. An extended version of *Mermaids: The Body*

Found (Wednesday 28th August, 8pm) precedes *Mermaids: The New Evidence* (Wednesday 28th August, 10pm) in which Dr. Paul Robertson, the former NOAA scientist who led last year's investigation is interviewed by journalist Jon Frankel who probes for the unfiltered story, and reveals new evidence of mermaids that only has come forward in the past year. Also premiering as part of *Monster Week* is *Devoured: Man Eating Super Snake Returns* (Friday 30th August, 9pm) and *Man Eating Super Squid* (Monday 26th August, 9pm), plus the start of a new series of *Finding Bigfoot* (Sundays from 1st September, 8pm).

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Puppies vs. Babies

UK SERIES PREMIERE

THURSDAYS FROM 8TH AUGUST, 8.00PM

From cute and cuddly to adorable, hilarious and outrageous, newborns and zooborns are the most fussed over subjects on the internet, and people just can't get enough of them! Every other day, a star is born in cyberspace, and the question remains: who is the best?! *Puppies vs. Babies* finds out in this three part series, taking a selection of the most popular clips from the internet and pitting them against one another in three rounds of playful competition for the coveted number one spot.

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Wild Hawaii

UK PREMIERE ONE-OFF

MONDAY 19TH AUGUST, 8.00PM

A precious sanctuary in the midst of the Pacific Ocean, Hawaii, is home to a wealth of exotic wildlife. Beyond the familiar palm-fringed beaches of the holiday brochures, is an extraordinary world of natural spectacle. From apocalyptic active volcanoes, spewing fiery new land, to verdant, lush forests filled with unique creatures; to lava-blackened shores to idyllic white-beached desert islands, wildlife here thrives in extraordinary numbers and diversity. Hawaii is home

to endangered, solitary monk seals and spinner dolphins, known for their acrobatic behaviour and proximity to the shore. Other inhabitants include shore-dwelling black-tip reef sharks, short-fin pilot whales, and red-tail tropicbirds, which nest in large groups. Experience the beauty of these pristine islands and gain an in-depth understanding of the extraordinary people and wildlife that call this Pacific jewel home.



Animal Cops San Francisco

UK SERIES PREMIERE

WEEKDAYS FROM 5TH AUGUST, 7.00PM

The *Animal Cops* take on San Francisco in this brand new series which follows the lives of some of the dedicated officers of the San Francisco ASPCA. See how the officers take to the streets and keep the city safe for all of its animal inhabitants in *Animal Cops: San Francisco*. In the first episode a man fights to recover after being attacked by a dog and losing movement in his arm. San Francisco Animal Care and Control Officer, Andrea Runge must call on her seven years' experience in the field when she sets out to contain the dog responsible for the attack.

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Baggage Battles

UK SERIES PREMIERE

MONDAYS FROM 5TH AUGUST, 9.00PM

Back for a new series, *Baggage Battles* solves the mystery behind the fate of lost luggage. Providing a glimpse into the profitable business of bidding, buying and reselling unclaimed property, this series shows how "auction specialists" operate, hedging their bets as they visit auctions to explore the left behind property. With cash at stake, these auction specialists need both skill and luck to hit the jackpot. They don't know if it's junk or a jackpot until they win the bid and open the suitcase. Follow them as they reveal what's inside the bag.

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What Happened Next?

UK SERIES PREMIERE

WEDNESDAYS FROM 21ST AUGUST, 9.00PM

Manhole covers exploding spontaneously into the air like loose cannons? Humans attempting to mimic Spiderman and run up walls? Sound waves shredding phone books? *What Happened Next?* explores the scientific explanations and theories behind some of the most unbelievable, scary, funny and jaw-dropping footage of mayhem, destruction, action and stunts ever caught on camera. In the first episode, viewers are left guessing what happened next after a skier is buried in an avalanche, and a runaway lorry hurtles towards an oncoming car.

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The Will

UK SERIES PREMIERE

THURSDAYS FROM 1ST AUGUST, 9.00PM

With royalties and residuals up for grabs, celebrities leave behind a lot more than a mansion full of cash - they also have managers, mistresses, and family members who all want a piece of the pie. *The Will* reveals superstars like Ritchie Valens, an American singer who died young and will-less; Jerry Garcia a musician, whose grateful heart promised too much to too many; and even child star Gary Coleman, who left behind a

messy estate plan that pitted his ex-wife against his former best friend. In one episode the estate of Tammy Wynette, the queen of country music is examined. When her four daughters realise they had been denied their inheritance, they began questioning the events surrounding their mother's death, and launched a \$50 million investigation against their stepfather and their mother's physician.



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Who The Hell Did I Marry?

UK SERIES PREMIERE

SUNDAYS FROM 25TH AUGUST, 10.00PM

Who the Hell Did I Marry? is back, meeting more people who unknowingly signed up for a fairytale ending but got much more. From lying spouses to cheaters, and thieves, conmen parading as businessmen to bigamists disguised as one true loves and shocking secrets revealed each episode tells the truth as it unfolds. In this first episode we meet Susan and Michael. Following a change in Michael's personality Susan files for divorce but how far will Michael go for revenge?



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Mummy King Mystery

UK PREMIERE

MONDAY 26TH AUGUST, 8.00PM

Rameses II was the self-styled greatest of all the pharaohs, a legendary leader who ruled longer, built more monuments to his victories and controlled an empire larger than any Egyptian king who came after him. A consummate myth-maker, Rameses left a legacy both astounding and confounding. - in *Mummy King Mystery* as experts try to sort which of his boasts are true, to determine how accurate records from his reign are, and to ascertain his motivations for living the way he did. While married to Nefertari

- described as one of the most beautiful women in Egyptian history - Rameses actually had an estimated 200 wives, consorts and concubines in his royal harem, and sired more than 150 children. Egyptologist Professor Kent Weeks leads a team of international scientists and forensic archaeologists in this one-off special as they investigate the links between the Old Testament, Rameses and a skull found in the largest tomb ever unearthed in Egypt.



Bullet Points

UK SERIES PREMIERE

SUNDAYS FROM 4TH AUGUST, 10.00PM

Each action-packed episode of *Bullet Points* dives into history's most important battles to learn their larger significance in the outcome of war. Top expert analysis, cutting edge CGI, eyewitness accounts, and archival footage, illustrate this riveting insight into how wars were won in part because of these momentous battles. In the first episode, follow the epic story of two titans clashing in the Pacific.



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Deliver Me

UK SERIES PREMIERE

MONDAYS FROM 5TH AUGUST, 9.00PM

Deliver Me is back for a new series, telling more adventures of three mum doctors who work in the 'Good Samaritan Hospital,' Los Angeles, working hard to juggle their family life and their professional lives. Each day brings a new strain for these working mums. Some of them are easy, like Grace's case, her delivery was quick and painless with just

half a push her baby had seen the light of the new world he will live in. However other cases are more complex and painful for the patient as well as the doctor, like 37 year old Angela; her baby was born premature and extremely small, and she didn't recover from the epidural as well as expected.

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