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# Highlights August 2012



# Gold Divers

UK PREMIERE SERIES

TUESDAYS FROM 14TH AUGUST, 10.00PM

This brand new eight part series from the makers of *Deadliest Catch* follows the treasure hunters that flock to the coasts of Alaska to dive for the ultimate prize, gold. Teams of two battle it out on homemade custom built rigs, trying to stay alive while they dive in the deathly cold water. How will they survive when they take on the ferocious conditions of the Arctic Ocean? This new series profiles the eccentric characters who battle the extreme climate, life threatening hazards and each other in a relentless hunt for gold. From an Alaskan social worker who sinks his life savings into a lifelong dream, to the only female dredger in Nome, these rugged treasure hunters put it all on the line to scour the sea floor for sparkling, precious metal.

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# Shark Week

UK PREMIERES

MONDAY 13TH - SUNDAY 19TH AUGUST

Everyone's favourite programming event ***Shark Week*** has moved over to **Animal Planet** this year and promises to be back with an even bigger bite than before.

First up is the hour long special ***Great White Invasion*** (Monday 13th, 9.00pm) which explores how and why Great White shark attacks have increased over the last 10 years and includes first hand detail from their victims and opinions from scientists and shark experts on why these powerful creatures are invading our coasts. On Tuesday ***Shark City*** (Tuesday 14th, 9.00pm) takes an up close look into a place where no human dares to venture, where the fearsome creatures of the deep are boss, and where there is an eat or be eaten attitude.

***Shark Week*** continues with ***Killer Shark the Attacks of Black December*** (Sunday 19th, 9.00pm) the story of a Summer in South Africa in 1957 when the balance of nature was tipped with a spate of shark attacks that devastated a community. With eye witness accounts from the relatives of the victims and realistic dramatisations of the deadly attacks.

Hear the stories from six brave survivors of shark attacks in ***Attack Files 3: Day of the Shark*** (Friday 17th, 9.00pm). Finally shark experts Cody Lundin and Dave Canterbury get up close and personal with two of world's deadliest sharks in ***How Sharks Hunt*** (Thursday 16th 9.00pm), finding out how these powerful creatures hunt down and kill their prey.

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# Wildest Arctic

UK PREMIERE SERIES

MONDAYS FROM 20TH AUGUST, 9.00PM

*Wildest Arctic* is a four part series that explores one of the most beautiful, unique and incredible habitats in the world. With deserts of ice, lands lost to darkness and places of fire and ice, each episode looks at how wildlife survive and nature adapts in these extreme conditions. Filmed over the course of twelve months each episode shows in great detail the effect of the seasons in the Arctic. The series kicks off with an exploration of the Frozen forests of the Arctic that span three continents, and follows a year in the life of the Taiga forests, which also contain two thirds of the world's trees.

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# Hillbilly Handfishin'

UK PREMIERE SERIES

WEDNESDAYS FROM 22ND AUGUST, 9.00PM

In this series we catch up with Skipper Bivins and Trent Jackson as they teach the people of America the most fascinating way to catch a fish; with your bare hands and feet, or 'Noodlin' as Skipper and Trent call it. Following on from last season's escapades the self-proclaimed hillbillies have started their own Okie Noodlin' competition, pitting experts and fascinated city folk against each other in the dark and murky water. Including a husband determined to beat his mother-in-law, daring hunters from Ohio and even pastors from New Jersey.

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# Candy Queens

UK PREMIERE SERIES

FRIDAYS FROM 3RD AUGUST, 9.30PM

Only in Hollywood would you find your very own candy stylist, and LA's very own Willy Wonka Jackie Sorkin has built a candy covered business empire out of it. This brand new six-part series follows Jackie and her "Candy Crew" as they arm themselves with piles of marshmallows, stacks of toffee and mountains of gumdrops, creating custom candy creations for their clients, all while Jackie juggles impending motherhood and her very opinionated family.

Although she is at the top of her game, every client and event means business, so in the first episode when she is given the task of creating a throne entirely made out of candy, Jackie gets stuck in but is she finally in over her head? Part docusoap and part food reality show, this really does show how in Hollywood anything and everything is possible.

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# Cupcake Girls

UK PREMIERE SERIES

FRIDAYS FROM 3RD AUGUST, 10.00PM

The *Cupcake Girls* are back and more determined than ever to expand their empire. This new series on **Discovery Real Time** follows Heather Whire and Lori Joyce, the joint owners of the famed Canadian chain 'Cupcakes' and follows them as they move forward from the events of last season. With Lori back to work after giving birth and Heather struggling with her health, this season guarantees to be filled with plenty of ups and downs in both their personal and professional lives. As they have already broken the cardinal rule of 'don't mix business with pleasure' their partnership is always going to be a rocky road, but in the end what will win out? Friendship or business? With their family and friends by their side this is sure to be a sweet ride.

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# Myleene Klass: Bumps, Babies and Beyond

UK PREMIERE SERIES

WEDNESDAY 1ST - FRIDAY 3RD AUGUST, 7.00PM & 7.30PM

This Myleene Klass fronted six-part series on **Discovery Home and Health** is a must for all those with burning baby questions that they just can't find the answers to. Juggling being a full time mum and celebrity, means Myleene is an expert on tips, tricks and hints for getting the most out of your pregnancy and motherhood. Topics include busting those old wives tales about birth, babies, pregnancy and children, as well as inspirational stories and experiences from mothers and midwives. Myleene doesn't shy away from asking embarrassing questions and talking about those subjects which might make most women blush, but that they secretly want to ask about.

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# Misfit Moms

UK PREMIERE ONE-OFF

MONDAY 2ND AUGUST, 10.00PM

This one hour special follows the heart breaking and emotional journey of three young mothers to-be at an adoption centre in Utah, USA. This up close and personal reality special follows them as they tell their stories, choose potential adoptive parents, clash with one another, give birth and make that final agonising decision.

One of the centres most controversial patients is former drug addict Kandice who is struggling with not only her big decision, but also with trying to stay out of trouble with the law; what will her final decision be and will she be able to recover? This is an emotionally charged and touching special.

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# Deadly Women

UK PREMIERE SERIES

TUESDAYS FROM 24TH AUGUST, 10.00PM

Returning to **Investigation Discovery** is *Deadly Women*, a series which brings to life the shocking tales of some of the world's most evil murderers. From children to adults, and from across the globe in Australia to right on our doorstep in London, each episode brings three different cases to life with experts and those close to the cases, giving professional opinions on what made them commit these unimaginable acts. With seemingly friendly next door neighbours, sisters and even the woman lying next to them in bed committing incomprehensible and cold blooded acts; this season promises to be even more bone-chilling than before. The new season kicks off with stories of how a mother's love can turn deadly.

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# Kidnap & Rescue

UK PREMIERE SERIES

SATURDAYS FROM 4TH AUGUST, 10.00PM

*Kidnap & Rescue* is a provocative new series about kidnapping and the rescuers with the courage to risk violent reprisal to reclaim innocent victims. Whether it's a high-profile executive being held for ransom, a child sold overseas or a government agent taken by a vengeful cartel, the hope of every victim lies in the hands of the few with the training and dedication to bring them home. *Kidnap & Rescue* delves deep into a shadowy world of astonishing cruelty and terrifying extremes. Each unforgettable story, told across 10 episodes, unfolds through first-hand accounts and cinematic re-imaginings of the kidnap, the planning of the rescue and the recovery itself, to outcomes both triumphant and tragic. Regardless of the mission, the motivations are the same: get everyone back alive, no matter the danger involved.

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# Super Freaks of Nature

UK PREMIERE ONE-OFF

THURSDAY 23RD AUGUST, 9.00PM

This brand new one-off special on **Quest** reveals the freakish secrets and stunning abilities of the animal and reptile world. Showcasing some of the world's most shocking and terrifying abilities of creatures from across the globe, such as electric eels powering TVs, the series will also uncover the answers to some of the world's most puzzling questions, such as how alligators are such prolific hunters at night and how octopuses use their abnormally high intelligence to trap their prey. Full of curious facts, intriguing detail and real life experiments and investigations, this is not for the faint hearted. The first episode features scientists creating half pig half rat creatures, cannibal snakes and goats that are the ultimate dare devils.

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# Mighty Ships

UK PREMIERE SERIES

TUESDAYS FROM 14TH AUGUST, 9.00PM

In this UK premiere, *Mighty Ships* showcases stunning visuals from on board some of the world's most vast vessels sailing the oceans. Follow the crew and get up close and personal with the captain of the ship as they deal with the everyday running of the powerful machines and how they cope with the responsibility that goes with it.

The first episode features the aptly named cruise liner 'Epic'. Dubbed a floating Vegas and longer than the Eiffel Tower, this series displays the strength and immense work that goes behind making these ships sail in some of the world's toughest conditions.

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# Pyros

UK PREMIERE SERIES

WEEKNIGHTS FROM 27TH AUGUST, 10.00PM

Premiering exclusively on **Discovery Science** *Pyros* is an exclusive premiere which takes an explosive and up-close look at how some of the world's most spectacular firework shows are pulled off. Following the team behind some of the most immense fire displays, Fiatlux Amplemann, *Pyros* goes backstage to see how they deal with the dangerous and exhilarating world of fireworks. This mad hat team is part scientist and part pyromaniac and despite the dangerous working conditions these guys see no limits to what they can do.



# The Rise and Fall of the Japanese Empire

UK PREMIERE TWO-PART SPECIAL  
SUNDAY 5TH & 12TH AUGUST, 10.00PM

The remarkable new series *Rise and Fall of the Japanese Empire* coming to **Discovery History** this August explores Japan's ambitious but ultimately destructive attempts to lead the whole of Asia out from the dominance of Europe and America. Recounting the events of the most significant global conflict in the history of mankind and its equally dramatic aftermath, this two-part special investigates new and challenging insights into how the actions of Japan shaped the Asia-Pacific region forever. Covering a fifty year time period, from the expansion of its sphere of influence in 1895, to the bombing of Pearl Harbour and ending with the atomic bomb attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945, this series leaves no stone unturned. With actual footage, eye witness accounts and history experts, it expertly paints a picture of the journey of the once powerful empire.



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# American Trucker

UK PREMIERE SERIES

WEEKNIGHTS FROM 6TH AUGUST, 8.00PM & 8.30PM

Explore one of the world's most difficult and dangerous jobs in brand new series *'American Trucker'*. Hosted by trucking-enthusiast Robb Mariani, this fascinating programme takes an insightful look at some of the most iconic machines, routes and locations that define this largely under-appreciated occupation. Journeying across the USA, Robb hears the first hand experiences of the dangerous roads, immense traffic, mindless drivers and difficult deadlines that make over-the-road trucking one of the more demanding professions. He also visits the factories that manufacture large size heavy haulers, rides with "push rigs" and drives a truck with a traveling carnival.

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# Fishing Expedition

UK PREMIERE SERIES

FRIDAYS FROM THE 31ST AUGUST, 10.00PM

In this spectacular eight episode series, worldwide fishing champion Steve Townson takes on one of his toughest challenges yet, the Amazon River. Travelling around Brazil and in uncharted territory of the great river, Steve meets locals and learns and teaches new tricks and tips on how to fish in these extreme and unknown conditions. With such exotic prizes as sabre-toothed payare, rainbow coloured peacock bass, mammoth catfish and even the infamous Black Piranha up for grabs, Steve will be pushed to the limits. With an exotic jungle backdrop this is more than just any old angling experience.

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